



ROSLYN

Downtown Association

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"Northwestern Improvement Company Store" (1935).

NWIC BUILDING UPDATE



Masonry repointing of the NWIC Building is complete. VanWell Masonry, based in Snohomish, Washington, provides full-service masonry capabilities with a particular expertise in historic masonry repair and restoration. Their skilled craft work will ensure that the NWIC Building will stand the test of time.



Legacy Renovation, experts in historic window restoration, is carefully rebuilding and repainting the wood windows in the NWIC Building. Work is expected to be complete by the end of November.



THE ROSLYN CREATIVE CENTER PROJECT IS OFFICIALLY OFF THE GROUND!

The Roslyn Creative Center, known as the historic Lane House at 103 Idaho Street, dates back to the City's origins. Renovations are underway with Central Homes of Cle Elum as the general contractor. The Roslyn Creative Center will feature numerous educational, culinary, variety of art program offerings and events for all ages.

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RDA "Old Town Christmas" Friday, November 23rd

5:30-6:00pm Live Performance by Jake Weber and Rob Whitte
6:00pm Roslyn Fire Dept. Tree Lighting and Special Ho-Ho-Ho visitor
6:15 pm Parade of Lights



A demonstration kitchen provides a place to celebrate and share Roslyn's rich ethnic culinary traditions.

Roslyn Downtown Association displays local stories in NWIC Building

Here are a few excerpts from the stories by project writer, Lyn Derrick. Forthcoming stories include Roslyn Baseball, Roslyn Fire, Careks Meat Market:

Old #9 Mine –

Swiftwater Cellars

The former clanking and cranking is replaced with beauty, hospitality, excellent food and people enjoying life. Success is counted not in tons of coal, but in bottles and cases of wine – many of them award-winning. King Coal has been replaced, but not forgotten. In fact, it's honored. They embraced it by incorporating the mine's tipple building, where coal was transferred to railroad cars, into the winery's design. Swiftwater Cellars has restored a sense of honor to No. 9 Mine, embracing its history, honoring the hardworking people who made it great, and demonstrating the healing power of human determination.

Bob Harper

Roslyn's historic, western mining town atmosphere is preserved today in part because of the efforts of Bob and Dana Harper. In the 1960s, at the height of a push to get rid of the old buildings and modernize, the couple became proponents of preserving the downtown as it was. Bob felt the false-front, vintage buildings gave Roslyn character, and contributed to the value of the town.

It was a position Bob came by naturally. He was the son and grandson of business owners who anchored Roslyn's commerce district stretching back to the early 1900s.

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ROSLYN CREATIVE CENTER

After sitting vacant for several years, the RDA acquired the property in 2010. Volunteers cleared debris from the house and yard and installed temporary windows to help preserve the structure. Public engagement efforts to realize this significant project date back to 2011, when the RDA invited the UW Storefront Studio explored and presented a range of ideas for reuse. In 2016, the RDA organized a visioning workshop that helped shape numerous ideas for the Center. SHKS Architects developed the design to retain the building's historic character while adapting it for creative activities and programs.



Open classroom and exhibit space with movable tables and chairs provides a flexible gathering place for learning, display and creative activities.



The Roslyn Creative Center is safely back on the ground, resting on a new concrete foundation.



A covered porch, tool sheds and sturdy furniture transforms the backyard into a place for creative outdoor activities and events.

(local stories continued...)

Jaramillo

Roslyn is known for its history of ethnic diversity. Within that diversity lived immigrants connected to large cultural groups like the Croatians. Blindly toss a rock in Roslyn and without even trying you'll hit a Croatian, Serbian, or Slovak. On the other end of the spectrum were Hispanic immigrants; you could just about count those families on one hand. Being the smallest ethnic group in the community, it'd be easy for them to go unnoticed. And, that might have happened, except one of those families was the Jaramillos. They stood out. Not just amongst their own ethnic group, but within the whole community. Juan didn't speak English and Mary didn't speak Spanish, but a marriage of divergent cultures came about through this meeting. Yet, even this isn't the most exceptional part of the Jaramillo story because love stories abound wherever boy meets girl. The extraordinary comes to life in the family these two created. Six girls and one boy: Joann, Carolyn, Jayne, Johnny Jr., Ruth Ann, Gloria, and Anita. Trained by their father to sing and taught songs by their mother, the musical talents of the Jaramillos were a blessing to both Roslyn and Kittitas County for decades. From event to event, at plays, celebrations, schools, radio shows and fundraisers, the singing and harmonizing of the Jaramillos is a treasured mainstay.

RDA 2018 CONTRIBUTIONS HELPED SUPPORT:

AARF
High Country Log Show
Roslyn Downtown Maps
R- Town Art Festival
Roslyn Farmers Market
Roslyn Canine Festival
Ronald Club Community Heritage
Festival
Roslyn Fire Department
Roslyn Library
Vintage Trailer Rally
WA State Historical Trust Conference



2018 EXCELLENCE ON MAIN AWARD



HERITAGE DISTILLING

The Heritage Distilling Company received the 2018 Excellence on Main Award at the 2018 Revitalize WA conference in Port Townsend.

Heritage Distilling is a majority women-owned, family-operated craft distillery founded six years ago in Gig Harbor by Jennifer and Justin Stiefel. They recently opened a location in Roslyn's historic Northwest Improvement Company building, in the heart of downtown. The company's focus on honoring cultural heritage make it the perfect fit to anchor the development in which it now operates a tasting bar and a production area with six operating stills, all named after families from Roslyn's early days.

The Washington Main Street Facebook Page notes that 'Heritage Distilling is an excellent example of the power of entrepreneurial spirit to create jobs and destinations by embracing the trend of manufacturing moving back to Main Street. But more than that, the Stiefels have shown great commitment to the places and people that make up their business family by highlighting their heritage and investing in the communities themselves'.

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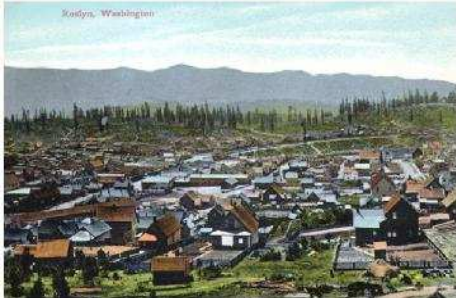


COMMUNITY EXPLORATION PROCESS

The RDA engaged the Ostara group to facilitate a series of community stakeholder meetings. The Ostara group works with non-profit organizations to craft innovative strategies, paired with sound implementation processes to increase impact and strengthen organizational capacity. The first two meetings were held in September and October. Conversations have focused on overall goals for Roslyn's downtown business core, events and cornerstone activities. An online survey was used to gather specific information about event tourism and where commonalities and differences exist. A final session, in December, will focus on a holistic master plan of prioritized events for Roslyn and the articulation of roles for each stakeholder.

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The RDA is a Washington Main Street Community, a program of the Washington Department of Archaeology & Historic Preservation. The Main Street Four-Point Approach is an innovative preservation-based economic development approach focused on Economic Development, Urban Design, Promotions and Organization. Communities are able to revitalize downtown and neighborhood business districts by leveraging local assets - from historic, cultural, and architectural resources to local enterprises and community passion - to restore prosperity and vitality.



The Main Street Program enables Roslyn to leverage its colorful past, historic architecture, established events, diverse culture and locally owned businesses to work as catalysts for economic growth.

MISSION

To develop our local economy, honor our cultural heritage, and market our unique community assets.

VISION

Restore and preserve our historical community while enhancing our current business environment and attracting new sustainable economic opportunities.

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2019 BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

TIME: 9:00 - 10:30 AM
LOCATION: NWIC Bldg.- Elk Rider Room- HDC
February 17th, May 19th, August 18th, and November 3rd

Thank you to the following businesses for their B and O tax contribution in support of our work and mission to promote and enhance Roslyn- an authentic historical home town:

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