



## FALL CITY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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## A LETTER FROM THE FCHS PRESIDENT

**As we enter our sixteenth year, I wanted to report to the community what we've been doing.**

This year, we have been busy with a number of public events. We had two clean-ups at the Fall City Cemetery where we cleaned the headstones of Civil War and World War I veterans. In 2024 we will start cleaning the headstones of World War II vets. You probably saw our "Fall City in the Fabulous Fifties" pavilion at Fall City Day. It was great fun marching in the parade and getting to talk with people about their memories of the '50s. In July, we led a tour of the historic signs around town, and in August our second annual Cemetery Tour and Wine Walk took place. Over 55 participants listened to Richard Heisler, Civil War expert, give some interesting insights into Fall City residents' roles in that conflict, along with our stories of select pioneers of the Valley, and Wm Grassie Wine Estates generously provided tasty sipping. Our September musical event featured rollicking songs of the sea by the Whateverly Brothers. Coming up on October 20<sup>th</sup>, the authors of *Steamboats on the Snoqualmie* will share stories and photos of that era, which ended in 1911 when the railroad came to town and became the primary form of transportation. Stop by and say hello at the Holiday Market at Chief Kanim on December 2<sup>nd</sup>. We'll be selling our Fall City merchandise in time for your holiday shopping. And back by popular demand, we have joined with the library to offer our Pop-up Museum coming in February. Look for a special display about the Model Garage.

Thanks to Beth and Mark Traverso, we have window space next to Beth's realty office to display items from our collection. We're happy to get things out in the open for people to enjoy. Watch for our rotating displays throughout the year.

On the preservation side, the Society is especially proud of the work we spearheaded to gain King County Landmark designation for the Preston Kiln building in the Preston Mill Park, saving it from demolition. It took over a year and a half of research and documentation, but resulted in a great outcome for the community. Working on designating the IOOF Hall (the first firehall) as a Community Landmark is next on the list.

We rely on our volunteers. 99% of our workers are volunteers with only a minimal amount of money spent on some specific tasks like cataloging collectibles. So far this year, Society volunteers have logged 1,312 hours. If you have time, we can always use more help.

The community support we receive allows us to preserve and interpret the history of our town. Through grants, memberships, donations, and sales of our fabulous mugs, books, calendars, and glasses, we are able to fund projects and events to further our mission. Thank you to the many people who have supported us throughout these many years. We couldn't have done it without you. We look forward to seeing you in 2024!

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Steamboats are coming to Fall City!

Well, not the boats themselves, but the people who wrote the book! Join us October 20<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-8:30PM at the Masonic Hall to hear a presentation by Steven J Barker and Jack M Russell, Jr., authors of Steamboats on the Snoqualmie, a fascinating book detailing river traffic in the golden age of steam. Admission is free. This is a great event for the whole family!



New Calendar Available at Farmhouse Market

The 2024 Fall City Historical Society calendar is hot off the presses and available at the Farmhouse Market. These make great gifts. It's especially nice to send them to out-of-town friends and family. There are a limited number, so get yours early.

Fall Fundraising Drive

You're invited to contribute during our annual Fall Fundraising Drive in October.

As Rick points out in his letter, it's been a busy year. We hope you'll help us continue our efforts by contributing to our annual fundraising drive to support events, office overhead, and website costs.

You may donate via our website, or send a note to:

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