

FALL CITY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Thanks-Giving

It's nice to have November come around each year to remind us to thank the volunteers without whom our work could not get done... thanks to all, and apologies if we missed anyone.

ONGOING...special thanks to those who make this kind of commitment

Board: Leanne Adcox, Donna Driver-Kummen, Anne Neilson, Cindy Parks, Ruth Pickering and Paula Spence (and their significant others who often pitch in to help)

Other: Teresa Appleseth (treasurer), Bev Bethards (membership), Jay Bluher, Farmhouse Market (fundraising), Becky and Glen Gordon (storage space), Katie Kepfer, Vintage Collectibles (selling photos), Fall City Roadhouse (display space), David Gershman (design for calendar and brochure).

TASKS AND EVENTS

Emilee Cline, Guy Daschne, Denise Duvall, Noma Edwards, Janet Ewing, Susan Garbe, Harvey Hendrickson, Duane Isackson, Nick Jakubik, Ken and BJ Kelly, Jim Lawrence, Nicole Duvall Little, David McAndrew, David Moses, Jr, David Moses, Sr, Laurie Needham, Ruth Olden, Mary and Mike Roberts, David Speikers, David Stow, Bill Swan, Chris Williams.

SPECIAL SHOUT-OUTS THIS YEAR to Karina Nolan for creating the Fall City Pokemon brochure, and for help with mounting HISTORIC SIGNS from Richard Everett for signs on posts and Tom Keene for building and mounting frames.

We are grateful also for the special partnership we enjoy with Ed Hazen and Sue Holbink of edsbits, who contribute greatly with design and programming for our website and Historic Signs.

WHAT WOULD REALLY HELP...

It would make a tremendous difference in our work to find a couple of volunteers who would be comfortable scheduling some regular time each week so that they could learn office tasks (such as simple filing, preparing deposits and taking them to SnoFalls Credit Union, inventorying fund-raising items, etc.) and the basics of receiving and processing donations and preparing them for archival storage.

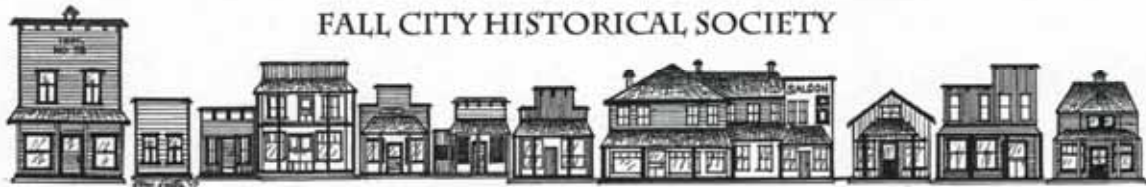


It need not be a lot of hours and could be very flexible. Having someone familiar with these processes would free up Board members for other work. Get in touch if you would like to explore this idea!



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Early Schools sign installed! 4347 - 336TH PL SE

This one's been a long time coming... but worth the wait. Walk by and take a look. The 20" by 30" sign is dwarfed by the huge maple tree beside it. The Lazenby house behind it sits approximately where the Brown School was from 1900 to 1915. A gymnasium was located farther back on the lot; girls and boys basketball teams circa 1914 are shown on the sign.

Fall City's first high school started during the Brown School era, with the first graduation, for four students, held in the spring of 1904. When Lazenbys' bought their house, they were told that this maple tree was planted by one of the last graduating classes.

Funding for the **Early Schools** sign was provided by grant from the **King County Community Service Area Program**. Our thanks to CSA!



Early Schools of Fall City ... history lives here

First School, 1873-1885 ①



In 1873, the early families who had settled in the area that would become Fall City got together to plan and build a schoolhouse, the first to be built in the Snoqualmie Valley. The 24-foot by 30-foot school was built on the north bank of the Snoqualmie River, since most of the children lived on that side of the river.

Richards School, 1885-1890 ②

As the number of students living on the south side of the Snoqualmie River steadily increased, a larger school was built in town, just west of the existing Raging River Bridge. Richards School was completed in 1885.



Lyceum Hall, 1888-1914 ③



The growing number of students soon overcrowded the Richards School and in 1888 and 1889, the Lyceum Hall (near the current Masonic Hall) was used for overflow. It continued to be used when needed until the Brick School opened in 1915.

White School, 1890-1900 ④



In 1890, the third school building was ready for classes. It was the first school in town with a bell tower and was painted white on the outside, hence the name. This school faced what is now SE 44th Place. The first enrollment consisted of 31 boys and 27 girls.



Ten years later, the increasing number of students reached the limits of space, and Lyceum Hall was pressed into service once again to accommodate the overflow. It was in the White School that paper replaced slates and the school term was increased from six to nine months.

School Locations



★ You are here

Brown School, 1900-1915 ⑤

The first two-story schoolhouse in Fall City was built in 1900. It faced what is now 336th Place SE. It was painted brown...hence the name. In the corner of the large schoolyard behind the Brown School a gymnasium was built, where the girls' and boys' basketball teams shown would have played (photo c.1914).



Eighth grade graduation (shown at left c.1902) was the highest education available in Fall City until 1903, when the school board created a high school. Nine students were admitted in the fall of 1903. The first Fall City High School graduation, with four graduates, was held in the spring of 1904.

This elaborate diploma was for the 1914 graduation of Oliver McCaffree. In spite of the Brown School's much larger building, after more than a decade had passed it became obvious that a considerably larger facility was needed. Planning began for the Brick School, which opened in 1915.



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