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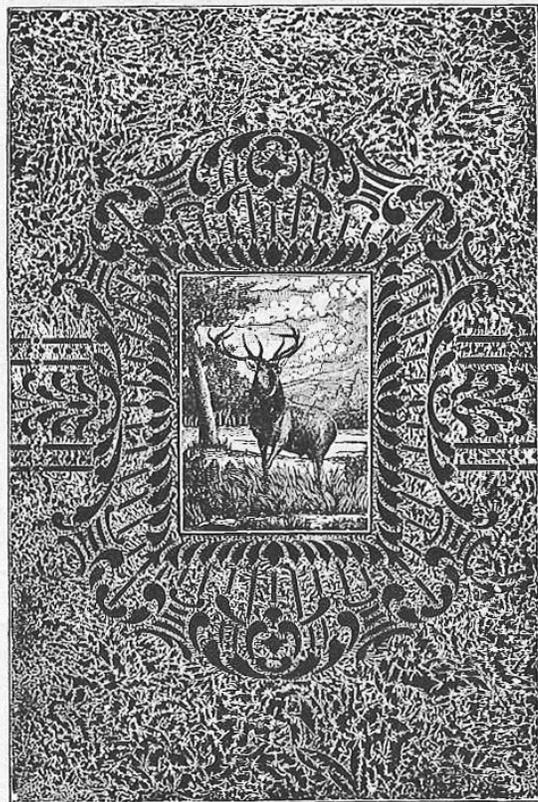
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A new historic detail...

Fall City's historic Neighbor-Bennett house is listed on the National Registry of Historic Places and stands out locally for its classic Queen Anne architecture. Built in 1904 by Emerson Neighbor, it was designed by a Chicago architect. Just recently, other interesting background was given to us by Deborah Suess Weaver, who is the great-granddaughter of Max Suess, the designer of the ornate etched glass panel in the front door.

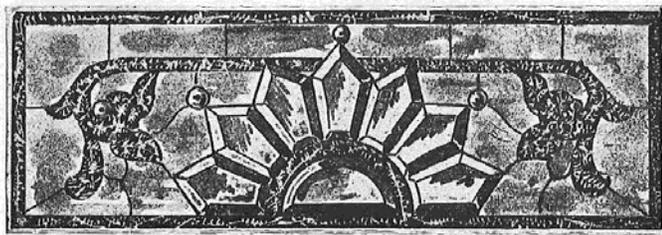


1602

Max Suess and his cousin John Baptist Suess were born in Waldkirchen, Germany in the mid 1800s. They immigrated to Chicago in the latter half of the century and began the Suess Ornamental Glass Company there in 1889. Max patented the sand-blast technique used on the window in the Neighbor-Bennett house in 1893, and was a Gold Medal recipient at the Columbian Exposition the same year. Deborah shared a catalog of intricate designs from the Suess catalog, of which #1602, shown above, was made for the Fall City house.

Max Suess died in 1904, and his son Walter continued the company with great success. Unfortunately, the studio was destroyed by fire in 1908, killing Walter and several other people. Since a Chicago architect designed the Neighbor-Bennett house, the glass panel may have come from the Chicago Suess company. However, in the late 1890s John Baptist Suess had moved his family to Seattle, and together with Nicholas Smith and his son John (Jack) Bernard Suess started Suess & Smith Glass Company. So the Seattle company could also have supplied the builder.

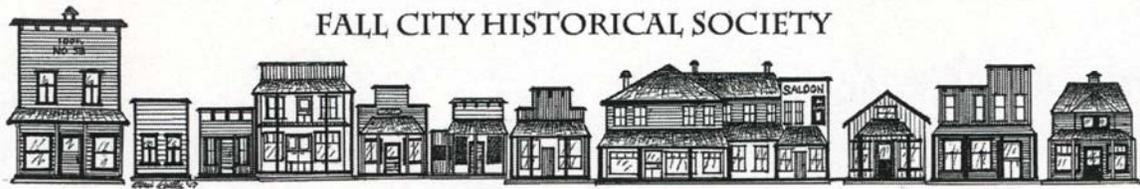
Our thanks to Deborah for sharing this background. It adds richness to our local Historic Landmark.



Another type of glass ornamentation offered by Suess.



Washington State Archives photo, 1940, of the house, showing the front door entry from the porch.



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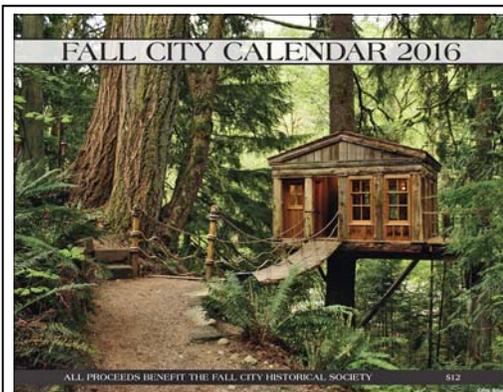
WANTED: Materials related to the Fall City High School Class of 1924

Among items found last year at Fall City Elementary School is a plaque inscribed: *Dedicated to Fall City High School Class of 1924*. We'd like to share some materials to display with this item, but this is a class not well represented in our collection. We have neither class photos nor a graduation program. The names of students who graduated in 1924 are: William Bailey, Lucille Drake, Eliza Edmonds, Lilly Johanson, Lawrence Moore, Walter Nelson, Harold Stow, Harold Tapert, and Irene Wickland. ****Are you aware of any family of these folks who are still around, or can be contacted?** We'd appreciate your help in looking for more materials about this graduating class. Thank you!



HALLOWEEN HAS COME AND GONE!

If you've taken some good Halloween photos around town, please share them with us. Email to fallcityhistorical@juno.com, with lots of information, please.



Watch for us at Holiday Market, Dec. 5th!

Calendar \$12 (\$15 includes mailing)

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Calendars also available at Farmhouse Market

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