

The Eastside, Washington

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Brannen's Beauty



Makin' Shortcake at the McDowell House



Phyllis' Lakeside Beauty



Tartan Trim at the Tollefson's



Tulips at the Tollefson's

BELLEVUE

1. *Brannen's Beauty ~ 2008*

This beautiful two-story home can be found in the forested residential neighborhood of Bridle Trails. At a time when most neighborhoods have houses "racked and stacked" within feet of each other, this area features comfortable sprawling places on large, often secluded lots. Many have horse barns and space enough for several. Bridle Trails is true to its name with meandering riding trails crisscrossing the area for miles - a wonderful bonus for the lucky families who live there. Our good friends, who own this home, have been part of my husband's life all the way back to college days.

2. *Makin' Shortcake at the McDowell House ~ 2005*

Located near the historic Wilburton Trestle in Bellevue, this craftsman-style house is HQ for the Eastside Heritage Center (once housed in the Clise Mansion at Marymoor). Built in 1908 by the McDowell family with lumber from the Wilburton Mill, this house was once part of High Ridge and Cherry Hill farms, as well as home to the Dawes and subsequently, the Paxton family. The City of Bellevue with the State of Washington immaculately restored the exterior of the home and its grounds, creating a truly beautiful setting. Every year EHC hosts Bellevue's Strawberry Festival, thus the good-eatin'-summertime-dessert theme of this painting which features EHC volunteers, my friend, Lisa James, husband Doug, and niece and nephew, Kelly and Michael.

3. *Phyllis' Lakeside Beauty ~ 1998*

This piece was painted as a surprise "thank you" Christmas gift for our family friend, Phyllis Orrico. This charming brick home overlooked Lake Washington on Cozy Cove just west of Kirkland. Every summer Phyllis graciously permitted us to moor our speedboat in the covered slip in front of her home - all done with a smile, asking nothing in return. This piece features Phyllis with her children Brent, Paul, Dean, Kevin, Mark and Diane - enjoying the sunny summer day. Sold by the family a few years ago, this home was recently barged from this lot to another Puget Sound setting.

4. *Tartan Trim at the Tollefson's ~ 2008*

This is a revision of the painting below, "Tulips at the Tollefson's." Created as Christmas card art for the family, I added colored lights, a dusting of snow, tartan ribbons - and of course, a Christmas tree in the window of this pretty period Craftsman-style home on Yarrow Point.

5. *Tulips at the Tollefson's ~ 1999*

This charming craftsman-style home is part of the picturesque Yarrow Point neighborhood on the east shore of Lake Washington. The Tollefsons, who own the house, host a rollicking annual Independence Day barbecue which culminates with a neighborhood-wide street dance a half a block from their house. It has been lovingly restored inside and out with period woodwork, windows, other finishing details - and furniture to match the personality of the house. The Tollefson's two daughters, Thea and Clara are pictured perched on their front porch.

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The Winters House



Autumn Afternoon at the McKean's



Autumn at Highland Park



The Liepin's Easter Garden



The Beautiful Day

6. The Winters House ~ 1998

The Winters House, just off Bellevue Way en route to I-90, is one of the loveliest old structures in Bellevue. Partially hidden by its lush foliage, many of the homeward-bound commuters may miss this architectural gem. Also part of The Eastside Heritage Center, this mission-style residence has been carefully restored. The Winter's House hosted the Strawberry Festival in 2002, where throngs of happy shortcake-lovers spilled out of every room onto the upper deck and back patio (wildlife viewing platform). E.H.C. features several exhibits here each year and it's well worth a visit!

CLYDE HILL

7. Autumn Afternoon at the McKean's ~ 1999

Tucked away on a quiet cul de sac in the Clyde Hill neighborhood near Bellevue, this colonial home belongs to our friends, Art and Jeannie McKean. After attending a summer party there, I was enchanted by the setting - both inside and out - and was inspired to paint it. Note the Washington "Huskies" flag - they are huge football fans!

ISSAQUAH

8. Autumn at Highland Park ~ 2004

This is a portrait of a very pretty brick Tudor once owned by my friend, Dominic Viscardi, when he lived on the hillside above Issaquah in Highland Park. I painted this at the height of autumn when the colors were at their brilliant best. Dom is pictured with his roommate and friends, gathering leaves and enjoying the crisp fall day.

9. The Liepin's Easter Garden ~ 1999

The lovely gardens and greenhouse surrounding this gazebo are the pride and joy of family friends, Zeke and Jessica Liepins. Every year this couple hosts an enormous Easter celebration that rivals most families' Christmases - featuring a mouth-watering buffet, Easter egg hunt and other festivities which take place throughout their beautiful Issaquah property. The view of this pretty scene is through the leaves of their backyard grape arbor.

KIRKLAND

10. The Beautiful Day ~ 2000

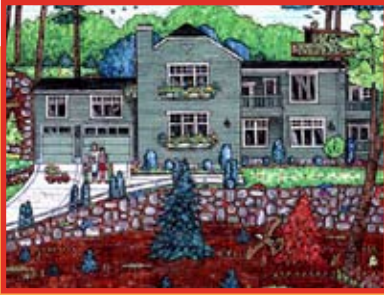
On a hill overlooking Yarrow Bay is a small, secluded neighborhood surrounded by lush wetlands. Half a dozen eagles make their home there, as do several lucky families - four of whom commissioned portraits of their homes. "The Beautiful Day" celebrates a couple's new home, which also became the setting for their winter wedding. This piece focuses on the beautiful grounds surrounding their handsome contemporary home.

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Bowers of Flowers at the Buiochi's



Planting Petunias at the Peter Kirk Building



John & Dawn's Special Day



Scott's Kirkland Castle



Springtime at the Saldarini's

11. Bowers of Flowers at the Buiochi's ~ 1999

Tom Buiochi's family lived in this pretty quiet neighborhood, and he commissioned this artwork as a Mother's Day gift for his wife, Linda. The couple is pictured in the driveway with their children - twins girls and their son. When the family moved here, it came complete with a tree house for Kevin. The home's deck overlooked the wetlands, so the family was entertained by a family of young eagles every summer.

12. Planting Petunias at the Peter Kirk Building ~ 2007

This magnificent Victorian brick building in the Romanesque Revival Style, was built in 1889 by entrepreneur, Peter Kirk, on the corner of Market Street and Seventh (then Picadilly). Although the financial upheaval of 1893 impacted Kirk's grand business plans, he remained active in this Lake Washington community until he retired in the San Juans and died in 1916. Sadly, the building fell into disrepair in the 1960s after several owners and usages. William Radcliff, a teacher, visionary, and inspiration of the Creative Arts League, rescued the building with the Peter Kirk Syndicate and other civic minded attorneys, physicians, architects and more. Listed on the National Historic Register in 1973, today it houses the beloved Kirkland Arts Center where I've painted my family members hard at work planting flowers.

13. John & Dawn's Special Day ~ 2009

This is a re-working of the painting, "Springtime at the Shumway," also pictured within this Kirkland section. It is a wedding portrait of good friends on their wedding day at this beautiful mansion overlooking Lake Washington. For more details, see the story with the other painting.

14. Scott's Kirkland Castle ~ 2008

This is a portrait of the Scott family in front of their pretty place in Kirkland, Washington's "The Enclave" neighborhood. Colorful spring blossoms and blooms dance in the foreground of the artwork while their lucky son enjoys a spin in his classic "Radio Flyer" red wagon.

15. Springtime at the Saldarini's ~ 1999

This shingled home, owned by the Saldarini family is also in this neighborhood overlooking Yarrow Bay. Chuck was the first of the residents to commission artwork - and requested that this piece be painted as a surprise birthday gift for his wife, Patty. A true wizard with her "green thumb," she created ribbons of color in her flower beds as well as her collection of window boxes. Her old black lab was her constant companion and best buddy while she was busy gardening.

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Springtime at the Shumway Mansion



The Starry Night



Steckart's Holiday House



Steckart's Sunshiny Morning



Mount Si Marvel

16. Springtime at the Shumway ~ 2006

This beautiful shingled mansion was built on a seven-acre lot in Kirkland in 1909-1910 by J.G. Bartsch for the Belchertown, Massachusetts Shumway family. Three Shumway brothers arrived first, homesteading near Bow, Washington, and were followed by Carrie Holland Shumway, her mother and four sisters in the early 1800s. Carrie served very actively on Kirkland's City Council, being Washington's first woman to be elected in 1916 to such a post. Several organizations, such as the Kirkland's Women's Club, the Seattle Bicycle Club and the Seattle Camera Club owe their beginning to this remarkable woman and her sisters. In 1944 at age 86, Carrie sold her home. After several ownerships, in 1982 Richard and Salli Harris of Edmonds bought it and relocated it to a 3.4-acre setting overlooking Juanita Bay. The 24-room mansion was restored and re-opened in 1985 as a popular B&B, a beloved setting for weddings and other special events. In 2006 the mansion was sold again, and when I painted this piece, its future was in question.

17. The Starry Night ~ 2000

This is an alteration of the painting pictured on page 2, created with a nuptial theme and used as artwork for wedding invitations for the couple.

18. Steckart's Holiday House ~ 1999

The Steckart family asked me to do some alterations to an original painting I created for them so that they could use the image as artwork for Christmas cards. Note the addition of a bauble-covered evergreen in the front window and decorations to the exterior. The couple is pictured in festive holiday sweaters, waiting to greet guests arriving for their open house.

19. Steckart's Sunshiny Morning ~ 1999

The Steckarts commissioned this piece after seeing their neighbor's home portraits. They wanted a slightly more realistic approach with more of their gardens showing the shadows of the morning sun. This handsome shingled home enjoys a peek-a-boo view of Lake Washington through a lush natural area populated by families of eagles and other wild birds.

NORTH BEND

20. Mount Si Marvel ~ 1998

This expansive, handsome lodge-style house is home to the Lane family - Jeff, Diane, Cody and Aubrey - plus assorted cats, birds, dogs, horses and more! Located at the foot of majestic Mount Si just outside of the town of North Bend, it offers its owners all of the pleasures of living "in-the-country," but is a short half-hour drive to cosmopolitan downtown Bellevue and Seattle. Painted with a bright and colorful autumn theme, this artwork pictures the two Lane children in the foreground.

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A House for All Seasons



Merrymaking at the Medina Ferry Dock



The Medina Neighborhood Market



American Roots in Redmond



Antics at Anderson Park (Adair House)

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MEDINA

21. *A House for All Seasons ~ 2008*

This home is enjoyed by the family who lives there as "a house for all seasons." Located on the shoreline of Lake Washington in the community of Medina near Bellevue, this house is one of the few in the neighborhood with a truly authentic Pacific Northwest look and feel. Its natural building materials and imaginative landscaping make the most of its lovely lake-side setting.

22. *Merrymaking at the Medina Ferry Dock ~ 2001*

Before the 520 and I-90 Bridges spanned Lake Washington, daily ferries connected the Seattle neighborhood of Leschi to Meydenbauer Bay on the Eastside. Carefully preserved, this setting, once the ferries' terminal building, now serves as the Medina City Hall. Its surrounding grounds are the perfect summer picnic spot. I painted my husband, Doug, with our niece and nephew, Kelly and Michael, heading for the picnic table.

23. *The Medina Neighborhood Market ~ 2001*

This charming corner grocery was known for decades as the "penny candy store" for the lakeside community of Medina near Bellevue, Washington. When I completed this painting, it had just closed its doors, but still exuded the friendliness and coziness of days gone by in this neighborhood. After years of standing empty with rumors of a tear-down, the vintage building has recently been carefully renovated and re-opened.

REDMOND

24. *American Roots in Redmond ~ 2010*

After living in Argentina and London, and with children Nicolas and Alexis in tow, in 1992, Gabriela and Miguel Llanos finally planted roots at 10601 184th Ave NE, Redmond, Washington. They were soon joined by Men Sok Kim, who at age 11 came from Sakhalin, Russia, for a short stay that ended up being six years and graduation from Bear Creek Christian School. Those years meant basketball, baseball, soccer and lots of family outings. The Llanos family is all the better for those wonderful years of sharing culture and raising one another!

25. *Antics at Anderson Park ~ 2011*

Anderson Park came about as a result of property deeded to Redmond in 1928 by School District No. 200 in 1928. Originally named Redmond Town Park, it was changed to Anderson Park to honor Albert "Andy" Anderson, the city's first parks superintendent. Beautiful, rustic log cabins pepper the property. The one pictured here was built in 1939 and named for Adair, wife of Ezra Sikes, who donated additional property to enlarge the park in 1938. I pictured our two grandchildren Austin and Addison playing in the brightly colored leaves at this beloved Redmond setting.

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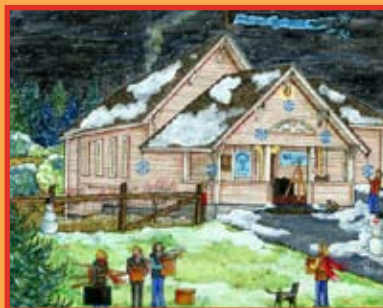
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The Bill Brown Building



Flying Kites at the Clise Mansion



Gathering at The Grange



Kleeman's Country Picnic



Rapture at Rosetree Cottage

26. The Bill Brown Building ~ 2005

This handsome building, located in the heart of Redmond, Washington on Leary Way, was built by Redmond's most famous mayor, William "Bill" Brown. Bill was mayor from 1919 to 1948, and this was his second business building on this site. It housed a saloon, drug store, soda fountain, barber shop, dance hall and mortuary. Rumor has it that the building also was home to the town's "ladies of the evening," It even had an entrance to a secret bootlegger's tunnel from the days of Prohibition. This structure hasn't changed much since the early 1900s, its owners being careful to maintain its original beauty. I gave this artwork an "All-American Celebration" theme and filled it with fun loving family and friends - and pets! This artwork took second place out of 65 entries in the competition for renderings of historic settings sponsored by the Redmond Historical Society, along with the Redmond Arts Commission and the Eastside Association of Fine Arts.

27. Flying Kites at the Clise Mansion ~ 2000

This beautiful brick and half-timbered Tudor-style house on the grounds of Redmond's Marymoor Park, was once part of Willowmoor Farm. Not only was it used as a farmhouse, but it also did duty as a hunting lodge when this part of the Eastside was considered "out-in-the-country." Currently, it is available for social events, such as weddings and receptions. Visitors to the park enjoy picturesque views - and a fabulous roster of popular summer concerts on its adjacent grounds.

28. Gathering at The Grange ~ 2009

I completed this portrait of #322 Happy Valley Grange in honor of its 100th birthday. Founded in 1909, the clapboard building is located in the lovely, rural pocket of small farms in the valley just east of Redmond. The grange had just been given a "sprucing up" when I painted the nighttime mid-winter scene. It shows me and fellow creators unloading our work for an arts & crafts fair. Two friendly snowman sentinels are keeping us company.

29. Kleeman's Country Picnic ~ 2000

When I married my husband, Doug, in 2000, it brought many new and wonderful friends into my life. Gary (one of Doug's Bellevue High School buddies) and Carrie Kleeman and their family share this rustic, lodge-style home near the west shore of Lake Sammamish. This painting celebrated a fun all-day Labor Day picnic the couple threw for family and friends.

30. Rapture at Rosetree Cottage ~ 2005

This Dutch Colonial was built in 1925 by Dr. and Mrs. James H. Woodside on the corner of NE 83rd Street and 164th Avenue NE. Veterinarian Woodside made house calls to local farmers, and before the day of telephones, was reached for emergencies at the Hotel Redmond (Judge White House). Active in civic affairs, he unsuccessfully ran for the first Redmond Town Council in 1913. Upon his death, another veterinarian bought the house, ultimately selling it to the Swenson family (Swenson was Redmond Elementary's principal), who lived in it for decades, creating lush, colorful gardens around the home. In 2000, when the future of the house was threatened, Carolyn Miglino rescued it, moving it a half block to its current setting where it served the community as a gift boutique for years. Because it's such a lovely setting, I gave this piece a summer wedding theme.

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AWARD
WINNING!

Meeting at The Market



Ring Around the Marymoor Windmill



NEW!

Spring at the Old Redmond Schoolhouse



The Stone House



Walking Dogs at the Judge White House

31. Meeting at The Market ~ 2009

Although based on the oldest open-air Eastside farmers' market in Redmond, Washington, this artwork celebrates all open-air markets. With the historic Justice White house in the background, I painted this with an all-American theme. It pays homage to the tradition of selling and shopping for goods produced by local farmers, crafters and artisans. A patriotic streamer intertwines with fruit, vegetables and signage bordering the scene of colorful booths, shoppers and their dogs. This piece took first place in the 2009 competition sponsored by the Redmond Saturday Market to become the featured art promoting its 35th season in 2010.

32. Ring Around the Marymoor Windmill ~ 2000

This picturesque windmill, overlooking the Sammamish Slough, is located on the grounds of the old Willowmoor Farm, just west of the Clise Mansion. Known as Marymoor Park today, this Redmond, Washington destination hosts sporting activities of all kinds, as well as concerts in the summer. A well-used bicycle/walking trail connects this park with several wineries further north - great locations for al fresco lunches after a ride. This artwork celebrates children playing "Ring-Around-The-Rosie" to welcome springtime. It was completed for the special exhibit honoring the children of Washington State which was held at the Legislative Building in Olympia at the invitation of Lt. Governor Brad Owen and Mrs. Owen.

33. Spring at the Old Redmond Schoolhouse ~ 2011

I painted this piece in honor of the 2012 Redmond Centennial. It pictures one of the pivotal buildings in the friendly community loved by many as the "biking capital" (thus then blue bicycle parked near the entryway. The plaque on this handsome brick two-story reads "1922 High School," although it served the lower grades later on. When I finished this painting, it housed the Old Redmond Schoolhouse Community Center - a busy hub of activities of all kinds for all ages. The schoolhouse is also home to the Redmond Historical Society. 2011 marked my seventh year of service on their board, so this setting is a favorite with me.

34. The Stone House ~ 2001

The Stone House is one of the most unusual buildings in the Redmond, Washington. Built in about 1916, Orson and Emma Wiley chose brick and multi-colored rocks collected from nearby rivers and streams to design and construct the decorative cottage. In a neighborhood filled with Victorian frame homes, the creative use of the masonry and river rocks makes this building really stand out. One-eyed Wiley was quite a local entrepreneur, owning both a livery stable and a thriving saloon. Local legend has it that he constructed a web of underground tunnels to the stills on his property during Prohibition - a colorful story that has never been substantiated.

35. Walking Dogs at the Judge White House ~ 2003

William Henry White, known as "War Horse Bill" from his colorful experiences in the Civil War, came to the Washington territory in 1880s where he was appointed to the State Supreme Court. He and his wife, Emma, opened the picturesque, hospitable Hotel Redmond in 1889 adjacent to the railroad tracks that ran through town. Although he died in 1914, his wife ran the hotel as a boarding house until the Great Depression forced her to close its doors, and it was lost to foreclosure. For a period of time, this beautiful building also functioned as the clubhouse for the now defunct Redmond Golf Links. It currently houses a local business.

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Springtime at the Smith House



Doug's Digs on the Plateau



Our Place on the Plateau



Springtime at the Smith House



Springtime Comes to Simpson Street

SAMMAMISH

36. Celebrating at the Smith's ~ 2003

This is an adaptation of the painting on the next page that I created for the Smith family. After completing "Springtime at the Smith House," I adapted a print with a dusting of snow, wreaths at the banks of windows and a Christmas tree in the left window. I created Christmas cards from this holiday-inspired piece.

37. Doug's Digs on the Plateau ~ 1998

Before Doug and I married, as a special holiday gift the first year that we were together, I painted this portrait of him and his three children, Matt, Kevin and Leah in front of this home. There is a dusting of snow on this pretty place on the Sammamish Plateau just east of Redmond and the brick Tudor looks very inviting in this evening scene.

38. Our Place on the Plateau ~ 2001

This is the second painting that I did of the home above. I tried to capture the feeling of this fun and friendly neighborhood that hosts block party picnics on Independence Day (or when someone has a catch of fresh fish), holiday open houses and the annual June gigantic neighborhood-wide garage sale. Doug and I are waving in the foreground and my ancient kitty, K.C. (you can find him in lots of my paintings) is the "welcoming committee" on our front steps.

39. Springtime at the Smith House ~ 2003

This handsome three-story Colonial home, located just east of Lake Sammamish on the plateau, is a faithful reproduction of a home that architect Frank Tichy disassembled in New England and reassembled on one of the islands in Puget Sound. Using the original home as a "blueprint," Tichy was extremely attentive and "true" to the original detail - and constructed a handful of these residences in Western Washington. This home was built on a hillside, part of the owner's natural forested property and has a view of the valley below. The painting was commissioned as a surprise Christmas gift for Mary Smith by her husband, Jim.

40. Springtime Comes to Simpson Street ~ 2012

This 16x20-inch painting is a revision of an earlier piece painted of an imaginary neighborhood of homes I've lived in and loved throughout the years. I've added my grandson and shown the improvements made in 2010 to the bungalow in the lower right. This piece is filled with family, pets, vehicles, and good times past and yet to be. (Left to right, top to bottom):

LINCOLN STREET (Spokane) My parents, Joe and Sally are lounging in the back while sister Marilee and I are watched by our grandparents.

25TH STREET (Spokane) It's Easter time for my sisters and baby brother John. Sally made matching jumpers for us. Cousin Jim is on the porch.

21ST STREET (Spokane) A deck picnic with my parents and me serving, sisters Peggy and Marilee below, and brothers Bob, Bill and John in front.

221ST PLACE (Sammamish) Husband Doug, daughter Leah and fiance Sean, son Matt with Heidi and baby Addison, and son Kevin, son Austin and his kitty.

18TH STREET (Spokane) It's planting time. Sally is helping me while I "plant" a big one on husband Doug, who's just returned from the golf course.

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Springtime Comes to Simpson Street (Detail)



Winter at Wutherwood



Exploring Snoqualmie Falls



Sightseeing at the Snoqualmie Depot



Sunset at the Salish Lodge

41. Springtime Comes to Simpson Street ~ 2012

Detail of the house on 221st Place in Sammamish, Washington we used to live in. sharing all the Wards kids and grandkids pictured on the driveway in front of the house.

42. Winter at Wutherwood ~ 2009

This December scene pictures a home tucked away in a lovely rural pocket of Sammamish, Washington. Pictured in the foreground is the couple who loves this setting, Wendy and John. They're joined by their family of friendly felines in the windows and pooches by the porch. It's a winter wonderland at "Wutherwood" on a starlit Christmas Eve!

SNOQUALMIE

43. Exploring Snoqualmie Falls ~ 2001

Snoqualmie Falls is one of the most beautiful natural wonders of the Seattle, Washington region. Located a short 30-minute drive from the downtown area, this jewel of the Eastside is well worth a visit. Guests can breakfast at the world famous Salish Lodge and Spa (setting for the unconventional television series "Twin Peaks") and then make the short hike from the top of the falls to the bottom of the riverbed. A favorite picnic destination, the thunderous falls never fail to instill a sense of awe, especially when the snow starts to melt, and the river swells in the springtime. At the top of the falls, visitors will find a wonderful gift shop with casual wear, sweets, hot coffee, greeting cards and lots of other "Falls" memorabilia.

44. Sightseeing at the Snoqualmie Depot ~ 2001

Located in the picturesque little town of Snoqualmie, not far from the Salish Lodge and Spa, this beautifully detailed Victorian-style railway depot houses both a small museum and gift shop - a great place to visit for train lovers of all ages. Every holiday season this train carries eager families on a short loop around nearby Snoqualmie Falls, culminating with breakfast with a very special guest - Santa Claus!

45. Sunset at the Salish Lodge ~ 2001

Famous for romantic weekends and sumptuous dining, this lodge offers gracious hospitality and a pampered lifestyle. Located near North Bend in the town of Snoqualmie, the Salish Lodge and Spa overlooks stunning Snoqualmie Falls. Not only can sightseers enjoy the view of the crest of the falls at the lodge level, but a trail allows visitors to hike down to their equally spectacular base - quite a sight!

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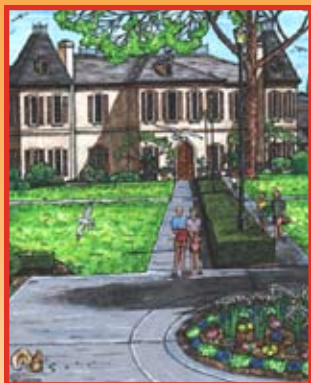
Autumn at the Columbia Winery



Heyday at the Hollywood Schoolhouse



The Stimson House at Ste. Michelle



Summertime at Ste. Michelle

WOODINVILLE

46. Autumn at the Columbia Winery ~ 2001

This "Carpenter's Gothic" beauty is the home of Woodinville, Washington's Columbia Winery. Founded in 1962 and known for producing delicious award-winning wines, this is a delightful destination for both visiting tourists and locals. Columbia Winery offers tours of their facility as well as shopping in their gracious, friendly wine & gift shop.

47. Heyday at the Hollywood Schoolhouse ~ 2011

This lovely old brick schoolhouse was constructed in 1912 with lumber donated by successful millionaire, Frederick Stimson. As handsome as ever and located near the popular Columbia and Ste. Michelle Wineries, the facility is available for weddings, art fairs and other special event celebrations. When I finished this piece, a new winery had just opened in the basement of this building - helping to grow Woodinville as a wine-producing destination attracting visitors from all over the region.

48. The Stimson House at Ste. Michelle ~ 2001

The Stimson family's old summer home is located a short walk from the main building at the Ste. Michelle Winery in Woodinville. Surrounded by colorful gardens and lily pad laden ponds, its front lawn is the perfect spot for warm-weather picnickers. This was the summer vacation home for the D.C. Stimson family in the early 1900s. A lumber merchant, Stimson also generously contributed to the construction of the nearby historic landmark, the Hollywood Schoolhouse. This gracious white shingled structure, no longer a family home, has hosted many summer wedding celebrations and other festive get-togethers over the years.

49. Summertime at Ste. Michelle ~ 2001

World famous for its fine wines, the beautiful French chateau-styled Ste. Michelle Winery is a favorite destination for visitors year-round - attracting wine lovers, sightseers, and bicyclists from the nearby Sammamish River trail. With its dozens of flower beds in brilliant bloom during the summer months, the grounds provide a lovely setting for its "al fresco" concerts.

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