

The best way to suggest memorial gifts be made is to mention it in your loved one's obituary. If you can, include the Issaquah Historical Society's address so that people will know where to send their gift. We can also provide additional copies of this brochure in order to make them available at the location of the funeral. If you can, please let us know that you plan to request memorial gifts.

How does the Issaquah Historical Society serve the community?

- ◆ Cares for the Issaquah Depot and Gilman  Town Hall, two of Issaquah's oldest historic sites, and maintains both buildings as museums.
- ◆ Hosts nearly 7,000 visitors annually.
- ◆ Provides tours for 500 people annually, including more than 300 school children.
- ◆ Maintains history kits which circulate to more than 1,000 students each year.
- ◆ Builds on and cares for a collection of more than 10,000 artifacts and photos.
- ◆ Holds free public programs.
- ◆ Collects and preserves the personal memories that tell Issaquah's story.
- ◆ Holds annual events like Heritage Day and the Hometown Issaquah Reunion.
- ◆ Answers up to 100 research requests annually.


What is a memorial gift?

A memorial gift is a donation — large or small — made to commemorate a beloved friend or family member who has passed away. Some survivors specifically request that mourners make memorial gifts to the Issaquah Historical Society. In some cases, mourners may make a memorial gift of their own accord.

How does the Issaquah Historical Society use  memorial gifts?

All memorial gift donations are placed in our endowment fund. Donations to the fund are invested and the resulting interest will be used to sustain our organization in perpetuity. In this way, your remembrance of a beloved friend or family member becomes a lasting gift for the community that we serve. By donating a memorial gift to the Issaquah Historical Society, you ensure its ability to bring Issaquah's history to life for many more decades to come.

How can I make a memorial gift?

Simply send  the gift to the Issaquah Historical Society with a short note indicating who the gift is intended to commemorate. We will send notification of your gift (although not the amount) to the deceased's spouse or children. We will also send an acknowledgement of the gift to you. We will also recognize your gift in our newsletter. Please let us know if you'd like your gift to remain anonymous.

I would like to arrange for memorial gifts to be made in honor of a recently deceased loved one. How can I do this?

Please accept the enclosed gift in memory of: _____

Please send notification of my gift to: _____

Address for notification: _____

Donor Information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ / _____ E-mail: _____

Please make checks payable to the Issaquah Historical Society (IHS) and mail to:

P.O. Box 695 Issaquah WA 98027

The IHS is a non profit 501(c)(3) organization, tax ID #23-7425589. All gifts are tax-deductible as allowed by law.

Our Endowment: Sustained Support for the Issaquah Historical Society

In the past three decades, the IHS has grown from a small group of people interested in history into an organization recognized as one of the largest and most active historical societies in King County.

Thanks to the generosity and commitment of community members, pioneer descendents, and former long-time residents, we have established a fund to ensure that the IHS continues to fulfill its mission in the coming decades. This fund is our endowment.

An endowment is a fund into which money is placed and interest is allowed to accrue. The principal is never spent, but generates a growing amount of interest each year. The interest is used to support the organization's annual budget. Donations to the endowment are tax deductible.

In April of 2002, the Issaquah Historical Society deposited its first donation into the endowment fund. The endowment fund has now surpassed the \$30,000 mark. Our ultimate goal — \$3 million — is still distant. But, once we reach this goal, the annual interest generated by the fund will provide more than \$100,000 of annual support, doubling our current budget. Consider what we do each year with our current budget, and then imagine what we could provide for the growing community with twice that amount!

Memorial gifts and other donations to the endowment fund help us to build a source of sustained support, ensuring our continued service to the Issaquah community in the decades to come.



Issaquah Depot Museum, 50 Rainier Blvd. N

Founded in 1972, the mission of the Issaquah Historical Society is to discover, preserve and share the history of Issaquah and the surrounding area.

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Issaquah Depot

50 Rainier Blvd. N

Open Friday-Sunday

11-3

Gilman Town Hall

165 SE Andrews St.

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Guide to Endowments & Memorial Gifts

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