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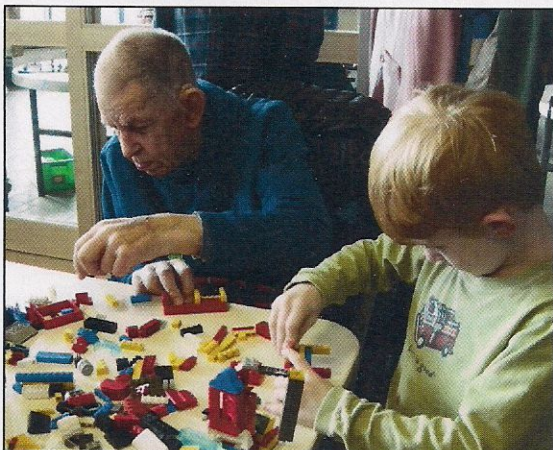
Sammamish remembers its roots...
228th Avenue SE and SE 24th Street
(Pine Lake/Discovery School)

Continuing with the fourth in a series of four....
(another seven locations comprised of thirteen
more boxes proposed for 2019).

This installation contains a lengthy history lesson. Minnie Burney Baker taught at Pine Lake Elementary. After Minnie had married Earl Tucker Baker and thereby forced to resign her teacher's credentials as a result of her marriage, Minnie and Earl lived in the historic Baker House which was moved on two occasions to eventually be located on the premises of the common area of the Homeowners Association of the present "The Laurels" off of SE 24th Street between Pine Lake and Beaver Lake. In 2019, the Association demolished the Baker House. Earl and Minnie Baker had one son, Edward Baker, born 1910. Earl, Minnie and their son Ed moved to Sammamish so that Ed would be able to access special education services from the Issaquah School District. The family moved to Sammamish after the Seattle School District refused to serve their son and Ed became one of the first special education students to go through the Issaquah District.

When I was designing the wraps for the two boxes at this location, I included a captivating photo of Minnie Burney Baker with their infant son, Edward. In researching Edward's various activities while he lived in Sammamish, I came across his obituary. In his obituary, I noted that Edward was fascinated and heavily engaged in building projects with legos. The obituary said that for the last ten years of his life, he celebrated his birthday by traveling to Legoland in Southern California.

My personal involvement with the Sammamish Arts Commission's annual "Build It Sammamish/Lego Event" took me back to 2013 when I remembered taking numerous photos of that event and its participants. I vividly recalled an elderly man who was involved and very focused in working with the Lego building units. I retrieved my archived 2013 Arts Commission photographs and there at that January 26, 2013 event was Edward Baker! Edward Baker died April 10, 2013, two months later, at the age of 103.



In the series of the first four (4) wraps, the fourth traffic signal utility box wrap is located at the corner of 228th Avenue SE and SE 24th Street (near the entrance to Pine Lake Park). Images include:

Larger “P” cabinet:

- Northwest exposure: (photos approximately 1930’s to present)
top: Pine Lake
center: Pine Lake
bottom: Local residents on the roof of the Pine Lake Grocery Store; circa 1960
- Southwest exposure:
Pine Lake School (1895-1940’s)
Lists Pine Lake School teachers from various years (1895-1923).
Discovery School; built 1991
- Southeast exposure:
1912 Kroll Township Map (two sides) “You are here” showing location
- Top of “P” cabinet: Continuation of 1912 Kroll Township Map

Tall Skyline Box:

- North exposure: Large photo, circa 1910, of Minnie Burney Baker (1885-1977) with son Edward (1910-2013)
- Northwest exposure: (1-3) Three versions of Baker House; top/1920, next down; 2012; next down 2018 (4) Bakers farming; circa 1925; (5) Bakers farming; circa 1925
- East exposure:
Text explaining requirements/qualifications of teachers; (2) teachers’ contract, circa 1923; (3) Attendance record, circa 1890; (4) Grade (report card entries) and school district subjects; 1895; Leo and Agnes Goebel, circa 1900; Inventory of Movable Property (alarm clock, broom, etc.) circa 1922
- Southeast exposure:
King County Assessor’s Maps; 1956 and 1946; (2) Three photos of Pine Lake waterfront; circa 1966; (3) Pine Lake School children; circa 1913; District Library Record; circa 1920-1922; Minnie Burney Baker’s Teacher’s Certificate dated 1904
- Top of Skyline cabinet: 10 Loggers; Pine Lake/Settum and Jones Mill; 1909-1911

Stop by this location and engage an app included on most smart phones, that of a qr code reader. Using that reader, just scan the externally affixed qr codes at this location to connect with youtube files to hear the horses neigh, logging sounds, the kids singing “School Days”, etc..

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**228th Avenue SE and SE 24th Street
(entrance to Pine Lake Park and Discovery Elementary School)**

Cabinets:
 Large cabinet is a P cabinet.
 Extension to P cabinet is a Tesco extension.
 Tall narrow box is a Skyline unit.

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