



Pickering Community Club

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The Grant School

We are delighted that you are considering joining the Pickering Community Club and trust that the benefits of membership will meet your expectations.

The Grant School served local elementary children from 1914 until 1942 when it closed. The Pickering Community Club was created soon after the school closed and is dedicated to the preservation of this historic Mason County landmark, to the maintenance of a vibrant community gathering place, and to financial and other education-related support of students and faculty in the local Pioneer school district. The Grant School serves the broader community as well as working with schools to provide field trips, educational classes, and other gatherings.

The Grant School is on the Mason County Historic Preservation Commission and is one of only eight officially designated one-room schoolhouses in the State of Washington.

As a member, you will receive ongoing information via email, including notices of regular meetings, minutes of prior meeting, and other announcements.

The Pickering Community Club general meetings are the 3rd Thursday of the month at the Grant School except for taking time off during the months of January and February. The social time begins at 5:30 pm, dinner at 6:00 pm and the meeting starts at 6:30 pm.

The Pickering Community Club undertakes events and fundraisers (plant and bake sale, auction, etc.) each year in support of its mission. Members may choose to support the mission by attending events, participating in a board or officer capacity, volunteering for work parties or special projects, and helping with events.

The following pages contain the Pickering Community Club's goals, short history of the Grant School and an application.

If you have any questions or would like a tour of the Grant School, please let us know.

Legacy of Community Efforts

The Grant School opened in the fall of 1914 for grades 1 through 8, with 13 students, 10 from Spencer Lake, which had closed earlier that same year. Miss Kennedy was the first teacher for the one-room school house. A wood-burning potbelly stove heated the classroom. The “necessary house” was out back, a cold trip on winter days and not a place to linger.

In the mid-30's, the Pickering Homemakers Club was organized by women from the Pickering Road neighborhood. Meetings were held in private homes. Recipe comparison, needlework and quilting were major activities. Afternoon coffees provided the perfect platform to discuss problems and concerns of the neighborhood.



In 1939, a play shed that had been built on the property earlier, was moved on skid logs pulled by horses and a stump puller. It was then attached to the original building. All work was done by neighborhood volunteers. This provided an area for children to play without going outside. The last class, with only three students enrolled, was in 1942.

School's Out for Good

In 1946, the Pickering Homemakers Club, alumni and residents of the neighborhood were concerned about the future of this old school. No one seemed to want the responsibility of the upkeep.

By this time, the Pickering Homemakers had incorporated, thereby giving it a solid community presence. They agreed to take over the stewardship of the old school, taking responsibility for its upkeep and continued preservation. Subsequently, the property was deeded to the Pickering Homemakers Club and their meetings and activities were shifted to the school. Sometime later, the masculine gender joined the membership as the “homemakers” responsibilities began to include building repairs, roof replacement and social events. The school was also used as a precinct polling site.

Changing Times



No longer are the quilting frames or the treadle sewing machines in evidence. The potbelly stove which heated the school until a few years ago, is still an important part of the unique historic schoolroom. Other original items include the single and double desks, blackboards, an old piano, circa 1900 maps and many schoolbooks.

Enter Pickering Community Club

In 2006, the Pickering Homemakers Club, Inc. received approval to use “Doing Business As” (DBA) the Pickering Community Club, which reflects the community involvement, broader goals and uses for the school.

Through the interest, participation and monetary support of friends and neighbors, the school's history and structure are being preserved.

Fund-raising for the repair or improvement of the Grant School is an ongoing project. Past improvements include the kitchen remodel, a new bathroom, return of the original school bell to the roof-top, repair of 1916-era maps and map case, meeting room ceiling replacement and a new flagpole. Recent improvements include drainage to the property, a new roof, insulation, an efficient ductless heating system, and kitchen upgrades.

Grants have been received over the years to provide financial support towards the Grant School: insulation, yard and grounds, roof, shed, porches and stairs.

The Pickering Community Club supports the local school district with financial support.



Goals

As shepherds of the Grant School, the Pickering Community Club goals are:

- to preserve the 1914 Grant School historic flavor for the Pickering neighborhood's use and enjoyment;
- to invite neighbors and friends to share in the experience of the Grant School and events;
- to create a living classroom museum available to children for educational school field trips; and
- to provide financial support of an educational/scholastic nature to the local community.



New members are always welcome.

Pickering Community Club Membership Application

Name _____

Address (Primary) _____

City _____ ST _____ Zip _____

Phone # _____ Cell # _____

Email address _____

Address (Secondary if Applicable) _____

City _____ ST _____ Zip _____

Phone # _____ Cell # _____

Email address _____

Please note interests, hobbies, skills:

Please return this application with current dues (\$50/couple or \$30/single) to Mary Severeid, Secretary, 5013 East Pickering Road, Shelton, WA 98584. If dues are paid in the fourth quarter, they apply to the following year. Yearly dues are payable before December 31st annually to the Treasurer at a scheduled meeting or by mailing to the following address: Jonelle Adams, Treasurer, 2736 Gravelly Beach Loop NW, Olympia, Washington 98502.

Please "x" if you don't want above contact information on internal Club roster. _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Pickering Community Club, 151 East Community Club Road, Shelton, WA 98584

Dated: 03/09/22