

# PAST TIMES

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## The Numbers For 2000

Museum Visitors:  
2,564  
Average visitors a month:  
214  
(up from 128 in 1999)  
Open Hours:  
620  
(up from 280 in 1999)  
Photos in Database:  
1149  
Objects in Database:  
1038  
Members: 261  
New Members: 28  
Accessions Processed:  
42  
Photos Accessioned:  
243  
Artifacts Accessioned:  
330  
Grants Awarded: 6

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## 2000: A Year in Review

**T**he Year 2000 is history. Looking back over the past 12 months, the Issaquah Historical Society has much to be proud of.

Generous grant funding will make it possible for us to reach new audiences in the coming year. The King County Landmarks & Heritage Commission funded the production of Issaquah History Tour Packets. Kristen Davey, an education graduate student at Antioch University, is collaborating with area teachers and the Issaquah School District to create three curriculum packets for teacher use. We look forward to becoming a greater resource for educators.

King County also funded "Preserving the Stories of Issaquah," a memory book project. Megon Noble, a Museology graduate student at the University of Washington, is coordinating this project. Megon will compile the cherished memories of long-time residents. Completed Memory Books will be available at the museum gift shops.

The IHS also received generous support from the City of Issaquah, which continues to fund our full-time Museum Director. In addition, the City awarded lodging tax funds for the publication of a walking tour brochure. The tour covers twenty historic downtown sites. Free copies are available at the museums or the Issaquah Visitor's Center.

Thanks to the efforts of Town Hall

staff members, the Gilman Town Hall Museum has all-new exhibits. The new exhibits include artifacts and photos never previously exhibited. There is also a touch table for children. Behind the scenes at the Town Hall, artifacts and photos have been organized, labeled and archivally stored. Volunteers are also entering collections information into a searchable database.

In 2000 the IHS launched the first phase of the Issaquah Valley Trolley Project. We succeeded in leasing an historic trolley for 18 months. Soon volunteers will begin constructing a trolley barn, and restoration work will commence. Excited community members are already calling to see when they can take a ride on the Issaquah trolley!

As part of our commitment to community education, the IHS sponsored a number of events promoting local history. We continued presenting free bi-monthly historical presentations, covering topics such as telegraphy, dairy farming, and law enforcement. In June we hosted another successful Pioneer Reunion. Visitors had the opportunity to churn butter or split a cedar shake. We also celebrated Washington State Archaeology month in October by holding an Archaeology Identification Day.

In the year 2000, the IHS continued to expand one of our most valuable

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### Our 2001 Wish List

How you can help us achieve our goals in 2001:

- ◆ Patronize our gift shops. There are wonderful, one-of-a-kind items available there.
- ◆ If you're a member, renew for another year—or upgrade to a higher giving level.
- ◆ If you're not a member – join! Members receive gift shop discounts and other benefits.
- ◆ Volunteer to docent. If everyone who received this newsletter could volunteer just **four hours a year**, we could keep both museums open 6 days a week.
- ◆ Drop by and see what we're doing. The exhibits at both museums are always changing!
- ◆ Bring friends and family from out of town to see the museums. You can walk from one to the other, and there is no admission fee. Add lunch downtown and you've got a great local outing!
- ◆ Make an additional donation to the IHS. Excited about the Trolley project? Want to see more resources in the reference library? Think we're doing a great job? Send us a donation to let us know – your gift will keep these projects going.

## Year in Review

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resources, our web site. Our web site, Issaquah History On-line ([www.issaquahhistory.org](http://www.issaquahhistory.org)), contains a wealth of information, including photographs and archives. The site is fully searchable, and is updated frequently. It logs more than 100 user sessions daily.

Another boon to our potential as an historical resource is the David J. Horrocks Memorial Research Center. More than \$3,000 has been donated over the past year to establish a research area at the Town Hall. In addition to books, newspaper articles, and other archives, the center has a computer with Internet access. Visitors can peruse our web site. In the future, collections and photo records will be accessible there as well.

Finally, the Society's volunteer resources continued to grow during 2000. More than 80 volunteers contributed over 2,500 hours to the Society. New volunteers include 15 docents and four Town Hall volunteers. In December we held our first Volunteer Appreciation Night (*see article, page 4*). Without the volunteer efforts of so many dedicated and talented individuals, the accomplishments listed above would have been impossible.

This has been an exciting and busy year, and 2001 will bring more challenges and successes. Further funding from the City of Issaquah will allow us to add a part-time Administrative Assistant to the staff. At the Depot Museum we will be installing new exhibits on telegraphy, the railroad, and the old lumber town of Monohon. A newly restored trolley will run from the Depot to the Visitors' Center. We will offer genealogy and artifact preservation workshops. These plans are only the tip of the iceberg, as we continue preserving and interpreting the history of Issaquah, and serving the community with our work.

We owe a debt of gratitude to all our members, donors, volunteers, and community supporters who made things happen in the year 2000. We appreciate the support you've given us over the past year, and invite you to be a part of everything the New Year holds for the Issaquah Historical Society. Best wishes for the Year 2001!

## Historical Society Elects New Board

**A**t the October membership meeting, members of the Issaquah Historical Society elected individuals to serve on the Board of Directors. The IHS 2001 Board Members are:

David Bangs, President

Jacque Brown

Jean Cerar

Faye Green

Bruce Helbert

Tom Hitzroth, Treasurer

Nancy Horrocks

Barbara Justice, Vice President

Don McWhirter

Todd Sargeant, Secretary

John Sheridan

Craig Thorpe

## News Notes & Announcements

### VIDEO RELEASED

After years of hard work, Bill Walker and his associates have released "Life Along the Tracks: The Milwaukee Railroad in the Snoqualmie Valley." The video features the voices of people who worked for the Milwaukee Railroad, or lived along its tracks. You can purchase the video from the Snoqualmie Valley Historical Museum. Contact them at 425/888-3200 for more information.

### CONVERSATION WITH A COAL MINER

King County Parks and the Newcastle Historical Society will present a program by retired coal miner (and IHS member) Milt Swanson. Mr. Swanson worked from 1948-1962 in the mines located in what is now Cougar Mountain Regional Wildland Park, and he will share the history of coal-mining in this area. Milt will speak on Thursday, January 25, 7 – 8:30 PM, at the Issaquah Library, 120 E. Sunset Way in Issaquah. The program is free but registration is required; call 206/296-4171.

### VOLUNTEER POSITION: GIFT SHOP COORDINATOR

The IHS is seeking a Gift Shop Coordinator, who will be responsible for ordering and arranging merchandise and supervising inventories. Requires about an hour a week. Call 425/392-3500 for more information.

### SHARE YOUR MEMORIES OF ISSAQUAH

IHS has been funded by the King County Landmarks and Heritage Commission to create Memory Books. These books will contain the memories and photos of Issaquah residents. Would you like to share your memories? Call 425/392-3500 or e-mail [info@issaquahhistory.org](mailto:info@issaquahhistory.org) for more information. Participants will receive a free copy of the completed book.

### CALLING ALL EDUCATORS

The Issaquah Historical Society has been funded by the King County Landmarks and Heritage Commission to create curriculum packets. We invite social studies teachers at elementary, middle, and high school levels to serve on an advisory board. Participants will receive stipends, in recognition of time donated to this project. Send a letter of inquiry to the Issaquah Historical Society at P.O. Box 695, Issaquah, WA 98027, or send e-mail to [info@issaquahhistory.org](mailto:info@issaquahhistory.org).

### VOLUNTEER POSITION: HISTORY NEWS CLIPPER

The IHS is seeking a volunteer to read the Issaquah Press (at home or at our research center) and clip articles for our research files. Requires about an hour a week. Call 425/392-3500 for information.

## Meeting Schedule for 2001

### Board Meetings

Board Meetings are held the first Wednesday of every month, at 7 PM, at the Depot. These meetings are open to the public, although participation is limited to Board members and those who have been placed on the agenda. Contact Board President David Bangs at [bangs@southcove.net](mailto:bangs@southcove.net) or 425/957-9733 for more information.

Meeting dates for 2001 are:

January 10	July 11
February 7	August 1
March 7	September 5
April 4	October 3
May 2	November 7
June 6	December 5

### Membership Meetings

Membership meetings are held the second Tuesday of even-numbered months, at 7 PM, at the Depot. Meetings are open to the public, and feature a presentation on some aspect of Issaquah's history. Past programs have covered such topics as telegraphy, dairy farming, the history of law enforcement in Issaquah, and the restoration of the Issaquah Depot. Refreshments are served.

Meeting dates for 2001 are:

February 13	August 14
April 10	October 9
June 12	December 11

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# Hooray For Our Volunteers!

Our December membership meeting was dedicated to the people who make our work possible on a day-to-day basis: volunteers. Volunteers keep both museums open and all outreach projects running smoothly. They are the public face of the historical society when they docent at the museums or represent us at community functions. They also work behind the scenes, organizing and restoring our collections, maintaining our facilities, and handling daily administrative tasks. The following volunteers were honored at our Volunteer Appreciation Event.

## DEPOT DOCENTS

Jane Archer  
David Bangs  
Bob Boyle  
Clint Brady  
Jacquie Brown  
Tom Donegan  
Eric Erickson  
Stan Espeseth  
Luther Franklin  
Lucille Ghicadus  
Faye Green  
Bruce Helbert  
Linda Hjelm  
Jim Hoganson  
Jeanne Horrocks  
Nancy Horrocks  
Barbara Justice  
Tori Magee  
Dale Martin  
Eric Martin  
Leila Martin  
Don McWhirter  
Tom Mechler  
Brenda Nash  
Jan Patrick  
Carolyn Quick  
Linda Sabo  
Todd & Nan Sargent  
Ken & Maxine Schmelzer  
Mary Scott

Walt & Olga Seil  
John & Jeffreyanne Sheridan  
Muriel Waldo  
Jacob Wan  
Bill Wiegant  
Judy Young

## TOWN HALL DOCENTS

Jacquie Brown  
Judy Davey  
Marla Erickson  
Faye Green  
Linda Hjelm  
Nancy Horrocks  
Leila Martin  
Carolyn Quick  
Olga Seil  
John Sheridan  
Hayley Steele  
Rachel Steele  
Muriel Waldo  
Judy Young

## RESTORATION SHOP

VOLUNTEERS  
Howard Barron  
Chuck Cerar  
Denny Croston  
Lou Davey  
Eric Erickson  
Stan Espeseth  
Bruce Helbert

Barbara Justice  
Dale Martin  
Eric Martin  
Ken Schmelzer

## TROLLEY TEAM

### VOLUNTEERS

David Bangs  
Stan Espeseth  
Fred Fielder  
Anne Hall  
Bruce Helbert  
Ken Johnson  
Barbara Justice  
Bob Moe  
Bill Petitjean  
Ron Sheck  
Greg Spranger  
Darrell Swanson  
Craig Thorpe

## SALMON DAYS

### VOLUNTEERS

David Bangs  
Howard Barron  
Chuck Cerar  
Denny Croston  
Lou Davey  
Penny Downey  
Eric Erickson  
Stan Espeseth  
Faye Green

Bruce Helbert  
Jeanne Horrocks  
Nancy Horrocks  
Barbara Justice  
Toby LeMonde  
Jennifer Mack  
Michelle Maniez  
Dale Martin  
Eric Martin  
Leila Martin  
Jonny Miner  
Carolyn Quick  
Todd Sargent  
Craig Thorpe  
David Waggoner  
Geri Zell

## PIONEER REUNION

### VOLUNTEERS

Delores Busby  
Sue Bush Cameron  
Eric Erickson  
Faye Green  
Fran & Jim Hoganson  
Jeanne Horrocks  
Nancy Horrocks  
Barbara Justice  
Joanne Karvia  
Chubby & Elsie Miles  
Walt & Olga Seil  
Muriel Waldo

## SPECIAL AWARDS

David Bangs: Issaquah History On-Line Web Site  
Bill Blum: Depot Telegraph Exhibit Techie  
Fred Brumm: Musical Accompaniment  
Chuck Cerar: Ford Tractor Restoration  
Diane Dambacher: Exhibits Coordinator  
Lou Davey: Ford Tractor Restoration  
Eric Erickson: On-Call Research  
Stan Espeseth: Model Railroad Exhibit  
Linda Hjelm: On-Call Research  
Fran Hoganson: Collections Data Entry  
Nancy Horrocks: Bi-Monthly History Programs  
Jeanne Horrocks: Bi-Monthly History Programs  
Lucille Ghicadus: Special Gardening Task Force  
Faye Green: Town Hall Docent Coordination  
Claire Lopriore: Long-term Garden Care  
Michelle Maniez: Special Gardening Task Force

Dale Martin: Steam Donkey Restoration  
Dale & Leila Martin: School Tours  
Joanne Matsumura: Office Reorganizer  
Tom Mechler: Depot Docent Coordination  
Mary McWhirter: Volunteer Collections Manager  
Don McWhirter: Historic Site Survey/General Handyman  
Brenda Nash: Special Gardening Task Force  
Jan Patrick: Research Center Librarian  
Frank Remington: Depot Telegraph Exhibit Advisor  
Nan Sargeant: Musical Accompaniment  
Ken Schmelzer: School Tours  
Rick Spence: Railroad Signal Donation  
Craig Thorpe: Trolley Team Artistic Support

## EXTRA-SPECIAL AWARDS

Denny Croston: Official Master of All Trades  
Eric Martin: Official Gandy Dancer  
Barbara Justice: Volunteer of the Year

## Our 250th Member Joins

**W**e've finally reached 250 members! Jeanne Horrocks, Contributing Member, joined on July 26 as our 250<sup>th</sup> member. New members for the year 2000 are:

Bud & Shirley Ambrose	Main Street Issaquah
Thelma & Paul Bartholomew	Ben Martinez
Dorothy Hailstone Beale & Family	Richard McDonald
Clint Brady	Richard Orphan
Bob & Bessie Burton	Jan Patrick
Lois Davidson	Joshua Pollard
Danella Donlan	Frank Remington
Mike & Linda Elbert	Alice Slater
Ed & Ayleen Erickson	Peechie Stefani
Val Golding	Mark Strange
Ken & Marian Hampton	Craig Thorpe
Myles Holmdahl	Mona Valley
Jeanne Horrocks	David Waggoner
Ken Johnsen	Brandy Williams

## Seeking 21st Century Photos

**M**ost people think of museums as places where distant history is collected and stored. Our files are filled with photographs of early pioneers, turn of the century buildings, and other documentation of Issaquah's beginnings. As we move into another century, it is the perfect time to make sure today's events are recorded for posterity. Amateur photographers are encouraged to record contemporary life in Issaquah in black and white photographs. The IHS Accessions Committee will review the photo for potential accession. If accepted, the photo will be retained in the IHS collections in perpetuity.

The first new IHS member of 2001 will receive a FREE Copy of "Hidden Past"! To join, fill out the form below and mail it to IHS.



### 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.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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.

# 2001 Meeting Dates

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## Exhibits Committee Meetings

Exhibits Committee Meetings are held the third Saturday of every month, time and location TBA. The Exhibits Committee is responsible for planning, designing, and installing exhibits at the Town Hall and Depot Museums. Contact Museum Director Erica Maniez at [info@issaquahhistory.org](mailto:info@issaquahhistory.org), or 425/392-3500, for more information, or to get involved with this Committee.

Meeting dates for 2001 are:

January 20	July 21
February 17	August 18
March 17	September 15
April 21	October 20
May 19	November 17
June 16	December 15

*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, 11-3

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

425/392-3500  
[www.issaquahhistory.org](http://www.issaquahhistory.org)

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## Best Wishes For the New Year

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**NEXT MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM:  
FEBRUARY 13, 7 PM**