

FALL CITY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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King County Preservation Awards Ceremony

The awards ceremony on October 18th was such a pleasure. Unsolicited and unexpected recognition is wonderful! We were honored to be among the other award recipients and inspired by their work. We were asked to bring the Hop Shed model and it was again much enjoyed! (Thanks again to David McAndrew and Tom Keene for creating the model.)

After the ceremony we talked with folks from other historical groups and have been asked to share information on our historic signs and on some of the other outreach that works well for us. As one of the youngest in the large King County HistSoc family, it feels good to be have valuable experience to share.



Fall City Brick School (1916-1970) ... history lives here

The Brick School was home to all 12 grades from 1916 to 1946 and continued to house elementary students until the late 1960s. The top photo shows four grade students in 1926. All 16 are graduating seniors in 1927. Brick School faculty in 1931, shown below, include Ed Chisum (top row, right) principal of the Brick School from 1929 to 1944. The last graduating class in 1944 is shown in bottom.

In 1914, plans were laid for a large, three-story brick school in Fall City. Faculty and students moved in during January 1916. The building was located in the area now occupied by the Fall City Elementary School parking lot.

In one giant leap, Fall City school facilities went from kerosene lamps to electric lights, and from outhouses to flush toilets! The increased size and better equipment allowed classes in manual training, home economics, sciences, and commercial subjects. In 1911, a brick gymnasium with a large stage was added, which is still in use today. (The photos below were taken in the 1930s.)

By the early 1940s, costs were rising and student numbers were falling. In the fall of 1944, Fall City high school students began attending the consolidated Mount St. Joseph School in Snoqualmie. The Brick School continued in use for Fall City grade school students until the late 1960s, along with the former elementary school built near to it. The Brick School was demolished in 1970.

Scan the QR code below for more photos and history. For related information, please visit the Early Schools sign located at 4347 336th Place SE.

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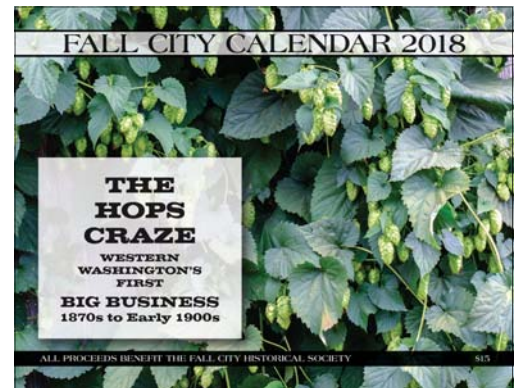
The Fall City Brick School sign and its mounting hardware have been received. The sign and an installation location (near the front of the Fall City Gymnasium) have been approved by the School District and the installation will be done by their staff. Watch for a “Sign warming” event, to be organized by Fall City Elementary!

Partial funding for the Brick School Sign is provided by a grant from the King County Community Service Area program.

Many thanks to all who have joined in the 2017 Fall Fundraising Drive!

Go to www.fallcityhistorical.org to make a donation or become a member. For a donation of \$50 or more you may ask to have a free copy of the new calendar mailed to you.

Watch for us at the Holiday Market, Dec. 2nd!



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