

Where History Was Made

Ann's Place was once court legend William O. Douglas' summer haven

By Jeanie Senior

The rustic lodge north of Glenwood, which is now Ann's Place Bed & Breakfast, has changed and expanded since 1965, when the late U.S. Supreme Court Associate Justice William O. Douglas used it as a retreat.

But Ann and Bob Beveridge, who bought the property in 1988 and opened the B&B about eight years ago, say the link to Douglas continues to be an attraction for their guests.

"Oh yes," says Bob, who once



Above, Bob and Ann Beveridge greet their collie at the entry to the historic bed and breakfast near Glenwood. **Bottom,** Ann shows a guestroom at the couple's rustic lodge.

told a Portland newspaper reporter that some attorneys had all but genuflected at the front door when they arrived as guests.

One judge from Oregon brought his court robes with him on a visit so Bob could take a photograph of him standing beneath a United States flag that flew over the Supreme Court when Douglas was a justice.

Copies of Douglas's numerous books are shelved in bookcases. A framed drawing of the house as it looked when Douglas lived there hangs in the living room.

There is also an elderly black Royal typewriter on display, which Douglas used. Bob says the typewriter was "left in the dust," after Douglas moved out. Also left behind: a sizable reed mat the Beveridges passed on to the Yakima

Valley Museum, which has an extensive exhibit on Douglas that includes the contents of his Washington, D.C. office.

Ann and Bob are interested in the vestiges of Douglas' occupancy that remain—one of

the outbuildings was his office, another was the stable for his then-wife Mercedes' horses.

But that's not why they bought their home. They found it while "we were in the throes of retirement from our careers in Southern California," says Ann.

She was an interior decorator. Bob was the president of Lancer Yachts.

Smiling, Ann says the fact they looked far north of California upset their seven children, who pointed out that it's the children, not the parents, who usually move away from home.

"They called it role reversal," she says.

But when they drove up to the driveway of the house in the shadow of Mount Adams, Bob fell in love. He saw the similarity to his boyhood home in Steel Lake, now part of Federal Way, and told Ann, "Honey, if you just say yes ..."

When they bought the property, Ann moved in first. Bob, who was closing down the yacht-building firm, came up for about a week every month for the first year or so.

Ilse Lloyd—who with her late husband, Les, ran the Flying L guest ranch south of the Beveridge place—was the first person to welcome the couple to Glenwood.

Ann and Ilse, who died in the





Above, Ann points out paintings by her late friend Ilse Lloyd, which are displayed at Ann's Place. Right, Bob taps on the old Douglas typewriter left behind when Douglas moved away.

mid-'90s, became good friends: There is a tribute to her at Ann's Place: A display of Ilse's watercolors hang in an upstairs hall.

Ann eventually took a job as cook at the Flying L when the Lloyds' sons Daryl and Darvel ran it, preparing breakfast, lunch and dinner there for 12 years.

Now 79, Ann says she and Bob, who is 84, opened the bed and breakfast after she decided she might as well be working at home.

Two cosy upstairs bedrooms, one with a glimpse of Mount Adams and the other with a view of the nearby creek, are set aside for guests. There is a swimming pool in the backyard.

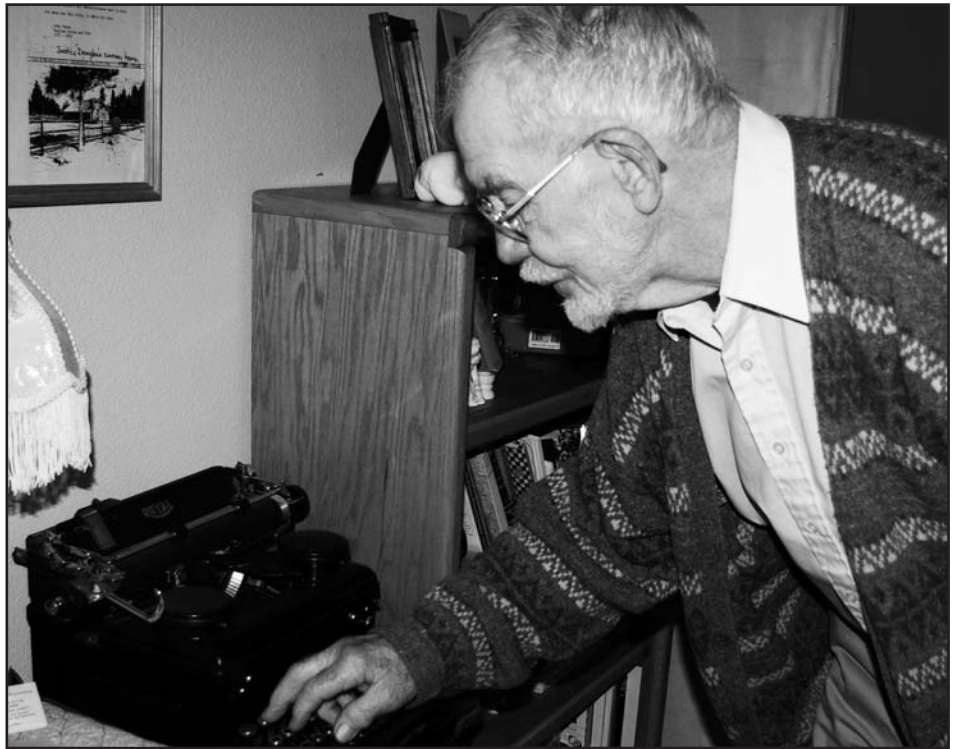
Downstairs, the living room and dining room are filled with Ann and Bob's interests. She is a doll collector, and he is attracted to nautical items.

Bob's career in the Navy spanned almost 20 years, and began in World War II, when he captained an Air-Sea Rescue boat in the Marshall Islands.

During the Korean War, Bob commanded a PT boat in a motor torpedo boat squadron.

As for the children Bob and Ann "abandoned" when they moved to Washington, three sons still live in California. The rest now live in Oregon and Washington. ■

Ann's Place closes when bad weather makes the roads treacherous. Information is available on the Web site www.annsplacebnb.com.



Douglas' Career Shaped By Early Years in Klickitat



The late U.S. Supreme Court Associate Justice William O. Douglas was the first to say he was shaped by a youth spent outdoors in the Cascade Mountains.

Although he lived briefly in Cleveland in east Klickitat County when he was a child, Douglas spent considerably more time in the county from the late 1950s to the mid-1960s, when he owned a summer home near Glenwood. The house, now enlarged, is the home of Ann and Bob Beveridge.

When Douglas owned the house, wrote the Klickitat County historian and author Keith McCoy, "the living room of the rustic Douglas home was possibly the most spectacular room in Klickitat County, decorated as it was with primitive art from many parts of the world."

Douglas came to Klickitat County in the early 1900s. His father, a Presbyterian minister, brought his family to Cleveland, a town west of Bickleton, and served churches in Cleveland, Bickleton and Dot. When he died in 1904, Julia Douglas and her three children moved to Yakima.

After a lengthy childhood illness, Douglas started hiking to gain strength. Spending time in the mountains near Yakima, he later wrote, instilled in him a love of wilderness—and of Mount Adams—that never abated.

Douglas was described as "brilliant, eccentric and independent," by a biographer who added "his opinions were characterized by a fierce commitment to individual rights and a powerful distrust of government power."

He also was noted for clear language. "Common sense often makes good law," Douglas wrote in one opinion. ■