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Lakewood Library Celebrates Half a Century

By Nancy Covert

“Without voluntary pledges, library facilities in Pierce County, Lakewood and University Place will cease to exist. We deserve adequate facilities.

“It is library friends who volunteer to see that we have these facilities and that they are maintained,”

—Early *Suburban Times* Library Week editorial.

Every week, from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. most weekdays, and from 1-5 p.m. on Sundays, Lakewood Library circulates thousands of books. Lakewood residents like to read!



This coming September Lakewood Library, a branch of the Pierce County Library System (there are more than a dozen branches of PCL) celebrates its golden anniversary.

The Library at the corner of Wildaire and Gravelly Lake Drive

marks 50 years at its current location in September this year.

Lakewood Library history formally began in 1947 when area residents established a community library in the hobby shop, located on the second floor of the Clover Park Shopping Center.

The collection next moved to the Sunshine Gift Shop on Steilacoom Blvd. where it remained until 1955. Clover Park School District provided space for the library's next location in the basement of Park Lodge School until it needed the room for another classroom.

During this time the Lakewood District Improvement Club and Friends of Lakewood Library (the

latter formally organized in 1960) continued to raise funds for a formal library building in the area. In 1961 the LDIC received a pledge from the Tenzler Foundation for funds to build on a site at Gravelly Lake Drive and Wildaire Drive according to a report prepared by Library

Supervisor **Marion Cromwell.**

Flora B. Tenzler bequeathed \$6.5 million of her estate for charitable, religious, scientific, and recreational uses. Mrs. Tenzler's husband, **Herman Tenzler**, was former owner of the Northwest Door Company of Tacoma.



The library's award-winning design is complemented by numerous artworks

The Library, designed by Architect **Russell Garrison** of Lakewood, was formally dedicated and opened on Sept. 15, 1963. A bronze dedicatory plaque, placed near the library's original Gravelly Lake entrance, read: *“This Library is a gift to the Lakewood Community from the*

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MEETINGS

The Lakewood Historical Society formed in 1998 to preserve and share Lakewood's rich history through programs, displays and publications. The Society offers frequent programs on topics of historical interest. Most programs are free and open to the public. Visit us on Facebook or our website for information on events and activities:

www.LakewoodHistorical.org

President's Message

I do believe that summer is finally here. I'm enjoying all the flowers in bloom, finding fresh produce in the farmers' markets and being able to leave my bedroom window open at night.

I have just returned from a fantastic heritage conference that was held in Ellensburg, WA. What a charming town of 18,000. It has a lot of great restaurants and shops and there is also a lively vibe in the community because it is the home of Central Washington University. It is famous for its rodeo that is held over Labor Day weekend. I have come back with lots of inspiration on how the Society and Museum can better serve the Lakewood area.

The Society has done two new things this past month. We participated in the Lakewood Farmer's Market which debuted last summer. It was such a resounding success that a full season was planned for this year. Over 40 vendors are participating with a broad range of produce, baked goods, beautiful cut flowers, crafts and local businesses and nonprofit organizations. It provides a great opportunity for our community to learn more about the Society and Museum. Our next day is August 13th. Be sure to come by and see us.

We also had a lot of fun having a picnic in Ft Steilacoom Park. A lot of interesting history has occurred on the park site over the last 175 years. Much of it was related by Kathleen Benoun, Chair of the Hospital Historical Society. See the article about the picnic elsewhere in the newsletter.

It is with great sadness to hear of the recent passing of Lakewood

resident State Senator Mike Carrell. His contributions to historic preservation in Lakewood are immeasurable. Mike leaves a legacy that will be enjoyed by countless local citizens and tourists alike. He was primarily responsible for ensuring the survival of the historic buildings of Ft Steilacoom, some of the earliest wooden structures still standing in the State of Washington that are located on the campus of Western State Hospital.

He also was the main supporter of the change in the state law in 2004 that allowed the names of patients from Western State Hospital buried in the cemetery in Ft Steilacoom Park to be made public. Grave Concerns Association, headed by Laurel Lemke and founded in 2001, along with numerous volunteers, have been installing named markers over the last nine years.

I have just learned details about the huge "Welcome Home" being planned on September 15th for our military partner, the 4th Stryker Brigade, 2nd Division. It will include a real parade of the troops and a festival with lots of special activities in Ft Steilacoom Park. As you may remember, we have been sending care packages to one of the units, the 472nd Signal Company. All of them will return by the end of July. I know their families will be glad to see them home.

I'm sure you have a busy summer planned but do take time to attend one of the Society's outreach activities or programs.

We appreciate your continued interest and support.

Becky Huber

LIBRARY

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Tenzler Foundation. Flora B. Tenzler, 1963."

During its first year of operation 24,763 books were borrowed, and the library was honored with a design award.

About a decade later 23,000 sq. feet were added, and the library continues to serve the growing needs of its patrons. During the past two years the library has remodeled and expanded its book inventory as well as increased staffing.

A collection of scrapbooks containing copies of newspaper clippings from the past 50 years is stored in the library's archives. The book contains articles about the library's grand opening, community programs, and articles from early newspapers encouraging residents to support the library.

That support continues today through the efforts of the **Friends of the Library** who host major book sales twice a year, as well as smaller, on-going book sales throughout the week. The basement is the repository for materials that are featured at its twice-a-year book sale. (See related Mole Patrol article).

Among the artifacts filed in one scrapbook is a photo of Lakewood historian emeritus **Cyrus Happy**, who also was former *Friends of the Library* Vice President and Public Relations Officer for National Bank of Washington.

Meet the " Mole Patrol"

Moles in the library?

No traps are necessary, though—that's just the nickname for a group of about 27 really low-profile volunteers who sort, catalog, stock and distribute reusable reading material—on any topic—that helps pay for a variety of extras for library patrons.



Dedicated "mole" Millie Hamilton prices a batch of childrens' books.

During the Friends' first sale on Oct. 4, 1975, Lakewood's *Friends of the Library* earned a \$401.94 profit. They've since raised thousands of dollars more annually since then. Thus far this month they've raised another \$554.

Those are just a few of the records that **Leslie McAntosh** has in her small library basement office. Mrs. M is unofficial "chief" of the Mole Patrol! These volunteers also are known as "book worms"!

They're called "moles," Leslie says, because they seldom see the light of day—but during these warm days, it's definitely a plus to work in the much cooler basement!

Assisted by 21 women and seven men (strong backs! Leslie says), the volunteers contribute between 2-4 hours or more each week, beginning Mondays at 8 a.m., and especially on Thursdays, and longer during the twice-a-year sales, using the proceeds in the library for items from new carpeting to new equipment.

Between Oct. 2012 and May 2013, the bright blue-apron-wearing "moles" have contributed 4,429 hours, Mrs. M continues.

Each of the moles, such as 93-year-old **Millie Hamilton**, has his/her own area in which to work...and no one **dares** to venture into another mole's space...unless invited.

In spite of that guideline, however, the underground work atmosphere is one of the friendliest ones around. A sampling of one recent morning's conversation (overheard while researching library history) included a discussion about the "Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet"—an excellent "read"; to a comment about one book entitled, "The Thin Bitch"!

"Didn't think you were talking about me!" laughed one plump "mole."

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More than books on display

Adding to the sense of the Lakewood Library as community center, local organizations are encouraged to share their history and interests through use of its handsome display cases.

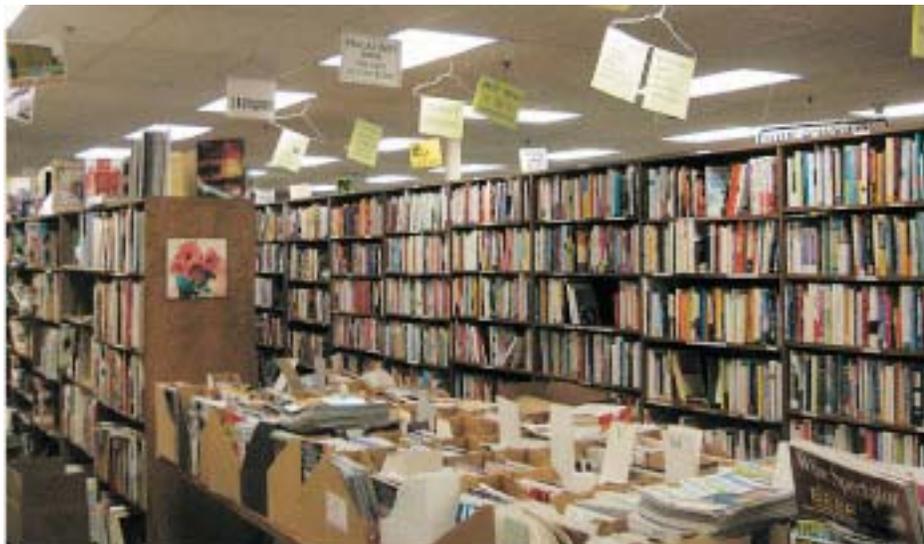
At right, late spring 2013: The case by the library's front door features a collection of printed pieces used to promote recent programs and exhibits sponsored by your Lakewood Historical Society.

MOLES

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Besides the twice-a-year community book sales, held in March and October, there's the on-going upstairs book sale (primarily paperbacks in the area to the right of the main room).

The first two days of the big sale are reserved for "Members Only." FOL sometimes auctions off rare books—not too rare, but more "unusual" ones such as the 1892-



post Civil War-era coffee-table type book that's available.

"It's a great 'find' for some collector."

These yearly sales also draw book dealers, many of whom sell books via the internet, or to stock their own small book-stores. One "mole" had packed up a box to deliver to a Catholic Community Services site.

Used book prices range from 35 cents or 3/\$1 for a paperback, 25 cents for a magazine, \$1 for CDs, and anywhere from 50 cents to \$3 for hardbacks, depending on publication date.

"We keep our prices manageable," Leslie adds.

Inventory comes in regularly, is sorted and shelved or shipped on.

FOL proceeds benefit two libraries,

Lakewood and Tillicum, according to **Bob Estrada**, Lakewood Friends president.

A few of the items purchased recently include furniture, carpeting, new shelves, new books, computers, audio/visual equipment, and special programs.

"We've even provided tuition for some staff members for library science training." Mr. Estrada, who joined the Friends in 1989, says he "likes the idea of spending money!"

The Lakewood Friends, who "started keeping good financial records in 1990," has raised \$641,000 for items for both Lakewood and Tillicum libraries, he continued.

"Seventy percent of Tillicum's residents have library cards," he added.

Recently the FOL purchased three "AWE" early literary stations (two for Lakewood and one for Tillicum) that feature about 60 educational programs for children (non-internet programs).

Lakewood's Friends is one of the largest Friends' groups serving Pierce County's Library system, he added. Between 1963 and 1990, Lakewood's Library was owned by its Friends' group. Ownership of the library building was formally transferred in 1991 to the Pierce County Library System.

The Big One

The story behind Lakewood Library's Giant Tree

By Hayden Mackley
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"The Big One" is on display behind glass at the Lakewood Library

Somewhere out in the forest near Packwood, there remains the stump of the largest Douglas fir tree ever logged. In the hot summer of 1946, three men worked for the better part of two days to fell the 12-foot-wide giant, with not much more than a standard 8-foot power saw. They had to notch in 3 feet on four sides with their axes before they could move in with their saw. The loggers named the tree simply "The Big One."

The massive cut stump of the tree quickly became a minor celebrity in the area, as it was trucked to the Northwest Door Company plant at 1203 East D Street in Tacoma. The company's president, Herman E. Tenzler, decided that something of the tree should be on display to the public, and so a cross-section was cut. With great fanfare, it was unveiled to the public, complete with signs showing the age of the tree and famous events during its lifetime.

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In the early 1960's Tenzler, through the Tenzler Foundation, became the principal donor for a new building for the Lakewood Library, which had previously existed in temporary shop-spaces and basements. In 1963, the **Flora B. Tenzler Memorial Library**, named in memory of Tenzler's late wife, opened on the corner of Wildaire Road and Gravelly Lake Drive. The Northwest Door Company also donated its tree cross-section to the library, which was installed beside the library's doors in July 1965.

The log continues to impress library-goers to this day, standing as a testimonial to the history of the area. The rings of the trunk tell the tree's life story, recording bitter winters, summer droughts, fires and lightning strikes. Close inspection of the tree's rings reveal that it was 586 years old when felled, first breaking through the forest floor as a seedling in the year 1359. It was already a large tree in the early 16th century

when a forest fire ravaged the woods. The scars show that the tree was injured but lived on when a neighboring tree collapsed against it, presumably during the fire.

Over the next 70 years the tree compensated for its leaning companion by adding fat rings to one side of its trunk and narrower ones to the other. In this manner, the tree straightened and grew vertically once more.

After several hundred years more, the Douglas fir had outgrown all of its neighbors. Such height provided abundant sunlight, but also made the tree vulnerable to lightning. It was struck by a bolt when it was 420 years old, the same time as the Revolutionary War was being waged on the East Coast. A large top section, at least 40 feet, broke off as a result of the lightning strike and the massive electrical charge burned through the inside of the bark to the ground. The tree grew no taller after that, but continued to live and widen its base for another century and a

half before it was logged.

According to news reports of the tree's logging at the time, it was harvested because it was damaged and already beginning to rot. While the logging of old growth forests nowadays is a more controversial issue than in 1946, the Northwest Door Company used the display outside its plant to promote "wise forest management" and published a leaflet to tell the tree's story in the first person. The company went to great lengths to assure the public that this is how the tree would have wanted to go.

"In my 586th year ... as the song of the saw and the shouts of the logging crew grew closer, I know my destiny was to be fulfilled ... Because of (forest management) provisions, I leave my forest friends with no regrets. Under the guiding hand of man, there will be many others to take my place. It is my destiny that I go into a new and varied service. I am about to be fashioned into a thousand useful items."

Save Those Treasures

By Steve Dunkelberger
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The search for local history never follows a straight line. The trail to find and research history often takes me through dusty books, computer screens and even back yard garages. Many homes around Lakewood, Steilacoom and DuPont have crates of family histories just waiting for someone to record their pioneer stories. Every little photo, property record and journal has at least one tale to tell. And time is running out.

See, the first big pioneering wave came to the area shortly before the turn of the century. Those settlers had children between 1900 and the 1920s. They are all gone. Their children have either

died as well or moved to warmer climates to live out their twilight years. The family connections to this area are breaking, leaving



boxes of undiscovered treasures for the trash heaps or garage sales.

We need to collect and preserve these items – and the stories behind them – or we risk being

an area without history.

That may seem odd considering the early pioneering history we have that dates back to the mid 1850's. Houses and sites from the days of "firsts" dot the landscape. What we have after that, however, was largely replaced with newer buildings under the name of progress.

That's the funny part about history. Items are not largely considered important at the time. They must survive progress before we appreciate them for what they once were.

A perfect example of this idea on a national scale is the once massive collection of Civil War photographs taken in the 1860's.

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A Road to Many is a Relative to One

By Steve Dunkelberger

Reprinted from the *Lakewood Journal*
Jan 14, 1999

One of Lakewood's oldest and most used roads has a history that's unknown to most commuters who use it every day.

William Stephen Hipkins homesteaded part of Lakewood after serving two tours in the Union Army during the Civil War.

His diaries of those years detail the daily life of an infantry soldier of the 1860's. He lived an exciting life until his death shortly after the turn of the century. Hipkin's war-time diaries were donated to the Washington State Historical Society's special collection room decades ago.

Lakewood resident **Helen Peterson** is the daughter of Hipkin's only son. She recently donated a drawing of her grandfather in Union uniform and three of his service medals to the Historic Ft Steilacoom Association.

His portrait is on display at the museum and will eventually go to the newly formed Lakewood Historical Society because of Hipkin's role in shaping Lakewood's history.

Hipkins was born in August 1843 in England. He and his family moved to the United States.

The young Hipkins found himself a private in the Union Army during the Civil War and decided to start a diary to record his war-time adventures. He started his journal with his hat and shoe size but went on to document his duties during General William T. Sherman's infamous march to the sea after burning Atlanta in 1864. Sherman ordered his troops to cut a swath of charred earth 50 miles wide and 300 miles long from the defeated city to the Atlantic Ocean. Hipkins



William Hipkins, Union soldier.

was one of those soldiers and documented the daily looting and pillaging.

Another entry details how Hipkins' legs froze during the march through snow. He spent several weeks in the hospital and received a war medal for his injuries. Yet another entry tells how Hipkins sent home \$1.50, a whopping amount in those days, to help his wife make do without him during the war years. He left the army after the war ended, leaving with the rank of corporal.

Hipkins shuttled around the nation following the war, first to Ohio, then Kansas. He headed west and settled in the Lakewood area in 1867. The United States bought Alaska from Russia for pennies an acre the same year. He had received a land claim just west of Steilacoom Lake, which was better known as Byrd's Lake at that time.

Hipkins worked as a carpenter and built several houses around Lakewood.

He and his wife raised four daughters and a son at the family farm at what is now Hipkins Road

and 95th Street. Hipkins donated land for the prairie road which was dedicated in 1898.

Hipkins died of peritonitis, an inflammation of the intestines commonly caused by a ruptured appendix, in 1901. He was 57. The homestead burned down around 1908.

Peterson knows little about her grandfather besides what he wrote about himself in his diary. The family didn't talk about him very much. She also doesn't know much about the history of the Civil War era portrait of him. Historians say the portrait was probably based on an early tin-type photograph, which was popular during the war.

Family lore held that the medals were: the forerunner of the Purple Heart, a medal of Valor and a service medal. A search of historical medal designs concludes the medals are from a long-vanished veteran's organization called the Grand Army of the Republic.

Updated Information on William Hipkins

By Becky Huber
Obtained from Records on
Ancestry.com

William Herbert Hipkins was born on August 8, 1843 in Staffordshire, England to Stephen and Eliza Brown Hipkins. The family immigrated to America, arriving in New York, New York on the ship the *Ivanhoe*, on March 12, 1849 from Liverpool, England. William was the third youngest of seven children. Three more children were born in the United States.

At the age of 19, William enlisted in the Union Army as a private with Company A, 43rd Regiment, Ohio Infantry on December 19, 1861. He was promoted to Corporal on June 1, 1865 and mustered out on July 13, 1865 at Louisville, KY.

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He met and married Liveria Cox on February 15, 1869 in Belmont County, Ohio. They had six children. The four oldest were born in Ohio, the fifth in Kansas. In the 1880 Census he was living in Minneapolis, Ottawa County, Kansas. The youngest and only son, Stephen Herbert Hipkins was born July 10, 1884 in Pierce County, Washington. One daughter died before 1885.

In the 1885 Washington Territorial Census William was living in

Tacoma, Pierce County, Washington. His occupation was listed as carpenter.

He became a naturalized citizen of the United States on October 8, 1892. He died on April 26, 1901 and is buried in the (Old) Tacoma Cemetery in Tacoma, Pierce County, Washington.

This report updates and helps clarify/correct several of the details about William Hipkins' life. His middle name was not Stephen but Herbert. It was his parents, Stephen and Eliza Hipkins, who

he sent the \$1.50 rather than his wife, Liveria. (They were not married until after the Civil War.) The records do not show him arriving in Pierce County until sometime between 1882 to 1884.

Regardless of the true details, William Hipkins' service to his country is recognized and has been permanently etched in Lakewood's history.

The next time you travel on Hipkins Road, remember the man for whom it was named.

left behind by this mysterious meteor were unsuccessful. Indeed current UPS Geology Professor Jeff Tepper said he'd never heard about the collection. So this strange meteor remains a mystery to this day.

A Bainbridge Island historian/researcher, **Gerry Elphendahl**, who tipped this writer off about the meteor, and whose story Northwest Room curator **Brian Kamens** confirmed when he found the *Tacoma Daily Ledger* article, claims there's a "lot more to the story."

Stay tuned for further developments. What exciting topic are **you** researching this summer?

American Lake's Mysterious Meteor

By Nancy Covert

The following story is an excerpt from a book in progress about Early American Lake History.

According to the July 17, 1928 edition of the *Tacoma Daily Ledger*, fragments of a meteor were found on the grounds of the Tacoma Country and Golf Course, questionable evidence that late on the previous evening, around midnight, a blazing ball of metal had been seen streaking across the sky above American Lake.

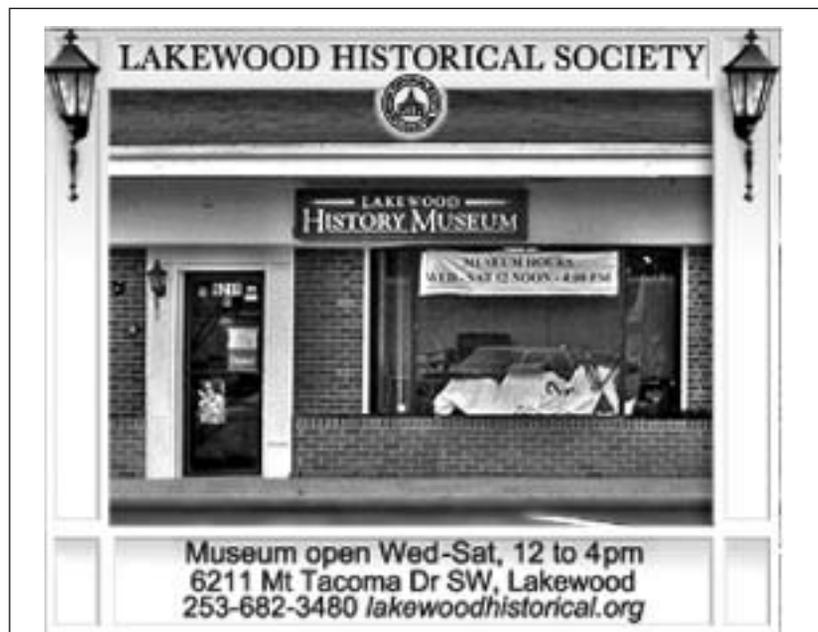
According to the news article's sub-headline, the pieces are "conclusive proof of heavenly visitor's nearness to Tacoma shown by pieces picked up on the golf course." And furthermore, a "City Commission figures the mass hit within 20 miles of the area."

(Interestingly, in 1889, Tacoma's major promoter, Allen C. Mason, had declared Tacoma was the City of Destiny, and today a bronze star, outlining all those advantageous points of coming to Tacoma, is embedded in the Memorial Corner near Tacoma's Proctor District.)

A geology instructor, F. A. McMillan from the then-College of Puget Sound's newly established department, examined the pieces found on the golf course, and declared they were likely pieces of sporadosiderite, or meteorite, consisting of metallic oxides...

An accompanying item on the front-page reports about a meteor seen streaking across the state, near Aberdeen.

Supposedly those fragments were stored at UPS, but recent efforts to track down the cache



A Colorful Ending to LHS's Picnic

By Nancy Covert

Lakewood Historical Society is up to any challenge.

Their picnic in the park on June 18 was threatened by high winds and dark skies, but LHS members didn't let those elements discourage them from enjoying the gathering that evening at Ft. Steilacoom Park's Rotary Picnic Shelter.

Thanks to **John Huber's** vast rock collection, flapping red and blue picnic tablecloths were quickly wrestled into obedience.

A big thanks to the trio of **Clover Park Kiwanians** who served up the tasty hot dog main dish that complemented plentiful offerings, contributed by more than 30 picnickers. (**Loved** those deviled eggs, **Barbara!**)

After-picnic speaker **Kathleen Benoun**, Western State Hospital Library Associate, presented a capsulated version of the park's colorful history, from Hudson Bay Company's Puget Sound Agricultural Company, to Historic Ft. Steilacoom, to Western State, to present-day Ft. Steilacoom Park.

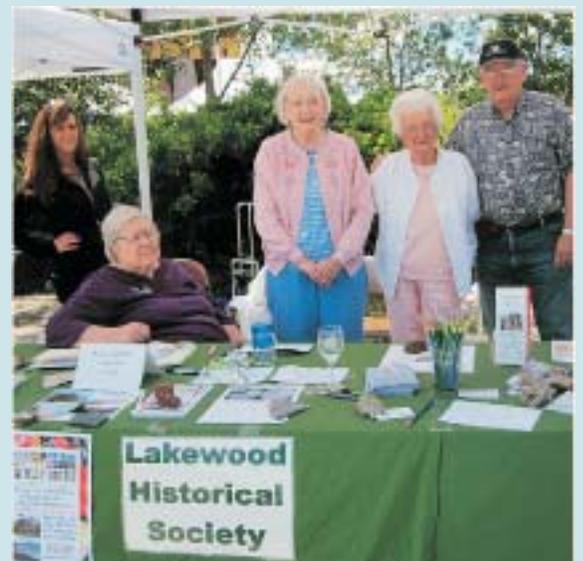
Just as things were winding down, big raindrops began splashing the ground as people dashed for their cars. Then the sun broke through, casting a huge rainbow over the scene—sort of like a mythical rainbow bridge from some super-epic blockbuster summer movie. **Oz**, maybe? Where's the **Lion**, the **Scarecrow** and the **Tin Man**?

Where would we be without our wonderful volunteers?

Summer is a busy time of year for an organization like ours. Many, many thanks to our volunteers for pitching in at two recent public outreach events.

Near right: Sue Scott & Barbara Lord Nelson at our table during Senior Activity Center Open House.

Far right: Heritage Volunteers greeted the public at the Lakewood Farmers Market on June 18.



New Artists Displaying Work in Museum

Cheryl Bush and **Trudy Orzio** are two new Rainier League artists who have installed their artwork to be on display in the Artist's Corner of the Lakewood History Museum until July 31st. An afternoon reception is planned for Saturday, June 29th from 2-4 pm. This is a great opportunity to meet the artists and view their work. All artwork is for sale and the artists make a generous donation to the Society from the proceeds. Refreshments will be served.

The Rainier League of Arts was founded in 1968. **Dorothy Wilhelm**, TV personality famous for her program, "My Home Town" and **Fred Oldfield**, name sake and artist-in-residence at the Western Heritage Center on the Washington State Fairgrounds in Puyallup, were two of the founding members. The members are involved and show their work in a variety of festivals and venues all over the Puget Sound region. In Lakewood they have been at the Lakewood Library, Lakewood Gardens and the Lakewood History Museum for the last year.

Cheryl Bush was born and raised in Washington State and graduated from Seattle Pacific University. Recently retired from an extensive career in education, she has been pursuing a lifelong hobby and interest in the arts.

She is a past Vice-President and Secretary of Rainier League of Arts where she has participated in numerous shows in the local area. She also regularly exhibits at the Puyallup Fair Art Show during the Western Washington State Fair in September. In 2011 she received the People's Choice Award at Lakewood Gardens for

"Hailey's Dahlia" and 3rd place for the watercolor, "Still Life in Red, White, Blue," at the Puyallup Fair. She also exhibited at the 2011 9th Annual Open Regional Juried Art Exhibition in Gig Harbor.



Cheryl enjoys working with a variety of mediums and strives to depict the beauty of God's creation in flowers, landscapes, and portraits. A number of her works are in private collections in Washington State.

Trudy Orzio grew up in Lakewood and always loved art but never pursued it. She preferred to sing and dance, taking ballet lessons for seven years. She performed in college where she met her husband. He played "Teyve", the butcher and she played "Hodel", the second daughter, in the Fort Lewis production of the musical "Fiddler on the Roof".

Being a stay-at-home mother, Trudy used her creativity in art to teach and entertain their four daughters but never took her artwork seriously. When she turned fifty her grown children gave her paints and brushes for her birthday. Her passion came alive as she played with the water colors. She painted every day for a month starting on poster board and then on canvas.

Showing her artwork to her sister in a nursing home she made her first sale to one of the nurses who saw one of her canvases and fell in love with her painting. After more sales of her paintings,

Trudy joined the Tacoma art list which gave her art challenges and opportunities. One of these opportunities was to create a mural for a vacant storefront on Martin Luther King Jr Way in Tacoma. This 6x8 foot mural graces the exterior of the old Gas Grill Restaurant.

She joined the Rainier League of Arts which not only gave her art education and an artist community but many opportunities to show her work. She was able to show and sell at Lakewood Gardens, the Bronze Art Gallery and the Gibson House.

She also joined Tacoma Art Place where she learned to sculpt and do collage work. After TAP closed she applied at Freight House Square Gallery and was accepted. Later she displayed her work at 253 Art Collective.

As an emerging artist, Trudy continues to enjoy painting abstracts in watercolor, acrylic and mixed media, as well as collage and sculpting.

Lakewood Historical Society and Museum

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Louise Schumock
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Sue Scott
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Darrel Stutesman
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Carole and Ted Wier
Billie R. Willis
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Memorial gifts in Honor of:
Brian C. Davis
by Kristin E. Davis

Honorary contributions:
Rose Murphy Endowment
"Keep Lakewood Beautiful"
by Robert Warfield

**LAKWOOD HISTORICAL SOCIETY
FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

YTD thru May 31, 2013

Cash on Hand - Jan 01, 2013

Checking	\$ 1,974.35
Money Market	\$ 9,563.81
 Total	 \$ 11,538.16

Income

Grants	\$ 24,064.73
Memberships	\$ 6,955.00
Donations – Museum Fund	\$ 6,956.00
Sponsorships	\$ 0.00
Memorials	\$ 50.00
Special Fund Raisers (Raffle)	\$ 905.00
Bank Interest	\$ 16.16
Other	\$ 323.50
 Total Income	 \$ 39,270.39

Expenses

Operations & Administration	\$ 1,981.85
Museum Lease	\$ 7,500.00
Equipment/Software/Furnishings	\$ 567.96
Professional Develp/Memberships	\$ 130.00
Contract Services & Support	\$ 5,088.77
Insurance	\$ 0.00
Museum Fund Raising	\$ 0.00
Special Events	\$ 0.00
Marketing/Publications/Advertising	\$ 9,446.14
Newsletter Printing/Mailing	\$ 1,482.67
Graphic Design Services	\$ 3,196.22
Web Site Hosting/Maintenance	\$ 195.00
Educational Programs/Events	\$ 600.82
Museum Exhibits/Displays	\$ 136.89
Acquisitions/Collections	\$ 125.00
Historical Markers	\$ 0.00
 Total Expenses	 \$ 30,451.32

Cash on Hand - May 31, 2013

Checking	\$ 3,054.31
Money Market	\$ 17,302.92
 Total	 \$ 20,357.23

**New Members Since
the First of the Year**

Paul Bocchi
Daniel Development LLC
DuPont Historical Society
Harborstone Credit Union
Interlaaken Realty
Lakewood Ford
Lakewood Galley and Framing
Lakewood Hardware and Paint
Tanya Lewis
Chuck and Betsy Mathias
Mac McDonald
Phil Raschke (KLAY Radio)
James and Margaret Ray
Mandarin Gallery
(Florence Welborn)
Lora Wiltfong
Elaine Winter
Paul J. Wood

TREASURES

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Everyone has seen at least a few of them. Matthew Brady, who is credited with orchestrating the effort to document the war with the new technology of photography, went bankrupt after the war. Who wanted the gruesome images he and his team captured on glass plates? The federal government rejected his proposal to archive the images. He and other photographers had to sell thousands of those images, not for what they represented in our national history, but for use in green houses. The images were scraped off, and the glass recycled. One can only wonder what our nation lost by a short-sighted public more than 100 years ago. The surviving photographs are now treasured for their research value of a time that challenged our nation's foundation.

Let's not let local shortsightedness now affect what could be historical treasures to our children and their children. Share what history you have, or support your local historical associations.



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Programs and Events, Summer 2013

Sat-Sun, July 13th-14th- Sat, 10 am-7 pm, Sun, 10 am-5 pm,- City of Lakewood's SummerFEST, Ft Steilacoom Park, Come visit Society booth, Hawaii raffle drawing on Sat, 4 pm.

Tues, July 16th, 7 pm- History and Tour of American Lake VA Hospital, 9600 Veterans Dr, Tacoma, VA Hospital celebrates its 90th anniversary, tour the grounds and learn about the history as well as plans for future. Refreshments at Golf Course Clubhouse.

Wed, August 7th, 7 pm- Lakewood Library: From Humble Beginnings to a 21st Century Facility, in observation of the 50th Anniversary of Lakewood Library, 6300 Wildaire Rd SW, displays, refreshments.

Thurs, August 8th, 1 pm- Let's Make History Together: Tacoma Speedway, Lakewood Senior Activity Center, 9112 Lakewood Dr SW. Free to public. Call 253-798-4090 to sign up.

Tues, August 13th, 11 am-3 pm- Lakewood Farmers Market, by City Hall in Lakewood Towne Center; Visit Society booth.

Tues, August 20th, 7 pm- History of Clover Park Technical College and Recent Developments on Campus, St Mary's Episcopal Church, 10630 Gravelly Lake Dr SW; presented by Dr John Walstrum, retiring president of CPTC.

Tues, September 10th- 11 am-7 pm (note extended hours)-Lakewood Farmers Market, by City Hall in Lakewood Towne Center; Visit Society booth.

Tues, September 17th- John Flett: Early Lakewood Pioneer, Beth Julian, descendant of John Flett, will relate the fascinating family history and the story of the Flett Dairy. St Mary's Episcopal Church, 10630 Gravelly Lake Dr SW.

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