

46th Annual Historic Snohomish Tour of Homes

Snohomish Tour of Homes Sept. 17

The Snohomish Historical Society will sponsor the 46th annual fall Home Tour on Sunday, Sept. 17 from noon to 5 p.m.

This self-guided tour will include at least five homes and other buildings with architectural styles ranging from Queen Anne to Craftsman to Bungalow as well as the Blackman House

Museum and the Kikendall Cabin.

This is a community event that showcases the historical character of the town. It is the primary fundraiser for the Snohomish Historical Society and proceeds benefit the Blackman House Museum.

Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$12 for seniors over age 62 and children under 12 years

of age.

Advance tickets are on sale at McDaniel's Do-It-Center, 510 Second St., Snohomish; Joyworks, 1002 First St., Snohomish; Annie's on First Street, 1122 First St., Snohomish; Blackman House Museum, 118 Ave. B, Snohomish; and The Waltz Building, 116 Ave. B, Snohomish.

Kickendall Cabin open to public Sunday, Sept. 17

The Kikendall Cabin will be open to the public from Noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 17.

Crystal Johanson, now in her 90's, is the great granddaughter of Charles and Zilpha Kikendall, the original builders of the cabin. People love talking with Crystal and hearing her great stories of her family.

The cabin was originally built between the

Snohomish-Machias Road and the Pilchuck River (before there was a road, a neighbor moved the family out on a loggingsled) in the fall of 1875.

The first floor was 20 feet wide and 16 feet deep. The kitchen area was added on the back around 1895 increasing the depth to 25 feet. The second floor was used for sleeping quarters.

When the cabin was eventually wired for electricity, the light bulb was located directly over the organ, not only for light, but to help keep the organ warm and dry



during the winter months.

In 1966, the Pioneer Boys and Girls Association moved the Kikendall Cabin to Snohomish to the Pioneer Cemetery (next to Collector's Choice behind Rite Aid) and restored both the property and the cabin. The Pioneer Cemetery was established in 1875 with the last burials being in the 1920s.

A new roof and pillars were recently installed on the cabin and new items have been added, including a wooden bicycle.

The Snohomish Historical Society has used the cabin

for demonstrations of Pioneer skills such as rug weaving, spinning, wood carving, corn husk doll-making and more. It now serves as an office for the cemetery and is open by appointment.

There will be no appointment needed Sept. 17, so stop by and visit with Crystal Johanson. She will be delighted to tell you some stories you haven't heard before and show you the kitchen in the cabin that is boasting a new floor, stove and table!

decorative features and filled the interior spaces with multiple, varied and unexpected collections unlike any bungalow before.

Mark has fully remodeled the upstairs bathroom with granite and terra cotta floors. It's very unique and a "must see!"

You will appreciate the Oriental/European flavor of Mark's decorating. One of his favorite places is Venice and he visits there at least once a year, bringing treasures home with him each time. Mark also leads tours to Venice to look at Venetian gardens and art.

Mark enjoys opening his home to the community and sharing his decorating ideas so stop by during the Tour of Homes and say hello!



Mark Henry
426 Maple Avenue
Sage House, 1910

Enclosed behind the tall hedge and unique Gothic gate and set in an Italian-style garden, this house is a typical bungalow style. It features a low pitched, gabled roof, wide eaves, shed dormers and a broad front porch.

Owner Mark Henry has an amazing garden with plenty of winter interest. You will notice the European manner

with a formal area around the fountain which contains a collection of glass balls. At the back of the property, the old chicken coop has been replaced with an English greenhouse. Mark's garden has been featured in many publications.

The interior retains some original details, such as a partial wall with tapered columns and built-in sideboard in the dining room. Mark has skillfully painted details to highlight the

Carroll & Cherri Brown 432 Avenue G The Schott House, 1904

Carpenter George W. Beaver built this Queen Anne Victorian in 1904 at a cost of \$1,200.

In 1913, William and Emma J. Schott, owners of The Pioneer Meat Market on First Street purchased it. James and Ora Gilkey purchased the Schott Home in 1941. The Browns purchased the 3 bdrm., 3 bath home in 1995 from Robert Jensen.

Jensen completed major restoration of the house in the mid-eighties. "The woodwork had been painted turquoise and Bob stripped it all and stained it," said Cherri. Jensen also had new wiring and plumbing installed and remodeled the kitchen.

In the 1950's a bedroom was added to the home. This has now been remodeled and is used as a family room.

When you visit this home on the Home Tour, be sure to notice the floor in the family and kitchen area. This floor was reclaimed from the old Snohomish High School gym floor.

Many of the windows and light fixtures in the home have been reclaimed as well. Replacing aluminum windows that were installed, most of the windows in the kitchen and family room came from two old Snohomish houses which were torn down when lawyers' offices were built on Avenue A by the gazebo. However, the

window over the kitchen sink is an original window to the house.

The light fixture gracing the entryway was found in an old historic house on

Ludwig Road. The dining room chandelier came from a historic home in Phoenix and was found by Cherri's parents.

The Browns remodeled and modernized the master bath in 2010 and followed up with remodeling the other bathrooms downstairs. "We kept the old fixtures and really cool old toilets, etc... in the downstairs bathrooms," said Cherri.

Cherri's favorite room is the sunroom off the dining room. The Browns had been told that former owner Jensen had added the sunroom, however they had their doubts. "It's a narrow, enclosed porch which was typical in Victorian times," said Cherri. The answer came when a gentleman in his 80s came knocking on the door. The visitor said that he had been raised there and yes, the room was there when he lived there. He told them that his family called it "the little room" and they had a ping-pong table in it. They had to crawl under the table to get to the other end because the room was so narrow.

In the living room you will see an antique pump organ. This organ belonged to



Cherri's Great Grandmother, then her Great Aunt, then her mother and now it belongs to Cherri. "Four generations have now had this organ," Cherri said.

There are two fireplaces in the Schott House; one in the living room and one in the master bedroom.

"I've always liked historical homes," said Cherri. "We lived in the Cathcart area and when this one came on the market we really loved it. It's a really nice old home and has been well maintained."

The first thing you will notice about the house is the beautiful landscaping and the white picket fence. The Browns have done the landscaping themselves and consider gardening their hobby.

The Browns will have information about the house available for Tour-goers to see. They have the original deed from the early 1900's and other documents.

Stop by and introduce yourself to the Browns on the Snohomish Home Tour Sept. 17.

Historical buildings of interest

After taking the Tour of Homes, take a stroll through town and admire the architecture and history the town has to offer. Here is a list of buildings of historical interest:

- **American Legion (1890)** - 201 First St. This was a drugstore, the second brick building built in the city.

- **Pioneer Market Bldg (1890)** - 1118 First St. This is the only three story brick building in town.

- **Marks Bldg. (1888)** - First & Ave. B. This building had the first flush toilet in town.

- **First National Bank Bldg. (1907)** - 1011 First St. This building was the first reinforced concrete structure in Snohomish County and has the historic clock on the front sidewalk.

- **EC Ferguson Cottage (1859)** - 15 Ave. A. Snohomish's oldest residence.

- **Cathcart Opera House (1910)** - 1234 First St. The original opera house was demolished and replaced in 1910.

- **Blackman Bldg. (pre 1911)** - 1102 First St. This building was the site of the Post Office at the time of the 1911 fire.

- **Watson Bakery (1904)** -

920 First St. Note the tiles as you walk in this building.

- **Oxford Tavern (1890)** - 913 First St. This false front building has been a saloon since 1910. The upstairs used to be a brothel and some say is haunted.

- **Vestal House (1889)** - 228 Union Ave. This is a Queen Anne, home of the first Washington State Senator.

- **Soap Suds Row (1889)** - 205 Ave. A. The women living in these homes did the laundry for mill workers and loggers.

46th Annual Historic Snohomish Tour of Homes

John & Kristen McPherson 426 Avenue F Aprill House, 1926

This beautiful 4 bdrm., 2 bath Craftsman Bungalow was built in 1926 by Joe Aprill, the Snohomish High School shop teacher. When he completed the house next door in 1948 he moved into it for his retirement. Mr. Aprill was also known locally as Captain Joe Aprill (U.S. Army), commander of Battery C, 248th Coast Artillery. This battery was based in Snohomish and it drilled in the building now occupied by the Star Center Antique Mall. Capt. Aprill was in command of the battery when his regiment was federalized for active duty at Fort Worden in 1940 just prior to WW2.

Owners John and Kristen McPherson think it may have been a Sears Kit House which he altered slightly or it is possible that he modeled it after one of the Sears houses. The McPhersons have discovered that the house is similar in layout to the "Olivia" model in the 1926 Sears catalog.

Mr. Aprill had the foresight

to leave his name and dates throughout the construction of the house. The date 2-27-26 has been written in the cement footing. When the siding was complete on the house, Mr. Aprill again signed it with the date. The McPhersons are both history teachers; John teaches at Snohomish High School and Kristen teaches at Cascade High School. They have carefully cataloged and saved all artifacts found in the home as well as researched the history of their home through the library and historical documents.

The McPhersons moved in to the home in 2002 and began remodeling. "First we remodeled the only bathroom as it was in 1970's shape with no tile in the shower, but we kept the vintage toilet," said Kristen. They continued with the remodel by refinishing the floors, painting, and added patios and walkways. You'll admire all of the work they've put into the extensive landscaping.

In 2004 the McPhersons tore out the back part of the home and added a master suite and a family room.

In 2016 they gutted the kitchen for its remodel. "Six

weeks without a kitchen... what were we thinking!" exclaimed Kristen. "We are pleased with the outcome as our kitchen remodel reflects our desire to maintain a vintage look while bringing the home into the modern era."

The home has the original tile fireplace and the original oak and fir floors as well as the original Great Western coal furnace which has since been converted to gas.

The McPhersons welcome the community to stop by their house on the Home Tour. "We really see ourselves



as caretakers of this home and need to tell its story," said Kristen. They commissioned a

reproduction of Capt. Aprill's battery guidon and it will be on display outside of

their home during the Tour to commemorate his WW2 service.

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1923 329 Avenue A

Zion Evangelical Lutheran church is one of the oldest landmarks in town, with its nearly 100-year old sanctuary and soaring white bell tower with a still-working bell that echoes off the white walls and historic homes surrounding the site. The original church from 1892 was demolished a century ago, but some of the original ornate wooden pews still seat church-goers in the sanctuary's balcony. The total cost of the "new"

church and school built in 1922-23, including a new two manual pipe organ and other furnishings, was about \$40,000.

The bell was installed into the 105-foot tower with horses, pulleys, block and tackle.

The old pipe organ from 1923 finally gave out and a new one, a three manual Rogers organ, replaced it in the year 2000. The organ is in the main sanctuary, which boasts high ceilings and huge stained glass windows.

The congregation is celebrating their 125th anniversary in 2017.

"A 125th anniversary is obviously a once in a lifetime to experience in any congregation," said Gary Gable, President of the Congregation. "My wife has been instrumental digging up facts and figures on how the church got started and the people involved in its beginning. Some of their descendants are still living in the area. It's an honor to share our present building, which will be 100 years old in seven years, with the community during the Home Tour."



Lynn Schilaty & Alex Desoto 312 Avenue D Iverson House, 1906

This is the only house in Snohomish to be placed on the National Register of Historic Places.

A fine example of N.P. Hansen's work is the stately Iverson House. It was built in 1906 for Iver C. Iverson and has a history of owners who have maintained its integrity, including the original woodwork. The house is architecturally distinctive with its broad, hipped roof with wide eaves, clinker brick trim and porte cochere. A unique feature is the dumbwaiter, which continues to work today mainly to transport laundry from the bedroom floor to the basement. The craftsman-style home has three stories and a full basement. All floors are hardwood with an inset mahogany border on the main floor.

The main floor has a grand formal entry with original built-in bookcases with leaded glass fronts. The dining room and living room showcase the beautiful timber that was used to construct the home.

The second floor has four bedrooms, a library, and two large bathrooms. One bathroom has an original large claw foot bathtub.

The third floor contains a large ballroom, the site of many parties over the last 100-plus years. This home is one of the few homes in Snohomish

with a ballroom.

The previous owners created a wine room in one part of the basement and the current owners created a Snohomish High School Panther themed room in another part of the basement.

This beautiful home was COMPLETELY restored when Alex and Lynn moved in!

Lynn says, "It was moving into a 'brand new' historic home. That almost never happens, we didn't have to do a thing." The previous owners added to this home's great history by leaving a stunning piano built in 1906, and commissioned a dining room table that can seat eighteen people. Evidently, this gorgeous dining room table was so large it had to be finished inside the house and will remain in the house for future owners.

Alex and Lynn and three children have lived in the home for over twelve years. They have used the ballroom for a DJ disco party and live Christmas concerts. The dining room and living room have hosted many family and community gatherings during the past twelve years. Memorable community events include hosting a Snohomish High School freshman girls basketball team Christmas party, catered dinners with proceeds supporting the Snohomish Education Foundation as well as many campaign envelope stuffing parties.

Alex and Lynn continue to be EXCELLENT stewards

and have worked to keep the integrity of the Iverson House. With the children nearly grown, Lynn and Alex have decided to sell this grand house which was just put on the market. This is what they want you to know about their time at the Iverson House:

"We loved being so close to the High School and First Street. It's a natural gathering place for our children's high school friends. We have had the absolute privilege of living in the beautiful Iverson House in my beloved City of Snohomish for the past 12 years. This house is gracious in every respect. We used every square inch every day. We have taken our stewardship seriously and it's been a joyous chapter of our family's life to have lived in this house and, now, it is time for us to let another family live, love and thrive here.

"Mark Twain's words speak perfectly to what it's meant for us to live in the Iverson House: "To us our house was not unsentimental matter—it had a heart and a soul and eyes to see us with, and approvals and solicitudes and deep sympathies; it was of us, and we were in its confidence, and lived in its grace and in the peace of its benediction. We never came home from an absence that its face did not light up and speak out its eloquent welcome—and we could not enter it unmoved." - Letter to Joseph Twichell, quoted in Mark Twain: A Biography"

Lynn and Alex are happy to



participate in the home tour for a third time. The Iverson House is always a favorite home to visit on the tour and

it was in the very first home tour in the early 1970's. There is always something new to see in the Iverson House including

a well-hidden dishwasher in the kitchen on this tour. Who knows, maybe the disco ball will return as well.

46th Annual Historic Snohomish Tour of Homes



**Michael & Cheryl
Hoitink
310 Union Avenue
Kinch House, 1905**

Michael and Cheryl Hoitink moved into the historical Kinch House in February, 2017. The home, "born in 1905," had already been extensively remodeled.

Two local firefighters had purchased the home and restored it with great detail. "Every room is a work of art," said Cheryl.

Michael and Cheryl lived in the Snohomish area but always loved the historic homes in town and would stroll through town admiring the homes and dream that one day they would own one. Once their youngest son was a senior at Glacier Peak they decided to take a look at what homes were available in town. They agreed that it would be fun to move into town and be able to take advantage of what downtown

Snohomish has to offer. They toured a few homes before their realtor friend suggested they take a look at a home for sale on Union Ave. They decided to check it out and knew as soon as entering that this was the home for them.

"We were awestruck by each room," said Cheryl. "Every room is a work of art, even the bathrooms!" Cheryl continued.

The previous owners updated the house with a new roof, new electrical and plumbing, as well as the restoration of the interior. You will find original woodwork throughout the home and will be amazed at the great attention to detail that has gone into this home. The beautiful mantel in the living area is a great example of the craftsmanship true to period pieces.

Michael's favorite room in the house is the dining room, which was originally the

parlor. Cheryl's favorite spot is the front porch and side deck. "I truly enjoy the calm, peaceful and tranquil privacy of the side deck to read and relax," said Cheryl.

This 4 bdrm., 2 bath home's laundry room at the back of the house was converted to a hair salon so that Cheryl can continue to serve her clients from home.

Be sure to stop by and meet Michael and Cheryl during the Home Tour on September 17 as they open their home to share with others from the community.

Visit Blackman House Museum

Be prepared to take a step back in time to the 19th Century when you enter Snohomish's Blackman House Museum.

This structure was originally built as a small farmhouse in 1879 for Hyrcanus Blackman, an early settler of Snohomish. He lived in the house with his wife and two children. Later, Blackman's daughter, Eunice, lived there with her husband, Dr. W.S. Ford.

In the 1930s, Dr. Ford enclosed the entrance to the home to create a sunroom for Eunice's plants.

The home was family-owned until 1970 when it was purchased and restored by the Snohomish Historical Society.

Much of the furniture in the Museum came from Emory C. Ferguson, the founding father of Snohomish, and the Norman Lenfest family.

The original etched-glass door and some of the original wallpaper, carpets, furniture and pictures remain intact and on display in the home. The Historical Society arranged the furniture using photographs of the inside of old Victorian homes.



The Blackman House Museum was originally built as a small farmhouse in 1879. It is now owned by the Snohomish Historical Society.

The museum is open from noon to 3 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. For tour informa-

tion, call 360-568-5235.

Stop by during the Home Tour for a delicious dessert buffet.

**Historic Snohomish Tour
of Homes
Sunday, September 17**