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Presentation on History of Law Enforcement

The next meeting of the Issaquah Historical Society will be held at 7 PM on Tuesday, August 8. Ben Martinez, Issaquah Police Department Historian, will present on the history of law enforcement in Issaquah. Appropriately, the meeting will be held in the community room of the new police station, 130 E Sunset Way. As always, meetings are open to the public, and as always, refreshments will be served.

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New Exhibits, New Hours: Museums Gear Up For Summer

Just in time for the summer visitor season, the Issaquah Historical Society has added new exhibits to both sites. We're also pleased to announce that the Depot will have extended summer hours. Until Labor Day weekend, the Depot will be open Sundays from 11- 3, in addition to the regular Saturday hours.

The Gilman Town Hall's new permanent exhibit, *Issaquah Milestones*, opened to the public June 17. UW Museum Studies student Diane Dambacher designed the exhibit as an internship project. *Issaquah Milestones* profiles selected historic events between 1860 and 1940, and includes a number of photographs and artifacts never before exhibited at the museum. *Tools of the Trades*, designed by volunteer Collections Manager Mary McWhirter, also recently opened at the Town Hall. *Tools* profiles historic tools used in everyday trades like carpentry and shoe repair. Other smaller exhibits are changed on a regular basis. For children of all ages, we've added a touch table where visitors can learn about history by touching and examining real artifacts.

At the Depot, the Troop Kitchen Car is now open to visitors. Built by Pullman Standard in 1943 and used during WWII, the car was retrieved from a Seattle scrap yard by the Historical Society. Inside, guests can see displays of railroad memorabilia and mining equipment, in addition to a wonderfully elaborate model railroad. The model, constructed by IHS member Stan Espeseth over an 8-year period, represents the rail line running between Issaquah and Woodinville, circa 1970. It includes familiar buildings like the Darigold plant, the Depot, and St. Michelle's vineyards. The beauty of this exhibit is in its details, like the tiny grapes growing in the vineyard, a ball in a child's sandbox, and a

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New "Issaquah Milestones" exhibit, Gilman Town Hall Museum. Open Thursday and Saturday 11-3.



Preserving Heirlooms

Do your mementos, photos, and family heirlooms have a future as museum artifacts? Are you keeping them safe for your children or grandchildren? Whatever the future of your treasured heirlooms, here are some tips on preserving them:

1. Clothing and photographs are extremely delicate. Store both in acid-free boxes. Acid-free photo supplies are available at craft stores like Ben Franklin.
2. Store photographs and documents like diplomas and certificates flat. Rolling documents might seem like a good way to save space, but it warps the paper over time. Eventually, the curves become permanent. Once curled, documents must be humidified to undo the roll. This process may damage inks and seals on the document.
3. Label photos on the back, in pencil. This task is easily put off, but it's important to record information from older family members before that information is lost.
4. **Avoid** storing heirlooms or photos in contact with any of the following substances:
 - **Scotch tape or other adhesives.** Tape and adhesives release acid which will permanently stain and mar objects.
 - **Dry-cleaning bags.** These bags are made from polyvinyl chlorate, which releases acid over time and contributes to yellowing and deterioration.
 - **Cardboard boxes,** especially for photos and textiles. Wood and pulp products like cardboard release acid that can lead to deterioration. Either purchase acid-free boxes, or use plastic storage containers, like those marketed by Rubbermaid.
 - **Rubber bands.** Rubber bands deteriorate over time, frequently sticking to the items they were wrapped around.
 - **Paper clips and straight pins.** Both of these items can create permanent rust stains. Try the plastic clips sold at most office supply stores.

If you have questions about preserving or donating your heirlooms, call the Museum Director at 425/392-3500 for more information.

IHS Top Ten

The Top Ten reasons to visit the Gilman Town Hall Museum this summer are (drum roll please):

1. Cheerful, friendly docents and museum staff.
2. The beautiful flowers and other green things in our garden (special thanks to Claire Lopriore, Faye Green, and Judy Young!)
3. The Gift Shop, which offers books, toys, postcards, and tasty Chugga Chews cookies.
4. The Issaquah Community Family Tree: submit your family history for inclusion.
5. The David J. Horrocks Research Center, where you can satisfy your curiosity about a burning historical question.
6. The Kids' Touch Table – put on a hobnailed boot, or try to lift an old-fashioned iron.
7. Our newest exhibit on the history of Issaquah, *Issaquah Milestones*, which features photos and other treasures of our community's past.
8. Admission is free!
9. Issaquah's Second Jail, in our back yard.
10. Where else can you see a jar of green beans canned in 1922???

Green beans canned by Joseph Rutkowski in 1922.



The Gilman Town Hall is open Saturdays & Thursdays, 11-3. Call 425/392-3500 for information.

Not Yet a Member?

If you've enjoyed receiving this newsletter and you want to make sure IHS continues its many projects, won't you consider joining the Society? In addition to receiving a quarterly newsletter, you'll also receive a set of Issaquah post cards, 10% off at the gift shop, and invitations to member-only events — not to mention the satisfaction of knowing that your dues support our historic preservation and education work!



New Exhibits, Hours

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number of small cats and dogs.

Look for more changes at the Town Hall and the Depot in the future. By the end of the year, we hope to add even more new exhibit elements at both sites.



Come by soon to see the latest additions!

The Gilman Town Hall, 165 SE Andrews Street, is open Thursdays & Saturdays, 11-3. The Historic Depot, 50 Rainier Blvd N, is open Saturdays & Sundays, 11-3.

Special Thanks Go To...

- ◆ All the Pioneer Reunion committee members and volunteers who helped make this year's Pioneer Reunion another memorable event — warm thanks from Pioneer Reunion Committee Co-Chairs Eric Erickson, Sue Cameron and Faye Green!
- ◆ The King County Council, and King County Cultural Resources, for granting \$8,700 to the IHS for the production of pre-tour curriculum packets for Issaquah School District teachers.
- ◆ Members of the Bergsma family, who generously shared their memories of dairying in Issaquah at the June membership meeting.
- ◆ The City of Issaquah Police Department, for giving us the opportunity to greet visitors at the opening of the Police Station — and for donating \$337 of the weekend's proceeds to the Issaquah Historical Society!
- ◆ The City of Issaquah, whose ongoing support allows us to employ a full-time Museum Director.
- ◆ All the wonderful volunteer docents, whose time and energy permits us to extend summer open hours.



Membership Renewal & Application Form

- Individual (\$20) Senior/Student (\$10) Family (\$25) Senior Family (\$15) Corporate (\$50)

Other Membership levels:

- Contributing Member (\$50) Supporting Member (\$100) Benefactor (\$500)
 Contributing Corporate (\$75) Supporting Corporate (\$150) Corporate Benefactor (\$750)
 I am donating \$_____ in support of your work.

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Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

- My employer will match my gift! Company: _____
(Please attach matching gift form or provide contact name and phone number for the matching gift officer at your company).
 Please charge my membership fee to my Visa/MasterCard.

Visa/MasterCard #: _____ Exp.: _____

Name as it appears on credit card: _____

Please make checks payable to the Issaquah Historical Society (IHS). The Issaquah Historical Society is a non profit 501(c)(3) organization, tax ID #23-7425589. All gifts are tax-deductible as allowed by law.

New in the Gift Shops

The Issaquah Historical Museums are pleased to offer *Hidden Past: An Exploration of East Side History*. Published by the Seattle Times, this book traces the history of the Eastside from the time it was populated solely by Native American inhabitants to contemporary times. *Hidden Past* features chapters on many Eastside towns, including Issaquah, as well as the history of rail-roading, hops farming, coal-mining, logging, dairy farming, and community celebrations in our region. A great overview of Eastside history, this item sells for \$5.95 (\$6.46 including tax). We have a limited supply of this book, so be sure to stop by soon.

Other new items available at our gift shops include train charms, Chugga Chews train cookies, cedar train whistles, and instant railroads (just add water!). All these items sell for \$3 or less. We also carry a number of books and videos on the history of Issaquah and its environs, as well as train memorabilia and other souvenirs.

Past Times is a production of the Issaquah Historical Society. More than 250 members strong, the IHS works to preserve and interpret the history of Issaquah and the surrounding area.

Historic Train Depot
50 Rainier Blvd. N
Open Saturdays & Sundays, 11-3

Gilman Town Hall
165 SE Andrews Street
Open Thursdays & Saturdays, 11-3
and by appointment.

Outdoor Logging Display
In the 100 block of Rainier Boulevard S

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