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To DISCOVER, RECOVER, PRESERVE, SHARE AND CELEBRATE  
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## THE CIVIL WAR AS “LIVING THEATER”



Lorraine McConaghy (Photo courtesy of  
Museum of History and Industry)

### JANUARY GENERAL MEETING:

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 12**

**10:30 A.M. TO 12:00 NOON**

Old Redmond Schoolhouse

Community Center

16600 NE 80th Street

**Lorraine McConaghy**, public historian at the Museum of History and Industry in Seattle, spoke about the Civil War at our November meeting and returns in January with a new twist: a “Living Theater” program during which audience members read out loud the recorded words of settlers as well as territorial military and administrative leadership who were dealing with the Civil War from Washington territory.

Lorraine will start with a brief lecture to set context and end with a conversation. Presented by Humanities Washington, the program highlights the changing significance of words like “Democrat” and “Republican” and deals with opinions on race and slavery. “It is one thing to hear these startling realities in a lecture,” Humanities Washington states in its publicity. “It is more powerful to speak them.”

Visit [humanities.org/programs/speakers/current-speakers/lorraine\\_mcconaghy](http://humanities.org/programs/speakers/current-speakers/lorraine_mcconaghy) for more information.



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# WHAT'S NEW ONLINE

We've wrapped up our *Centennial Chronicle* by archiving each decade on our website. Under Table of Contents at [redmondhistoricalsociety.org](http://redmondhistoricalsociety.org) click on *Centennial Chronicle* for the full list.

Ready for a history challenge? **Kim Dietz**, the City's planner for historic preservation, put together a crossword puzzle and a *Match the Name to the Fame* game for Boy Scouts researching our history for the Centennial—and now it's free to all. Check it out online at [redmond.gov/Government/HistoricPreservation/activities/](http://redmond.gov/Government/HistoricPreservation/activities/)

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## SHOWCASING OUR HISTORY

## ODD FELLOWS BUILDING RESTORATION

One of Redmond's oldest buildings—once home to the local Independent Order of Odd Fellows, a service group helping the community—has its rings back thanks to a City heritage grant and the support of Redmond's Bar & Grill owner **Tim Short**. The deteriorating Odd Fellows insignia was restored and last December reattached to the building front on Leary Way.



Order of Odd Fellows Rings restored recently  
(Photo courtesy of Kim Dietz.)

The three rings are linked to form a chain. "The first represents friendship, the second love and the third truth," said **Bruce Kenyon**, a Redmond resident and 57-year IOOF member.

For more about the restoration see [redmond.gov/Government/HistoricPreservation/CityLandmarks/oddfellowshall](http://redmond.gov/Government/HistoricPreservation/CityLandmarks/oddfellowshall)

For more about the IOOF and the 1903 building, which is designated as a City landmark, search for "Odd Fellows" on our website at [redmondhistoricalsociety.org](http://redmondhistoricalsociety.org)

WOOD  
WATER  
WORKS

Vintage wood pipe example (Photo courtesy of Miguel Llanos.)

Redmond's water system used to be made up of wood pipes (red cedar) wrapped with wire to keep them secure. This piece seen above, thought to be from the 1920s, was dug up in front of the Old Redmond Schoolhouse Community Center a few years ago when crews were doing repairs.

City public works employee **Dave Reese** has been the unofficial caretaker of the piece and explained firemen would get water by tapping holes into the wood, and then closing the holes with what they called fireplugs—a term that lives on today in other ways!

CENTENNIAL BY DAY / REDMOND LIGHTS BY NIGHT  
EVENT AND GRAND FINALE CENTENNIAL EVENT

An estimated 10,000 people attended the combined Centennial by Day / Redmond Lights by Night event on Saturday December 1, 2012.

Hundreds of people visited the Redmond Historical Society and Eastside Heritage Center booths, and gingerbread replicas of historic Redmond buildings made by various groups were a huge hit. Below are two, and check out our website [redmondhistoricalsociety.org](http://redmondhistoricalsociety.org) for views of all them.



Above left—Justice White House Replica made by Redmond Town Center staff. Above right—Dudley Carter's Haidou House Replica created by City Parks staff. (Photos courtesy City of Redmond).

The ice sculpture at right had a short but beautiful life.

For the Grand Finale Centennial Event, the City organized a giant bonfire outside City Hall on Sunday, December 30, 2012. As **Mayor John Marchione** put it, “Redmond had one giant birthday candle!”



Redmond Centennial Ice Sculpture (Photo courtesy of Brian Ranck, [headspinnerphotography.com](http://headspinnerphotography.com)).

The celebrations culminated with the dedication of a time capsule to be kept in a City vault. City departments contributed paper records as well as a water sample and a commemorative police coin! The Redmond Historical Society provided a copy of *Redmond Reflections* and *Our Town Redmond*.

To review the year of Centennial celebrations, go online at:

[100years.redmond.gov](http://100years.redmond.gov)

## EASTSIDE SYMPHONY CONTRIBUTES *REDMOND OVERTURE* PERFORMANCE



Conductor **Alexei Girsh** and the Eastside Symphony perform the *Redmond Overture* at the Redmond High School Performing Arts Center. (Photo courtesy of Jeffery Taylor).

Based here in Redmond, the Eastside Symphony got into the Centennial spirit with a piece composed by symphony musician **Jeffrey Taylor** at the request of director **Alexei Girsh**. The overture is about mood, Taylor says on his website, having done his homework with some local research.

“The history of Redmond is relatively uneventful,” he writes. “No Indian warfare. No historic battles. The greatest disruptions were Prohibition when the saloons closed and reduced the city’s tax base, and the exhaustion of the supply of logs, which changed the agricultural industry from logging to farming.

“The four-note opening motive of this piece represents a brief but ever-present uncertainty of the future,” he adds. “The serenity of the Sammamish River Valley can be heard in the long, peaceful theme that follows, while the everyday enjoyment of activities and business bustle of companies like Microsoft take shape in the faster middle section.”

The symphony performed the piece on Sunday, December 2, 2012 at Redmond High School’s Performing Arts Center. That performance is now on YouTube for the world to see and hear: [youtu.be/DTkJDj\\_Op5g](http://youtu.be/DTkJDj_Op5g)

More about Taylor and the piece itself are online at:

[eastsidesymphony.org/Soloists.html#JeffTaylor2012](http://eastsidesymphony.org/Soloists.html#JeffTaylor2012)  
[artsnsounds.com/jt-music.htm](http://artsnsounds.com/jt-music.htm)

## REDMOND CHORALE PERFORMANCE

Laurie Betts Hughes of the Redmond Chorale wrote a Centennial piece that the group sang at the Saturday, December 1, 2012, "Centennial by Day" celebration. Watch the performance at [facebook.com/photo.php?v=10151363925882033](https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?v=10151363925882033). The Jennie June, cited below, was one of the early boats that plied the waters of Lake Sammamish.

### *SAILING ON THE DEW*

Verse:

1) One by one homesteaders come  
By scow, and scull, and steamer  
They reach the shore near Willowmoor  
Upon the winding river  
So shallow is the water  
That we hope to make it through  
And it's hey-o, a-way-o!  
We're sail-ing on the dew.

2) Yesterday I found my way  
With Captain Luke McRedmond  
Through winter flood and squaking mud  
Through snag and shoal and headwind  
We sail away from yesterday  
And on the whole day through.  
And it's hey-o, away-o!  
We're sail-ing on the dew.

Chorus:

Sail on! Sail on!  
Sail on, Jennie June  
She's steaming on to Redmond  
And we're sail-ing on the dew  
Sail on! Sail on!  
Sail on, Jennie June  
She's steaming up in January,  
Steam-ing down in June  
All while we're sail-ing on the dew.

3) For a side wheeler, one trip was all.  
The Mud Hen clogged her paddle  
So William rowed,  
Matilda bailed  
The two weeks from Seattle  
With Jennie's prop, we're steaming up  
Hurrah for Jennie June!  
And it's hey-o, away-o!  
We're sail-ing on the dew.

Chorus

4) Homesteader and entrepreneur  
From then and now and later  
Sail yesterday and still today  
And more will come tomorrow  
The budding Happy Valley's  
Waiting there for me and you  
And it's hey-o, away-o!  
We're sail-ing on the dew.

Extended Chorus

## HOME DEPOT STEPS BACK IN TIME



(Photos courtesy of Miguel Llanos)



Above: Home Depot employee **Karen Miller** dresses the part of a suffragette!

Left: **Ray** and **Ruth Adams** along with **Tom Hitzroth** "hang out" at the replica Redmond Hardware facade inside Redmond Home Depot

Inspired by Redmond's first hardware store, staff at the Redmond Home Depot built a replica façade and entertained customers with a wood carver and employees dressed in period outfits. Led by **Karen Miller**, the staff walked through the store as if it were 1912 all over again! The elaborate Centennial event was part of a Home Depot competition among stores to connect to their communities.

"Honorary residents" of this replica Redmond were **Ray** and **Ruth Adams**, and **Tom Hitzroth**, chairman of the City Landmark Commission. Ray is the brother of **Ernest Adams**, whose birth in 1912 made him the 300th resident and allowed Redmond to seek incorporation as a city.

## SEATTLE TIMES REVIEWS REDMOND'S FIRST 100 YEARS

**Ray** and **Ruth Adams** were also the centerpiece of a Centennial tribute in The Seattle Times. **Tom Hitzroth** and **Nancy Way**, author of *Our Town Redmond*, were interviewed as well in the report capturing Redmond's journey. It's online at [http://seattletimes.com/html/localnews/2019899172\\_redmond14m.html](http://seattletimes.com/html/localnews/2019899172_redmond14m.html)

## A HUGE HISTORICAL THANK YOU TO:

**RUTH and RAY ADAMS, MARGE and ROY HANSON, MARY HANSON, JERRY HARDY, CHERYL and GENE MAGNUSON and JOE TOWNSEND** for staffing the December 1, 2012 Centennial by Day event booth.

**FRIENDS OF REDMOND LIBRARY** for donating a bound copy of the History of the Nokomis Club written by **ALEXA MUNOZ**.

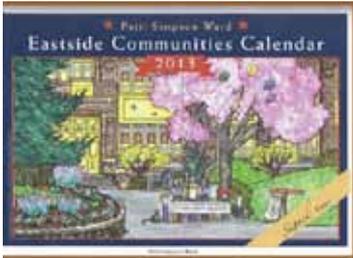
**BARBARA JOHNSON**, visting from Arizona, for bringing in Redmond photos and news clippings for us to make digital copies from.

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### LOIS PHILLIPS HUDSON DISPLAY AT LIBRARY

Swing by the Redmond Library through the end of January 2013 for a display on the life and legacy of the late **LOIS PHILLIPS HUDSON**, our city's most-renowned author.

### 2013 EASTSIDE CALENDERS FOR SALE



**PATTI SIMPSON WARD**, our retiring art director and an artist known across the state for her American Primitive paintings, created a special Eastside calendar for 2013 that we have on sale at the office for \$24.95 plus tax.

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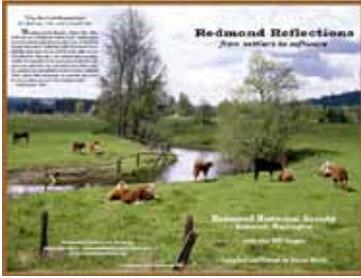
### IN MEMORIAM: WAYNE HAROLD BRASHEARS

The family of **WAYNE HAROLD BRASHEARS** notified us that the long time Redmond resident passed away last October 22, just 10 days after he and his wife, **THELMA**, celebrated their 75th wedding anniversary. Born in 1918, Wayne came to Redmond with his parents when he was about 7. He later worked for **BUSTER BRYDEN'S** Redmond gas station and then for Lakeside Gravel in Bellevue. The Brashears had three children: **LINDA FRANKLIN, CAROLYN COOPER** and **EDYTH ANDERSON**.



Thelma and Wayne Brashears (Photo Courtesy of Brashears family)

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This painting of the Adair House, *Antics at Anderson Park*, is the work of fine artist Patti Simpson Ward. See more images of Eastside settings on [pattisimpsonward.com](http://pattisimpsonward.com).

**NOVEMBER MEETING  
ATTENDEES**

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(please notify us of any errors)

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