



FALL CITY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Coming May 10th... GiveBIG for historic signs

GiveBIG to Fall City Historical Society through Seattle Foundation's annual online fundraising opportunity, coming up this year on **May 10th**. To make your donation, go to

www.givebigseattle.org/fall-city-historical-society

All individuals who donate through **GiveBIG** will receive a tax receipt via email immediately after they make their donation.

Dollars for Change An attempt is being made this year to level the playing field a little for the small to medium-sized nonprofits. Over the course of the day, multiple donations each hour for smaller groups will trigger an additional \$2500 donation to the organization! So the larger the number of donations, the better the chance for this additional bonus funding.

Early Giving Because of the popularity of the GiveBIG event, it can be difficult to reach the site on the specified day. Seattle Foundation has provided an Early Giving arrangement, allowing donors to make an online donation starting on April 27. To schedule a donation, a donor needs to create a simple account on GiveBIGSeattle.org. The donor will receive a confirmation email receipt upon submitting the form. The donation will not be processed until May 10. This also makes it more convenient to make your donation at your leisure, rather than having to remember to do it on May 10.

As an all-volunteer nonprofit, with no city funding, we really depend on our community for support.

Thank you!



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The Model Garage, since 1920

From about 1909 to 1920, Lee Murphy operated Murphy's Garage on River Street, next to the current location of the Last Frontier Saloon. Lee and his wife lived in a large house to the west of the garage, on the corner across from the Odd Fellows Hall. When Lee left town in 1920 due to ill health, Lad Peterson arranged to lease the garage building and opened the Fall City Garage. Around 1922 he changed the name to Model Garage. (The photo shown above is circa 1924.)

Lad soon needed more work space. Around 1926, he purchased the garage building and the Murphy house. The house was taken down, and Lad hired Bill Blaisdell to build a larger 40-foot by 60-foot cinder-block garage on the corner lot. When the Redmond-Fall City Road was widened around 1929, the new building was moved 50 feet south to its current location. It was one of the few River Street buildings to survive the road-work. (Scan the QR code below for a more-detailed history.)

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RECENT SIGNS Signs for the **Model Garage** and for the **Prescott-Harshman House** have been received and are in the process of installation. A grant from **King County Community Services Area** will partly cover the cost of the large 20" by 30" sign for the **Brick School** and sign design is underway.

We're working on a simple **Walking Tour Map** which will guide you to all signs. If you download a QR scan app, you can scan the code on the signs to see more detailed information on the sites.

All GiveBig donations received this year will be earmarked for the Historic Signs Project.

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Prescott-Harshman House
Built 1904, King County Landmark 1984

The Prescott-Harshman House is a carefully restored turn-of-the-century residence. Despite its simplicity, it has a certain "grand" presence, owing to its tall, steep roof with a mock "window walk" in the eaves and three tall window dormers. It was the residence of Martin and Phebe Prescott from 1904 to 1909. In 1912 it became the home of Newton and Julia Harshman and the office of their business, the Fall City Telephone Company. (The photo above is from 1940.)

The Fall City Telephone Company was a vital link among the communities of Carnation, Preston, Fall City, North Bend, Newcastle, Coal Creek, and Snoqualmie, connecting them with the "outside world." When Julia died in 1933, her only child, Gertrude, and Gertrude's husband, George Satterlee, inherited the business. The Satterlees operated the company until Cascade Telephone of North Bend bought them out in 1947. (Scan QR code below for more telephone company history.)

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