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GiveBIG coming May 9th

This will be the last year for Seattle Foundation’s Give-BIG event. We hope you will join in for this opportunity to make a quick online donation to Fall City Historical. As usual, go to www.givebigseattle.org and enter Fall City Historical in the FIND box.



You may donate any time during the day on May 9th.

And starting on April 26th, there will be the convenient option of “early giving”, where you can enter your donation before May 9th and it will be processed for you on the 9th. Saves the “traffic jam” of going to the site on “the day”! *We appreciate your support.*



Fall City Day - June 9th

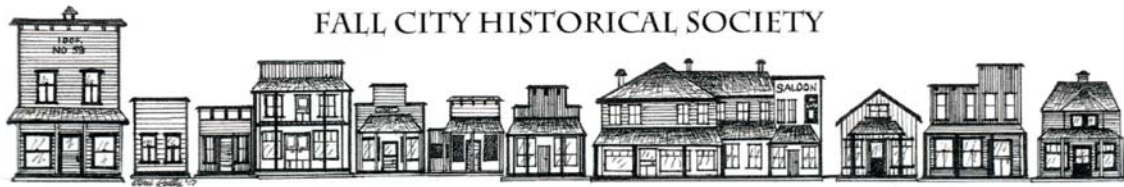
We have invited the Snoqualmie Tribe to join us on Fall City Day and to bring a display to our pavilion. We look forward to seeing the images and stories they will share, and a chance to hear the Lushootseed language spoken and see the demonstration of traditional skills such as carving and perhaps basket making.

We will be honored to host our longtime neighbors and King County First People.



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Did you know...? The volcanic bedrock of the Snoqualmie Valley was sculpted by glaciers in the last ice age 18,000 years ago and filled and flattened when a huge foothills lake broke through its glacial dam. Archeological data indicate that the ancestors of the Snoqualmie tribe were in the valley at least 9,000 years ago. (For comparison, the pyramids in Egypt were built about 5,000 years ago.)

A very abbreviated version of an important tribal story is shown below, from the tribe's website.

Story of the Moon

The following is an abbreviated form of the story of Moon the Transformer as recorded by Arthur C. Ballard told to him by Snoqualmie Charlie.

There were two sisters from tultx^w. (Tolt) They decided to go to ba[?]q^wab (the City of Snoqualmie) to dig fern roots. When they were done, they decided to sleep there for the night. That night the two sisters were looking up into the sky. They looked at the stars and wished they could marry one. While sleeping that night they were taken to land of the Sky People.

When they woke up they saw that they were married to the two stars they had been looking at. They lived there for a long time. Every day the men went out to hunt and the sisters stayed and dug up fern roots. One day the older sister became pregnant and gave birth to a boy named sluk^walb.

After a while the sisters missed their home and family. One day while digging for roots, they realized if they dug far enough they could see the world below. They decided they could go home this way. One sister would dig while the other would watch baby moon and weave a cedar rope. After fifteen days the rope reached the top of q^walbc (Mount Si).

They climbed down to the earth. All of this time their family had missed them and had sent the Bird People to try and find the sisters. Everyone was happy that the two sisters had returned and were surprised to see sluk^walb. To celebrate the sisters made their ladder into a swing. Everyone had sport on it by swinging from q^walbc to dx[?]aclbac (Rattlesnake Ridge).

While all of their family was celebrating, Dog Salmon came and stole the baby. Everyone tried to find him but it was Bluejay who was able to find sluk^walb, who was now grown up and had children of his own. He told Bluejay he would come home when his children were grown.

When sluk^walb returned He had a special power. He was now duk^wibel. duk^wibel changed everything into what it is today. When he came to the great fish near where he had been stolen as a baby, he turned it into Snoqualmie Falls. From here Moon the Transformer created the various people and all the rivers as they are now. He placed all of the fish in the rivers and made the wild game good to eat.

<https://www.snoqualmietribe.us/moon>

