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**Special points of interest:**

- Check the Calendar of Events on Page 7 and log them onto your calendar!
- Have you shared the THA brochure with potential new members?. It's time to invite family and friends to join the Tumwater Historical Association. Call Sandi Gray at (360) 943-0405 for more brochures.
- **SAVE THE DATE !!!!**  
Saturday, May 14, 2011, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm — Thurston County Through the Decades —1850-1875, Tenino City Park.
- **SAVE THE DATE !!!!**  
Saturday, June 4, 2011, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm — Annual Pioneer Fair at the American Heritage Campgrounds.

THA offers great opportunities for you to participate in history like you've never done before. Put the above events on your calendar and join us as we celebrate our past!

## ROBERT G. COOKSEY TO RECEIVE GOVERNOR'S AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING HISTORY

Robert "Bob" Cooksey will be recognized and honored at the Washington State History Society's annual awards luncheon on June 18<sup>th</sup> at the Washington State History Museum in Tacoma, WA.

Bob Cooksey, THA Vice President, alias Captain McAllister, alias Tumwater Middle School Homesteaders Teacher, has taught Washington State History to the Homesteaders at the Tumwater Middle School for 13 years.

Bob had no idea the nomination was in the works. THA members surprised him by announcing his nomination at the Homesteader's Spring Dance. Bob was recognized in front of his students, parents, and other community members who were in attendance at this great Homesteader activity.

THA Board Member Dave Shade said "Bob very definitely deserves this recognition. We have enjoyed work-

ing with Bob and having the pleasure of interacting with the Homesteaders over the years. Without his efforts, Cider Sunday and Pioneer Fair would not be possible. We are very proud of Bob's accomplishments and think he has carried on the tradition of the Homesteaders with his dedication and hard work."

Following is a brief excerpt of the nomination which was sent to the WSHS:

"Mr. Cooksey has demonstrated his commitment to the effective teaching of the history of the Pacific Northwest as an outstanding certified teacher in the Tumwater School District for the past 13 years. His dedication, determination and understanding of the challenges of educational excellence requires him to exceed the academic requirements of the educational



process, incorporating student excellence, parental involvement and public interaction with students and non-profit organizations in the process of preservation of the history of the Pacific Northwest.

Robert G. Cooksey uses an innovative history curriculum and demonstrates consistent effectiveness in utilizing Pacific Northwest history to educate in the classroom and the community. The Tumwater Middle School Eighth Grade Homesteaders Project epitomizes the advancement of Pacific Northwest history as a field of academic inquiry, has a lasting impact on students and community members, uses and demonstrates the technology of the 1850's, and encourages Pacific Northwest themes in educational and public school presentations."

## THURSTON COUNTY THROUGH THE DECADES—1850-1875 —By Karen Johnson

Please join us for a fun-filled day on May 14, when THA hosts its next living history event, the second in its series "Thurston County Through the Decades." May's event will focus on the years 1850 through 1875, and will be held at the Tenino City Park

from 10 am to 4 pm. Admission is free.

A wealth of activities and performances will be available: Period music by Phil and Vivian Williams and John Salicco, living history performers Ray Egan appearing as

pioneer Willis Boatman and Michael Froslic appearing as Dr. William Tolmie, the Lost Towner Mess military encampment from Fort Steilacoom, mountain man/fur trapper display by Steve Geselle, pioneer gardening and cooking demonstrations, let-

# HISTORICAL GREETINGS TO YOU!

—BY DON TROSPER, PRESIDENT

Historic greetings to you! I hope you enjoy this spring edition of our Tumwater Historical Association newsletter. There seems to be a lot happening right now in a historical sense in our community. There's a new owner of the old Olympia brew-house and progress is finally being made towards developing that historically significant property. Tumwater High School is celebrating 50 years this year and a committee is currently working on a special gathering.

With our group the spring brings a lot of excitement and activity. Our quilter's group continues to be quite

active and are currently working with the TMS Homesteader's students on their quilt project. The Homesteaders program is gearing up for their annual Pioneer Fair to be held from 10 to 4, June 4<sup>th</sup> at the American Heritage Camp-ground on Kimmie Street south of 93<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and THA is intimately involved in that great event again that is open to the general public. We also are excited about continuing our "Thurston County Through the Decades" semi-annual series of living history events that we began last October. This time we are joining forces with local history reinactors and groups as we portray the

activities and music of the 25 year period from 1850 to 1875. The event will be held in Tenino May 14<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to 4 pm in their great city park area and we're definitely fired up about this family event, as you can tell from our article in this newsletter. We on the board are also happy to premier our new "finery" as we have our period costuming ready to be put into public view.

We at THA hope you'll be inspired and join our organization as a member, if you've not already done so. It's great fun, educational, and honors the rich history of Tumwater.

*"\$20 REWARD—  
LOST IN GOING  
TO WOOD'S  
Minstrels last evening, a  
lady's FINE GOLD  
HUNTING  
WATCH marked  
M. C. F. Whoever will  
return it to No. 17 West  
Houston st. will receive  
the above reward."  
—The New York  
Times, Saturday,  
July 19, 1862*

## BUSH PRAIRIE FARM

—BY GAIL TRACY

The original 1845 homestead of George and Isabella Bush continues as a working farm with new owners, Mark and Kathleen Clark. The Clarks purchased the five-acre farm from Tony and Marilyn Sexton a little over a year ago with a dream to preserve the rich soil and history of this place. The newly named Bush Prairie Farm has received lots of attention lately. A scion of the 165-year old butternut tree planted by George Bush was recently transplanted on the Capitol Campus near the World War II monument. And, the Thurston County Historical Commission presented a paper on the George Bush family at the national African American Historical Research and Preservation Conference held in Seattle on Feb. 5, 2011. While none of the original buildings are standing, the Clarks continue to work with Dale Croes, archeologist at SPSCC in identifying and preserving artifacts from the farm.



**Bush Butternut Tree  
Planted in 1845**

Mark and Kathleen are locals—both graduated from Tumwater High School in 1974 and went on to Washington State University. Coincidentally, Owen Bush, son of George, was instrumental in the creation of WSU. Mark's degree is in agricultural engineering and he has experience in plant growing operations. Kathleen's background is in nutrition and prevention of chronic disease. Together, they are using their complementary talents to create a sustainable farm business.

Bush Prairie Farm will open for business in June, growing delicious vegetables and flowers without pesticides. Sign-ups for weekly Community Supported Agriculture subscriptions are going fast; however, the farm will be open for direct sales on Saturdays from 10 am - 1 pm starting in June. You are welcome to come see the farm and share your knowledge of the history of this site. For more information, visit the website at [www.bushprairiefarm.com](http://www.bushprairiefarm.com).

## WANTED THA Members

Join Now — Ask Us How  
Call (360) 943-6951  
or send an e-mail to  
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# HOMESTEAD QUILTERS' NEWS

—BY KATHLEEN KOONTZ

THA Homestead quilters have been working through a busy winter agenda of activities. We are now doing the hand quilting on the THA fund raiser quilt that is a charm quilt (which simply means there are no two matching fabrics in it). This colorful quilt is edged in white with a soft green backing. As soon as it is finished it will be at all our events if you would like to participate in having an opportunity to win it.

The quilters have been helping teachers from Tumwater Middle School Homesteaders to prepare for the spring quilting

section that is required. The girls will be working on a Crazy Quilt so templates and required materials are being assembled as well as a roster of helpers to assist the girls. The Pioneer Fair which is held late in the school year welcomes the community to come and see the activities and demonstrations that the students have mastered and the THA quilters will be there too.

On February 11 the quilters went on a field trip to Castle Rock to see the quilt show there. Our WE VOTE quilt

from our suffragette event was there as well as one of our Civil War Soldier's quilt. Our group diverted for lunch, two quilt shops, and ice cream. It was a most enjoyable outing!!!!

We continue to meet on the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) and fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) Mondays of the month at the Tumwater Methodist Church in Tumwater, 12:30 – 2:30pm. If you are interested in quilting or learning to quilt you are most welcome. We also study quilt history. Please phone 943-7527 or 943-1383 for information.

## CROSBY HOUSE ACTIVITIES

—BY BEV YORK (AKA: MRS. MARY LINCOLN CROSBY)

Friends of the Crosby House came en mass to free the garden of weeds on Saturday, February 19<sup>th</sup>. Our wonderful crew of volunteers, 19 gardeners and five Daughters of the Pioneers (who made a pot of hot soup and sandwiches for our volunteers), got the garden ready for Phase II, of the Restoration Project we have in the existing beds at the Museum.

Master Gardeners Connie Barclay and Kathleen Falk lead our team of willing volunteers in



saving the plants which were replanted and untangled from the weeds.

The Grandorffs, one of the several families who came to work, were from the Michael T. Simmons family and are a part of the annual Simmons

Family Picnic nearing its 100<sup>th</sup> annual picnic in nearby Historic Park. Keeping Tumwater's Historic sites in good condition, is a special interest for them.

We cordially invite the community to join us for our April 17<sup>th</sup> Planning a Victorian Garden Living History season opener from 1-4 pm. Suggested Donation of \$2/person is cheerfully accepted and helps with the upkeep of this lovely c. 1860's Victorian Home.

## THROUGH THE DECADES, CONTINUED

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ter writing and early post office hands-on activities, interactive rope-making demonstration, and hands-on wool carding and other textile displays.

Local heritage participants include: South Thurston County Historical Society, Lacey Historical Society, Bigelow House Museum, Daughters of the Pioneers of Washington, the Olympia His-

torical Society, THA Homestead Quilters, Washington State Library, and the Thurston County Historic Commission.

The Tenino Museum and Ticknor school house will be open for tours, and special displays on Tenino-area pioneers will be offered. The South Thurston County His-

torical Society will also sell an issue of Tenino wooden money designed and printed especially for this event. Refreshments will be available. A luncheon will be served from 11:30 to 2 PM by the Lions Club.

This will be an entertaining and educational day for all ages. We'll see you there!

*MARRIED—On the 30<sup>th</sup> ult., at the house of the bride's father Nelson Barnes, Esq., by Rev. B.C. Lippincott, MR. JOHN SCOTT and MISS CHARLOTTE BARNES, all of Tumwater.*

—Washington Standard, May 4, 1861

*[Editor's note: "Ult." was a common abbreviation of the 1800s, and stands for ultimo" which means "of the preceding month." Since this news item appeared in May, "the 30<sup>th</sup> ult." refers to April 30. Similarly, "instant" means of the present month, and "proximo" means of the coming month.]*

## 2011 HOMESTEADER DANCE

—BY ROBERT COOKSEY, ALIAS CAPTAIN MCALLISTER



On February 12<sup>th</sup>, there was a pioneer Valentines celebration held at Tumwater Middle School. The TMS Homesteaders, and guests, enjoyed the annual Old Time Dance and Dessert Fest to the music of Jon Flory and the Grizzle Grizzle band. Homesteaders attended in their normal pioneer attire to get the feel of what social life was like in the 1800's, complete with period appropriate music. We were joined this year by several guests, to include civil war reenactors and members of the Tumwater Historical Association, who were also in their best pioneer clothing. As the pictures show, everyone had a splendid time and the desserts everyone brought in were the icing on the cake. Having members from the

Civil War group and THA board members really added to the homesteaders enjoying the event since there were others who "dressed up". Many homesteaders really got into the tunes of Buffalo Gal, as well as dancing the Virginia Reel, and practicing their pioneer (period appropriate) etiquette. By the time they were really into the dance and started doing the square dance routines they didn't want to stop. By the end of the dance all the kids, both young and old, were tucked out but with a smile on their face. Many of the kids have asked if they could come back next year, even though they will not be in the middle school. The answer is YES. All homesteaders, former homesteaders, and families are welcome to this annual event. Captain and Mrs. McAllister and Mrs. Stauffer want to thank the Civil War visitors, THA members, plus the Homesteaders and their families for the great turn-out. A big thank goes to those homesteaders who helped as the Dance Committee by making all the decorations, plus helping with the setup (and clean-up) for the dance. You helped make this a memorable event for us all.



The fair will also feature the THA Country Store that magically appears at all THA sponsored events.

Bring your family, friends and especially the kids to this family-oriented, fun-filled event.

*"Homesteader Dance  
Photos include: The  
Grizzle Grizzle Band,  
THA Board Members  
and guests in Civil War  
era attire, Homesteader  
Kids dancing Buffalo  
Gal, Homesteaders and  
parents enjoying the dance  
and music. A great time  
was had by all."*

## HOMESTEADERS PREPARE FOR JUNE 4 PIONEER FARM

The Tumwater Middle School Homesteader Class is busy preparing for its upcoming Pioneer Fair. The girls are learning quilting and hand stitching methods while the boys are busy tackling tin and blacksmithing techniques.

The Pioneer Fair is open to the public on Saturday, June 4 from 10 am to 4 pm at the American Heritage Campground on Kimmie Street in Tumwater, off 93rd Avenue.

Tumwater Middle School Homesteader students demonstrate their pioneer skills by presenting a hands-on children's fair filled with activities like candle and rope making, blacksmithing, clothes laundering, butter churning, and quilt making. The event will also feature wagon rides and old-time music for all to enjoy. This fun-filled three-day fair is shared with all Tumwater 4th grade students.

# SOUTHGATE SHOPPING CENTER

—BY DON TROSPER, PRESIDENT



It's interesting to trace the changes that take place in a community over time. Our focus today is a part of Tumwater known as the Southgate Shopping Center. It's a commercial development at the corner of Capitol Boulevard and Trospers Road, near exit #102 off I-5. In 2011 the center includes many commercial businesses such as Southgate Ace Hardware, Southgate Drug, O'Reilly's Auto Supply, S & J Espresso, Jack-in-the-Box, Taco Bell, and a strip mall that has a new pet store at one end and Happy Teriyaki at the other.

It wasn't until **1931** that the first commercial building appeared on the current Southgate site. The first business was on the site of today's Jack-in-the-Box. It was called Thompson's Grocery and Feed Store and was operated by Ernest and Lena Thompson and her family. They sold groceries in the store and operated a Maxwell/Mobilgas station to service the public out of the little wooden building on the corner. Next to it were a barber shop and feed store run by son Joe Thompson.

Thompson's Grocery store remained until 1948. In its place, Terrell Poage and his son Earl operated a Mobilgas station with the famous flying horse symbol on the sign. Just behind the station, where today's Taco Bell stands, Larry Vatne built and opened a concrete block structure that

housed a barber shop and a grocery store called the Southgate Market.

Ten years later in **1961** the Vatnes (Larry, Clarence and Art) built Southgate Supermarket. The store took advantage of a big freeway interchange off the all-new Interstate Highway 5, which also attracted more service stations, Eagan's Big Tom Drive-in, the Tye Motor Inn, the Tumwater Inn tavern, Charlie's Trailer Sales on Littlerock Road, and more. The Vatnes

found that the new store cost more than they imagined so they sold it to a man from Seattle (John Nelson) and then they

leased the store back from him. John Fuqua became the manager of the store and in 1962 they hired a young man as assistant manager who came from the Sea Mart/Yard Birds store downtown. His name was Dave Gubbe.

The Southgate complex grew quickly with the supermarket as the focal point. Southgate Rexall Drug Store opened in 1963, leased to Bill Pace. By 1964, Dave Gubbe became the manager of the supermarket and coffee shop. In 1965 Southgate Builder's Supply opened in the new building on

the freeway side of the drug store. It was operated by Bud Paulson. Next to that business was a Laundromat and the new Tumwater town library with librarian Joyce Nichols. In another building sharing the parking lot (what is now O'Reilly's Auto Parts) was a Veterinarian and a barber/beauty shop. Later it became a carpet and floor covering business.

The Vatnes wanted to sell in 1971 and encouraged a partnership be formed consisting of Dave and Marge Gubbe and Clyde and Mary Carpenter. Mary had been office manager of the market for years and the families decided to go ahead with the proposal, beginning a ten year partnership. The Carpenters retired in 1982 and the Gubbes then bought their shares. Dave and Marge bought the building in 1984. Not long after that they bought the



current O'Reilly's building and a couple years later they bought the property where now sits the Jack-in-the-Box and Taco Bell. Southgate Supermarket closed in March of 1997 after 36 years of serving people of the south Tumwater area. The building now houses Ace Hardware.

The Gubbe family still owns the complex and the businesses there are still thriving and serving a town that continues to grow. They remain a big part of Tumwater's rich history.

*"COUNTRY BOARD MAY BE HAD AT Milton, Ulster, on the banks of the Houston by calling on or addressing Mrs. L. A. ORDWAY. Terms \$4 and \$5 per week."*

*—The New York Times, Monday, August 4, 1862*

## 2010 YEAR IN REVIEW

—BY SANDI GRAY

### Activities and Events

“SUBSTITUTES.  
A Substitute.—I will  
serve as a substitute in  
the Confederate service for  
\$2,500. or in the Militia  
for \$1,500. For further  
information apply to  
THOMAS ALLEN,  
Depot Agent at Duck  
Hill.

WANTED.—Anyone  
wishing to act as a  
substitute for a man  
subject to the Conscript  
Act, will receive the  
following compensation: a  
likely negro boy and Five  
Hundred dollars.  
Address B., Appeal  
Office.”

—The New York  
Times, Thursday,  
August 21, 1862.

**We Vote! 100 Years for Washington Women - Celebrating 100 Years of Women's Suffrage through Quilts, Textiles and Traditional Women's Crafts.** This event, held May 8 at the Schmidt House in Tumwater was sponsored by the THA Homestead Quilters, the South Sound Quilt Study Group and the Olympia Tumwater Foundation. Participants included the Olympia Women's Club, Bigelow House Museum, the YWCA "Other Bank," the Tumwater Middle School Homesteaders and 22 volunteers, mostly in period costume. Highlights included Tumwater Mayor Pete Kmet, noon speakers Senator Karen Fraser and County Auditor Kim Wyman. Quilt and fabric expert Bev Dunivent provided workshops on quilts and patterns of the 1910 era and on quilt care and repair. A special pictorial quilt featuring local suffragettes designed and made by the two quilting groups was on display. The event was videotaped by Terry Huntley and has been featured on Tumwater TV.

**Pioneer Fair - June 3, 4 and 5 at the American Heritage Campground.** TMS Homesteaders provided this hands-on children's fair to Tumwater's 4<sup>th</sup> grade students and, on Saturday, to the public. Activities included rope making, blacksmithing, candle making and many other opportunities for the children. The THA general store was on hand and the Cispus parents provided refreshments. Many THA board members sported their period costumes.

**Thurston County Through the Decades - October 3, 2010 at Tumwater Falls Park.** This event was the first of a series highlighting each quarter century of Thurston County history beginning with 1825-1850. Featured activities included the New Market Homestead Cider Sunday with cider pressing by the TMS Homesteaders. Other activities included rope making for children, 1825 style letter writing, fur trapping and other demonstration, music by John Salico, riverwalk tours, Stream Team salmon activities, the THA Country Café operated by Cispus parents, the THA General Store, *Somewhere in Time Unlimited* period clothing fashion shows, a Dutch Oven cooking demonstration, and other activities.

- **Homesteader Dance and Dessert Fest** held February 27 at Tumwater Middle School
- **Living History Day** at Fort Nisqually with Dave Shade and his rope making equipment
- **Welcome Homesteaders** September 18 at Delphi School
- **Homestead Quilters** demonstration in August at the Thurston County Fair
- **Quilter's Getaway** on October 30 at Olympics West
- **Homestead Quilters** participation at **A Day of Jubilation** celebrating Women's Suffrage November 8 at the state capital building.
- **Homestead Quilters** taught the three week Homesteader girls quilting class in April—the girls each made one or two squares of a log cabin quilt.

#### Outreach/Marketing/Membership Activities:

- Created and distributed the Tumwater Historical Association brochure which provides information, activity schedules and membership information.
- Created the THA website, [tumwaterhistoricalassociation.org](http://tumwaterhistoricalassociation.org) with the help of New Market students. The website features several pages and a video done by the students at the Pioneer Fair.
- Placed month long displays in the Lacey, Olympia and Tumwater Timberland Libraries promoting our activities and the Tumwater Middle School Homesteader Program.
- Created and distributed an educational brochure promoting *We Vote! 100 Years for Washington Women* and providing a detailed history of women's suffrage in Washington.
- Created and distributed three newsletters featuring THA activities and reminiscences from the past.

#### Grants and Scholarships:

- Awarded \$2750 grant from the City of Tumwater for tourism events
- Awarded \$4000 grant from Thurston County for authentic period costumes
- Gave \$300 Edna Holden Scholarship Awards to two Tumwater students

#### Fundraising:

- **Medallion** Quilt with Log Cabin Appliqué was completed by the Homestead Quilters, who sold raffle tickets at all THA activities and other locations and raised over \$700.
- The THA **General Store** operated at each THA activity.
- **History of Tumwater** books by Don Trosper offered for sale at THA events and community locations.

# THA MEMBERSHIP REPORT

**The Tumwater Historical Association's annual membership drive is underway.** We invite you to join us in celebrating and experiencing the history of yesterday.

You, like our ancestors before us, are currently living the history of our grandchildren and their descendents. Your membership provides you the opportunity to help write that history and to document the past and present for generations to come. Your membership will help us further the appreciation, understanding and teaching of the rich and unique history of the Tumwater area through research,

writing and publication of related historical material.

We look forward to including you as a member or our organization and ask that you invite your family and friends to join the Tumwater Historical Association in 2011.

### THA Annual Dues

Individual . . . . . \$20  
 Family (Household) . . . . \$25  
 Senior Citizen/Student . \$10  
 Business . . . . . \$50  
 Contributing Friend . . . \$50+  
 Estate Planning, (Information available upon request)

***"Your Community Is Your Heritage!"  
 Join THA today!***

### New Members for 2011

Kathleen and Mark Clark  
 Mary Jane Edmondson  
 Etta Keller

### Renewing Members

Joanne and Bill Baxter  
 Leida Hanning  
 Bev and Denny Jackson  
 Joyce and Sjoerd Kiers  
 Kathleen and Bernie Koontz  
 Keita and Dennis Laine  
 Judy Lindsay  
 Virginia Nelson  
 Darlene and Dale Soost  
 Gail Tracy  
 Gary Wilburn

**Thank you for your membership!**



*Sharing in the festivities were Leida Hanning, Kathy Koontz, Judy Lindsay, Jeanette Mary, Gail Tracy, and Anne Kelleher.*

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2nd & 4th Mondays 2nd Thursday	Homestead Quilters THA Board Meetings Schmidt House, 5:00–6:20 pm
April 17	Planning of the Pioneer/Victorian Kitchen Garden & Grounds Crosby House, 1:00-4:00 pm
April 30	Vintage Corsets by: Gene Barker Lacey Library, 10:30–12:30 pm
May 14	Thurston County thru the Decades Tenino City Park, 10:00–4:00 pm
May 15	Planting the Pioneer/Victorian Garden Crosby House, 1-4 pm
June 4	Pioneer Fair American Heritage Campground
June 18	WA State History Society Annual Awards Luncheon—Bob Cooksey, Honoree
June 19	Self-reliant Skills of the Pioneers Crosby House, 1-4 pm
July 17	Pioneer Staples—Salmon, Berries & Other Wild Edibles Crosby House, 1-4 pm
August 21	Preserving the Harvest, Drying Flowers, Herbs & Fruits Crosby House, 1-4 pm
September 17 September 18	Welcome Homesteaders Cordelia's Birthday & Games of the Period, Crosby House, 1-4 pm
October 2	Cider Sunday, THA Homesteaders Tumwater Falls Park
October 16	Enjoying the Harvest, Special Music Literary Readings Crosby House, 1-4 pm
October 29 November–March December 4	Quilters Getaway, Olympics West Crosby House CLOSED for the Winter THA Annual Meeting

## THA QUILTERS CELEBRATE THE VOTE

Huzzah! Huzzah! Huzzah! White handkerchiefs waved and cheers rang out as the election results of November 8, 1910, were read: the 5th amendment to our state constitution had been adopted, giving Washington's women the right to vote. At long last, the years of hard work had come to fruition! The reenactment of this historic moment was part of a day-long program in the State Capitol, organized by the Washington State Women's History Consortium, honoring the 100th Anniversary of women's suffrage.

Celebrating along with state officials and representatives of many civic groups around the area, were the Homestead Quilters from Tumwater Historical Association. Basing their display around the theme of *Women's History Through Quilts: Our Voice Before the Vote*, the Homestead Quilters spent the day overseeing their display on the 4th floor of the Capitol, chatting with attendees, and participating in the various other activities.

## THA Motto

*"Your Community is  
Your Heritage"*



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PROUD  
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# TUMWATER HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

## MISSION

*"The Tumwater Historical Association is organized for educational and cultural purposes relating to the history of the Tumwater area, its life and people."*

The Tumwater Historical Association (THA) is an active organization that was incorporated on October 2, 1981 with 200 charter members. THA is a tax-exempt, non-profit organization governed by the board of directors. The board generally meets the 2nd Thursday of each month at the Schmidt House in Tumwater, starting at 5:00 PM.

THA offers a variety of activities funded through membership dues, grants, donation, and entry fees. THA offers its members and the community the opportunity to partake in a variety of historical and education activities, such as:

Pioneer Fair

Cider Sunday

THA Country Store

Historical Field Trips

Oral History Program

THA Homestead Quilters

Heritage/Living History Programs

New Market Homestead Living History Museum

Call (360) 943-6951 or send an e-mail to [ctobeck@comcast.net](mailto:ctobeck@comcast.net) to request information about any of the above activities or to learn how you, too, can become a member of the Tumwater Historical Association.