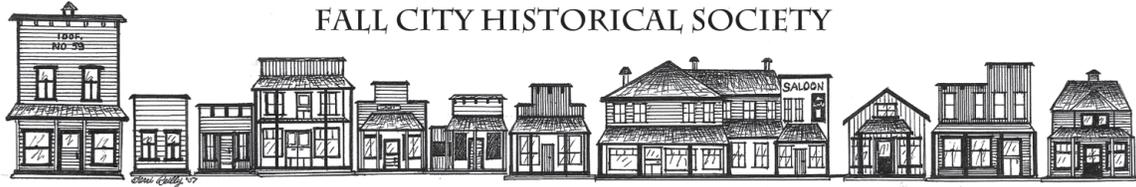


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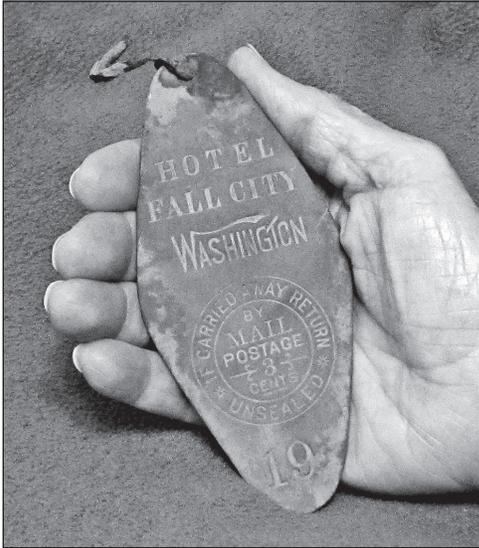
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The kindness of strangers...



We were contacted in October by Seth Harrison of Duvall (photo at left), who in plying his metal detector in Carnation found a key tag from Hotel Fall City! He was searching on the site of the former Brown Bag Café, now a foundation on a vacant lot at the corner of E. Eugene St. and Tolt Ave. We are grateful for his taking the trouble to contact us and offer it for our collection.



Seth has worked for the City of Duvall for about 13 years, and his wife Megan joined him there when they were married three years ago. Seth, Megan, and young daughter Lorna came to visit us in Fall City to deliver the treasure. It is amazing how much more “real” an early business feels when you can hold a piece of it in your hand.



As you may remember from the classic “Fall City Ferry” photo, in the late 1880s Doc Taylor had built a store (with a dance hall above), then added a restaurant on the east side, and a two-story family home on the west side (at left, photo courtesy of the Snoqualmie Valley Historical Museum).

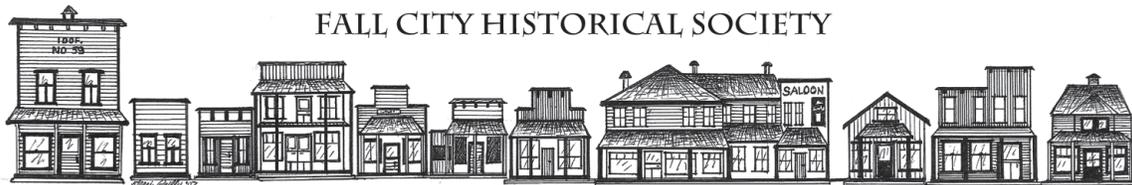
The site later became the corner of River and Main Streets. Since places to stay were few and far between, the Taylors began renting rooms in their home, thus starting the first hotel in town. In 1892, the restaurant and store burned, and a few years later the Taylor House/Hotel also burned. Soon after that, Doc built the

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two-story Taylor Hotel at the site of their former house. Ronnei and Nelson bought the hotel in 1903 and changed the name to “Hotel Fall City.” About 1921, Lars Johanson bought the hotel and changed the name to “Fall City Hotel.”



At left is the Hotel Fall City, c. 1908, and the ad shown above right is from 1909. Thank you again to Seth for his generous donation of this special artifact.



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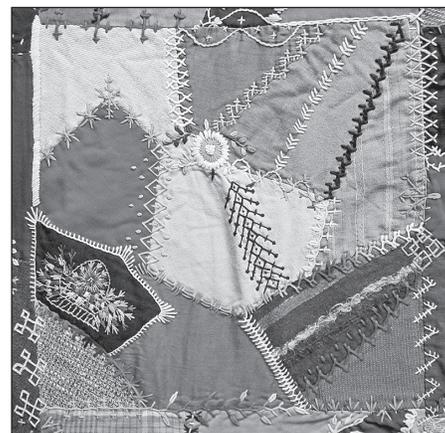
COMMUNITY PROGRAM, OCTOBER 27

Those who were able to attend enjoyed a rich and colorful presentation by Susan Olds on Pioneer Quilts and the Oregon Trail and the opportunity to see a selection of Fall City quilts, thanks to the folks listed below. We always enjoy this chance to visit with friends from the community and the Valley.

Welcome to new board members Spencer and Katelyn Folmar and Lindy MacManiman. We are excited about having your new skills and ideas added to our current mix. Thanks too to Donna Driver-Kummen, a founding member, for re-upping for another term.

For quilt loans, thanks to:

- Snoqualmie Valley Historical Museum, for crazy quilt made by Florence Bonell, late 1880s (sample at right)
- Irene Pike, for animal quilt made by her mother, Elizabeth Parmelee
- Marion Querro, for donation of butterfly quilt made by Julia Harshman
- Jan Ellison for crazy quilt made by Lillie Hoag
- Karen Gochnour for “girl on swing” quilt made by Margaret “Toots” Gochnour, and for a crazy quilt made by Karen from neckties belonging to her father Neal Woolslayer
- Becky Gordon for a “yo-yo” quilt made by her grandmother, Mercy Hetherington



THE 2014 FALL CITY CALENDAR IS OUT!

The calendar’s theme is the Fall City Cemetery, that great local patch of history! (Cover shown at left.) Outstanding design again donated by Dave Gershman. The calendar was launched at the Oct. 27 meeting and is now available at the Farmhouse Market and other local outlets. It will also be at our Holiday Market booth, along with historic glasses (Brick School, below, new this year) and all four mugs, back in limited supply! Drop by for great local gifts.



Look for us at the
HOLIDAY MARKET
 Saturday, December 7
 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.
 at the Chief Kanim
 Middle School Commons

Support for our work from King County Heritage 4Culture is gratefully acknowledged.

