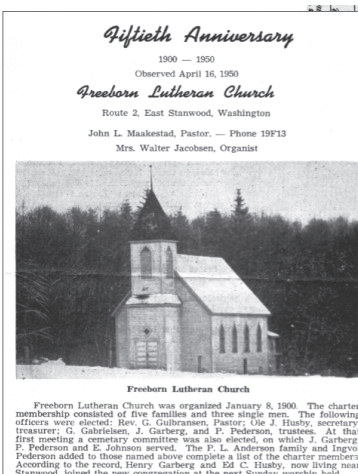


WW I & THE ARMENIANS

History

This kiosk honors the area's war dead and an unfulfilled promise. After the WW I our U.S. President spent 6 months in Paris forging out a new peace and for Woodrow Wilson, a beloved "League of Nations." As part of the American responsibility, the U.S. was to foster and protect the homeland of the Armenians. Congress did not approve.

Thirty-one U.S. flags fly each 4th Monday of May in the graveyard to your right for those who served: all brave, some gay. The U.S. Armed Services are the world's best example that a non-segregated, merit based culture can succeed with individuals from all cultures, tribes, religions and ancestries represented.



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Legends & Lessons

Armenians suffered their own Holocaust at the hands of the Turks; over 1,500,000 were murdered during WW I. Here and there churches throughout America opened their doors to the oppressed and this included the Scandinavian Lutheran Church across the street (who itself had many members who had been ethnically cleansed). Some took in the "Starving Armenians," just as they took in Ethiopians after the Italian invasion a decade later; then Haitians, and today Mexican Americans. Today, there are more Ethiopian Lutherans at church on a Sunday than in the U.S. The next generation of Americans has perhaps forgotten about their ancestors' generosity, but not the Ethiopians.

It is easy to forget, most who live in this area today know little of its history. Hitler's comment, when asked/ challenged about the Jews (and all Polish people, and the handicapped ...) said,

"Wer redet heute noch von der Vernichtung der Armenier?"
"Who, after all, speaks to-day of the annihilation of the Armenians?"

Ethnic cleansing, after all, is the reason this Farm exists. John Hauberg's company, the Pilchuck Tree Farm, gave us the option to purchase this Farm. In his autobiography he wrote of his German grandfather's 1848 decision to move from the Schleswig Holstein to escape the tensions caused by German guys liking Danish gals and Danish guys liking German gals. (See *Recollections of a Civic Errand Boy: The Autobiography of John Henry Hauberg*, Audiobook Publishing) It was a question of which country would rule and in 1864 little Denmark fought the Kingdom of Prussia and the Austrian Empire - an unwise decision. The resident Danes were told to "leave town" (the 2 counties) and many took shelter in refugee camps like the one in Ribe, Denmark where this writer's grandparents met briefly as 14 year-olds before my grandfather immigrated. Two years later he sent a postcard asking if my grandmother remembered him and oh, by the way, *"Would you sail over here by yourself, marry me, and raise a family. We'd change our family name's spelling because this is an English country."*

Edible Plants

Birds and insects need edible food too. Here is a **Pine White** that uses conifer needles for their larva. No native needles means no Pine Whites. For food they need Asters, Spring Flowering Currants, Thistles & other native plants. 5 native **Currants** are exhibited here, along the fence you may see:



We have just 1 Red Currant & 100s of the Red Flowering Currants. The east of mountain, **Golden Currant**, native is now found in King County.

The Living History Farm is maintained by the Pilchuck Learning Center, a WA nonprofit. Visitors enter under the Revised Codes of the State of Washington - RCW 4.24.200 & 4.24.210 allowing public recreational use, including nature study and viewing or enjoying scenic or scientific sites/waterways on private land.