



NEWSLETTER

The mission of the Mercer Island Historical Society is to collect, preserve, research, record, and make available the heritage of Mercer Island.

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Historical Society Gets Connected

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Wherever you may be, you can now access the Mercer Island Historical Society via phone or the Internet.

The society received gracious donations after they sent a flyer to local residents and businesses asking for funds. A computer was purchased and a phone line was installed at the offices under City Hall. The society has not yet broken even on the venture, but funding in the form of a sustaining grant has been awarded to help in the maintenance of the site.

Pamela Fricke Smith, the project manager for the web project worked with Emerson Kennedy the designer of the web site to create a site which is easy to use and informational.

The site is continually being updated to include new information, including a new message board where people can post messages telling of their memories on Mercer Island. "We hope this will become a history book in itself where people can post



The home page of the MI Historical Society web site.

memories, then others can add to them, says Smith. It can be a real community on the Internet where people tell their stories in their words".

The web site shows pictures of the first concepts of the floating bridge, and it is hoped to add more information from the Homer Hadley archives.

We are looking for people who are interested in writing content for our web site. We have many interesting files at the historical society that could be shared with our community if we have more help in writing.

Highlights

Reduced price on books!

The price of the "Mercer Island Heritage" book has been lowered. Hard cover is \$10.00, and soft cover is \$7.00. Available at Island Books.

Our new look

We hope you like the new look of our newsletter. We hope this will be easier for you to read so you can find the information you need.

Community Service?

We have many projects for anyone looking to do community service. Please contact us if interested in helping.

In the news!

We've had some good editorial in The Mercer Island Reporter lately. We hope that by informing the community about what the society is doing, others will become more involved in efforts to collect, preserve, research, record, and make available the heritage of Mercer Island.

Upcoming Meetings

September 17, 2001:

It's a social time with friends at The Roanoke Inn, 1825 72nd SE. (206.232.0800). We want to thank Dorothy Reeck in advance for her kind hospitality. The gathering starts at 1:00 p.m.

October 15, 2001:

Commissioner Leon L. Leeds, Ph.D., Chairman of the King County Landmarks and Heritage Commission will

talk on historical sites and heritage education. Mr. Leeds lives on Mercer Island.

November 19, 2001:

Member Dr. Al Skinner will share his interest and the results of his research on maritime exploration of the West Coast.

The October and November meetings are located at the community center and begin at 1:00 p.m.



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The Historical Society Committee's

We are looking for volunteers to help on these committee's.

- **Archive Committee** - Preserves archives, photos and videos for permanent storage.
- **Filing Committee** - Files and organizes new acquisitions.
- **Finance Committee** - Works with the treasurer to develop a financial plan.
- **Fund Raising Committee** - Markets and sells Historical Society information such as the Mercer Island Heritage book.
- **Grant Committee** - Researches and writes grants for our historical projects.
- **Historical Marker Committee** - Research historic places on Mercer Island, solicit funds to pay for historic markers, then place markers on selected historical sites.
- **Hospitality Committee** - Provides refreshments and desserts for our monthly meetings.
- **Program Committee** - Plans and schedules programs for the monthly meetings.
- **Promotions Committee** - Ensures notification is made to members and the community of society events and programs. Sub-committee's include our newsletter, Mercer Island Reporter Liaison, and our phone tree.
- **Web Site Committee** - Develops content and publishes updates for the web site.

The Mercer Island Historical Society is a volunteer organization.

Membership Renewal

To keep our costs down, we do not send out bills for dues. We depend on our members to pay them at a meeting or mail them to:

Mercer Island Historical Society
PO Box 111, Mercer Island, WA 98040

Single: \$10 Family: \$15

The dues pay for newsletters, mailings and office expenses. The Mercer Island Historical Society is a non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation. All gifts are tax deductible as allowed by law.

Meet the Board



The Board of Directors pictured from the left: Adele Byrd, Sam Lake, Phil Flash, Walt Rodgers, Delores Erchinger, Ed Maloof, Barbara Ford, Kisi Goode, Dave Harris, Joe Joseph, and Ruth Fricke. Not pictured: Bud Liebes.