

Eastside Heritage Center

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Vision

To be a destination heritage museum and research facility that enhances community identity through the preservation and stewardship of the Eastside's history.

Mission

To steward Eastside history by actively collecting, preserving and interpreting documents and artifacts, and by promoting public involvement in and appreciation of this heritage through educational programming and community outreach.

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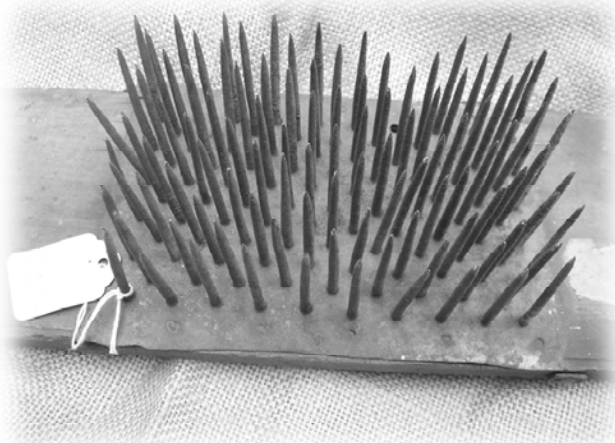
EASTSIDE HISTORY Turning Points

The artifact we have chosen from our collection to feature this issue is a hackle. Hackles are the product of a technological advancement that reduced the amount of hard labor needed in the production of linen. With all of the artificial fabrics we have today, it is easy to overlook linen's importance in Western history and culture.

Linen cloth has been around for the last 6,000 years. It is not only a highly durable fabric, but in ancient times, it was believed to have a special purity. It's not surprising then that the mummies of Egypt were wrapped in linen and that the priests of Egypt, Israel and Rome performed their functions in linen garments.

Linen is a product of the flax plant and its production is labor intensive. The long fibers that are used to make the linen thread are found in the main stalk of the plant so the shorter side branches are removed as the plant grows. When the flax is mature, it is pulled by hand, hung and allowed to dry. It is then "rippled" by a rake-like tool, which is pulled through the plant to remove the seed pods.

THE FLAX HACKLE



The Extraordinary Flax Hackle

The plants are then "retted," kept in water until the stalk fibers begin to rot. They are then scraped to remove the unusable residue.

At that point, "hanks" of the usable fibers are taken by hand and pulled through the spikes on the hackle for the final cleaning. We have a large hank in our collection. It has a radiant luster. It is easy to see where the expression "a flaxen haired maiden" came from.

Our hackle belonged to Dale Meriotte. It looks to be handmade and has about 100 1-1/2" spikes. *EHCC*

~ Story by Ralph Pinkerton
~ Photo by Mike Intlekofer

Introducing

CURATOR CARLY JO RYAN & ARCHIVIST MEGAN CARLISLE

EHC is proud to welcome two new staff members!



CURATOR CARLY JO RYAN:

"I am a local girl, born in Seattle and raised in Redmond. I studied history at Western Washington University and interned at the Lynden Pioneer Museum. After graduating, I moved to Bristol, England where I was awarded a MA in Historical Archaeology from the University of Bristol. History has always been my passion and my studies have focused on the meaning of artifacts and their use in remembering, experiencing, and

writing our own histories. I am very excited to be part of the Eastside Heritage Center and I am looking forward to developing exhibits and caring for the artifacts that will help to tell the histories of our communities."



ARCHIVIST MEGAN CARLISLE:

"I was born in Santa Monica, CA and moved to the Eastside at the ripe old age of three weeks, settling in Woodinville with my family. I remained there throughout my childhood and young adult years and have many fond memories of outings to Bothell Landing, Lake Sammamish and Squak Slough. My parents and a couple of excellent teachers inspired a love of history. After completing high school, I moved north to

Bellingham, where I earned a Bachelor's degree in history and a Master's in Archives and Records Management from Western Washington University. My studies also included some side excursions into Chinese language and instrumental music. I have always loved all branches of the humanities, and previous jobs include making soap and candles at a local medieval fair, playing in pit orchestras and proofreading orchestral scores for the Seattle Opera. I am very happy to be a part of the EHC, and am looking forward to learning more about the collections and the history of my home region." *EHC*

RECENT EHC ACCESSIONS



May 1984. Clean-up and planting at Issaquah Nursing Home in the rain. ~ *Springwood Garden Club Collection 2006.016 Activities Scrapbook*

RUTH ITTNER: Six slides and a box with graduation cards.

HENRY PAULMAN: The records of the citizens activist group TRUST (Tolls Represent Unfair State Taxation) dealing with issues surround the SR-520 Bridge.

JEAN MCHUTCHISON: The records of the Springwood Garden Club over the past 40 years.

DIANA FORD: Numerous artifacts including doilies, a cocktail hat, shoes, and dolls.

EUGENE MORLEY: Artifacts from the Bellevue Dairy Queen including the sign above the main entrance, assorted posters and two milkshake mixers.

NORMAN BLYE: Five photographic images of early 20th century Bellevue.

ELBERT ALLEN: One crate with a logo from the Bell-Red Greenhouse, and one gift certificate valid to Eastside bowling alleys.

Sign from atop the Bellevue Dairy Queen at NE 8th Street & 112th Avenue NE, which closed on April 14, 2006. ~ *Dairy Queen Collection 2006.019*



Strawberry Festival

The 2006 Strawberry Festival is moving to the Bellevue Downtown Park. Join us for a weekend of entertainment, food, heritage and family fun! Highlights of the 2006 Festival include:

EASTSIDE HERITAGE CENTER'S MINI-MUSEUM

Where history comes alive! Photos and artifacts from our collection will be on display, as well as plenty of hands-on activities to keep you busy! You'll have the opportunity to grind corn and even make your own time capsule with a traditional canning machine.

HISTORIC AGRICULTURAL EXHIBIT

With running pumps and engines, tractors and a "What Is It?" table.

2ND ANNUAL CLASSIC AUTO SHOW (SUNDAY ONLY)

Presented by Vander Hoek Windows & Doors, bringing back the stylish rides that once cruised the Eastside.

FAMILY FUN AREA

Presented by Chinn Construction, featuring carnival games, face painting, coloring contests, clowns, balloons and more!

VENDOR BOOTHS

Curios & crafts ~ from antiques to jewelry and photography to woodworking.

FOOD

What would a festival be without traditional festival fare, including fresh strawberry shortcake!

ENTERTAINMENT ON TWO STAGES

From magicians and clowns to jazz and rock 'n' roll! There will be entertainment for the whole family.

FREE PUBLIC CONCERT NEW THIS YEAR!

Festival Main Stage

Saturday, June 24 from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Featuring THE BEATNIKS, performing rock 'n' roll hits from the '60s and '70s.

For information, visit www.bellevuestrawberryfestival.org or call 425.450.1049. *EHCC*

THE EASTSIDE HERITAGE CENTER'S
**STRAWBERRY
FESTIVAL**

2006

IN BELLEVUE'S DOWNTOWN PARK
SATURDAY & SUNDAY
JUNE 24, 10 AM-7 PM & JUNE 25, 10 AM-5 PM

MUSIC	ENTERTAINMENT	FAMILY FUN
Rain or Shine	Strawberry Shortcake	Mini Museum
Hands on History	Historic Agricultural Exhibits	Vendor Booths — from Antiques to Woodworking
	CHINN	Family Fun Area
Kid's Stage	Carnival Games	Face Painting
V VANDER HOEK	Classic Auto Show (Sunday only)	
	Strawberry Shortcake Eating Contests and more....	

FREE PARKING & Shuttle From Bellevue High School
www.bellevuestrawberryfestival.org

Message

FROM OUR EXECUTIVEDIRECTOR



Heather Trescases
Eastside Heritage Center Executive Director

Spring has certainly sprung here at the Eastside Heritage Center ~ the organization is bounding with activity!

Over the past few months, EHC has had a presence, with photo displays and “what is it?” items, at various events throughout the community, including the Bellevue Youth Fair at Meydenbauer Center, official Arbor Day celebrations at Lewis Creek Park, the Eastside Volunteer Fair at Crossroads Mall, and the Multicultural Fair at Bellevue Community College.

We also held our first ever Winters House Afternoon Tea, in partnership with the City of Bellevue. It was a lovely, sunny day, and an enjoyable time was had by all. A special thank you to Catherine Braillier for sewing all of the maids outfits for the occasion.

In April, Mike Intlekofer and I attended the American Association of Museums Annual Meeting and Museum Expo in Boston, MA. It was the 100th anniversary of the AAM and the largest gathering of museum professionals in the world ~ thousands of people attended, with every state in the union represented, as well as another 43 countries. Both of us returned full of ideas on everything from marketing and exhibit development to museum strategy and cultural tourism. What an exciting experience this was!

Finally, a warm welcome to our newest board member, Joe Kennedy, and our two new staff members, Megan Carlisle as archivist and Carly Jo Ryan as curator. It is wonderful to have them on the EHC team.

See you all at the Strawberry Festival on June 24th & 25th! *EHC*

~ Heather Trescases, Executive Director

Wish List

- ✓ “PowerPoint” projector (c. \$600) ~ big need for this with all the presentations we are putting on for the public.
- ✓ Antique “book press” or “letter press.”
- ✓ Asparagus or lettuce harvesting knives, as used by farm workers.
- ✓ *Lake Washington Reflectors* (especially from the 1930s).
- ✓ *The Outlook* newspapers ~ 1940s & 1950s.
- ✓ City of Bellevue logo memorabilia such as earrings, tie tacs, pins etc. ~ produced when the logo was first designed.
- ✓ Memorabilia from “Forest Diety” carving at Bellevue Square by Dudley Carter.
- ✓ Early restaurant memorabilia, photos, postcards, stories, etc. such as: The Wake Robin Lodge, Crabapple, Kandy Kane, The Barb, Village Inn, The Hut, Kingens Drive Inn, Farrells, Dicks, Scandia Freeze, Kentucky Roast Beef, etc.
- ✓ 1950s and 1960s motel postcards, photos, memorabilia and stories from:
 - Sunset Drive-In
 - Bel-Kirk Drive-In
 - Eastside Drive-In
 - Bel-Vue Theater (Bellevue Square)
 - Pleasure Point Dance Hall
 - Ice Skate Plaza (NE 4th and 112th)
 - The bowling alley that was below the old Ernst Hardware in Bellevue.

Upcoming EHC Programs

FRASER CABIN

Public Heritage Programs at the 1888 Fraser Cabin located at Kelsey Creek Farm Park in Bellevue, presented in partnership with Bellevue Parks and Community Services. These programs are free and fun for all ages. See the schedule below.

CABIN CAPERS AND CHORES

SATURDAY, JULY 15 ~ 12 NOON TO 3 P.M.

Become an 1888 log cabin settler. Play games, wash and dry clothes, beat rugs, hunt for eggs, dress up in period clothing, grind wheat and pump water using the old hand pump.

FARM LIFE

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19, ~ 12 NOON TO 3 P.M.

Learn about farm life in the 1880s as you view and handle farm tools, grind corn, wear period clothing and plant a seed to take home.

TOOLS AND LOG CABIN CONSTRUCTION

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, ~ 12 NOON TO 3 P.M.

Enjoy the clever construction of the 1888 Fraser log cabin, watch tool demonstrations and handle tools used to build log cabins. Build a model log cabin and take some wood pieces home to build your own wood construction.

WINTERS HOUSE

COLMAN DIARIES EVENING PROGRAM

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 7 P.M.

WINTERS HOUSE, 2102 BELLEVUE WAY SE

Learn about life on Lake Washington in the late 19th century, as seen through the eyes of Clarissa Colman, and hear the intrigue & mystery surrounding the murder of her husband, James Manning Colman.

FARMERS' MARKET

BELLEVUE FARMERS' MARKET

THURSDAYS, JULY 20, AUGUST 17 & SEPTEMBER 28

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PARKING LOT,
BELLEVUE WAY NE

For the second year in a row, the Eastside Heritage Center will have a monthly presence at the Bellevue Farmers' Market. Exhibit themes will include agriculture, tools, "what-is-it?" items, and culinary history.

HISTORICAL BUS TOUR

BELLEVUE HISTORICAL SITES BUS TOUR

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2 TO 4 P.M. (Meet at 1:50pm at the Winters House, 2102 Bellevue Way SE)

REGISTRATION & FEE: Pre-registration required by September 16. Call Bellevue Parks and Community Services at 425.452.6881 or register online at their website. \$20 per person, prepaid at registration. Number of people: max. of 20 / min. of 10, all ages (10 and up preferred).

EHC, in partnership with Bellevue Parks and Community Services, is excited to offer this rare opportunity to visit, by bus, important historic sites in Bellevue. The tour will begin and end at the Winters House, the only building in Bellevue that has been placed on the National Historic Register. There you will board the bus to begin your journey through time. Become immersed in Bellevue's colorful heritage as you listen to interpreters, view photographs and enter selected historic buildings. Find out where the only true log cabin on its original site is located, by visiting it. Be prepared for all weather conditions. For more information, call EHC at 425.450.1049.

EHC ON DISPLAY!

Not all of the EHC's collection is hidden away in storage!

Visit these locations to see some of our treasures:

THEATRE AT MEYDENBAUER CENTER: A theatrical themed exhibit with artifacts and photos, featuring the Belfry Playhouse.

WINTERS HOUSE "HATS & TEA": A celebration of spring and summer with ladies' hats, accessories, tea-cups & tea-pots.

BELLEVUE CITY HALL "BELLEVUE'S CHANGING LANDSCAPE"

A photo display of Bellevue in the 1950s-70s, featuring Rolf Preuss and Bill Brant images.

KEY CENTER, BELLEVUE "PLANTING & HARVESTING ON THE ARIES AND STETSON FARMS": Historic photographs and agricultural equipment.

EHC is constantly looking for opportunities to exhibit items from our collection. If you are interested in a display for your business or special event, contact us at 425.450.1049.

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A VERY SPECIAL

Thank You!



We would like to thank 4 Culture for approving our 2006 Sustained Support Grant of \$6,500, funded through King County Lodging Tax Revenues.

The grant will enable the Eastside Heritage Center to continue providing public benefits throughout the Eastside community.

The Eastside Heritage Center also recently received a 4 Culture Cultural Facilities Grant of \$2,150 for the installation of a much-needed security and fire detection system at the McDowell House.

Finally, we would like to extend a big thank you to everyone who contributed to our Annual Fund Drive. We raised over \$5,000! *EHC*

**NEW BOARD MEMBER:
JOE KENNEDY**

Joe Kennedy started *The Bellevue Business Journal* in February 2005, with the first issue debuting in March. The publication's name was changed to *Eastside Business Monthly* in late May 2005 and is now known as *Eastside Business*.

Joe was raised in Bellevue, attended Clyde Hill, Ashwood (now the site of the Bellevue Regional Library) and Enatai Elementary schools, Bellevue Jr. High School (now the site of Bellevue's Downtown Park) and graduated from Bellevue High School in 1981. He attended University of Washington before transferring to San Diego State University to concentrate on business and real estate.

With a passion for building *Eastside Business* for readers and businesses on the Eastside, Kennedy is an entrepreneur, freelance writer, and real estate broker.

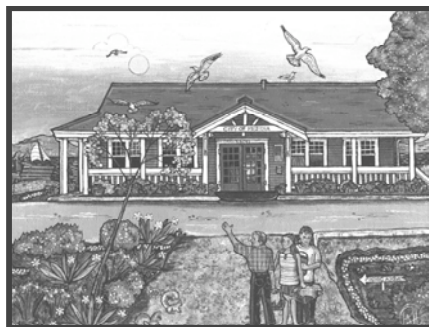
He has greatly varied work experiences including being an accountant, a crab fisherman in Alaska, an aviation broker, co-owner of the Houston, Texas-based company Aerial Burial, limo service operator, a plant manager for the former manufacturing operation of Seattle's Speakerlab, the owner and publisher of a business journal in Southern California, and being the world's first 24-hour realtor with Bellevue's Overlake Realty in 1989.

Joe is happily married to Elena Kennedy and father to Jacqueline Nataliya Kennedy. Joe and his family live in Bellevue. *EHC*

**BLANK CARDS WITH ARTWORK
OF LOCAL SETTINGS \$4⁰⁰**

Reproductions of American Primitive-style paintings of Eastside settings (such as the historic McDowell House, the Winters House and the Medina Market) by local artist, Patti Simpson Ward. These blank cards feature landmarks and well-known settings from several Eastside communities including Medina, Bellevue, Redmond, Woodinville, Sammamish, Issaquah and Snoqualmie.

To order greeting cards, leave a message with Bob Johnson of EHC at 425.450.1049.



"Merrymaking at the Medina Ferry Dock (City Hall)"
Patti Simpson Ward ©2006

Volunteer News

Many EHC volunteers make special contributions "behind the scenes." One of these is Paddy Loughran. Each Monday, she makes reminder calls to the Winters House hosts scheduled for the week. Paddy and husband, Jim, have been hosts for nearly ten years and Paddy has faithfully made these calls for about as long.



Paddy Loughran, making her reminder phone calls.

Two more of our faithful volunteers are Pat and Bob Sandbo who recently received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Bellevue Friends of the Library. We are proud of our volunteers!



Bob and Pat Sandbo with their Lifetime Achievement Award.
(Photo © 2006 KCLS, Heidi Pettit/KCLS.)

Karen Klett, Volunteer Coordinator, has lots of opportunities to tell you about. For more information, contact her at 425.450.1049 or by e-mail at karenklett@eastsideheritagecenter.org. *EHC*

Membership INFORMATION

ALL MEMBERS RECEIVE:

- Newsletter
- Notice of exhibits and programs

CATEGORIES:

- **STUDENT / SENIOR** (Age 62) \$15
- **INDIVIDUAL** \$25
- **FAMILY** \$40 (Two adults and children living in the same household)
- **FRIEND / ORGANIZATION** \$100
- **STEWARD** \$250

Members also receive an invitation to Curator's Tour of the collection

- **SPONSOR** \$500

~ Same as "Steward"

Members also receive one complimentary business card ad in the newsletter

- **BENEFACTOR** \$1,000

~ Same as "Sponsor"

Members also receive invitations to special events

Join us in preserving, supporting and interpreting the heritage of the Eastside for those who come after us.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW EHC MEMBERS!

LUKE ESSER
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ROBERT C. ADAMS
FRANCES LARSON

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SHARON L. GAMBLE
HARRIET HARVEY ARKLEY



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Please check the appropriate circles:

- Student / Senior ~ \$15
- Individual ~ \$25
- Family ~ \$40
- Friend / Organization ~ \$100
- Steward ~ \$250
- Sponsor ~ \$500
- Benefactor ~ \$1,000

- New Member
- Membership Renewal
- I'd like to volunteer 2 hours per month!

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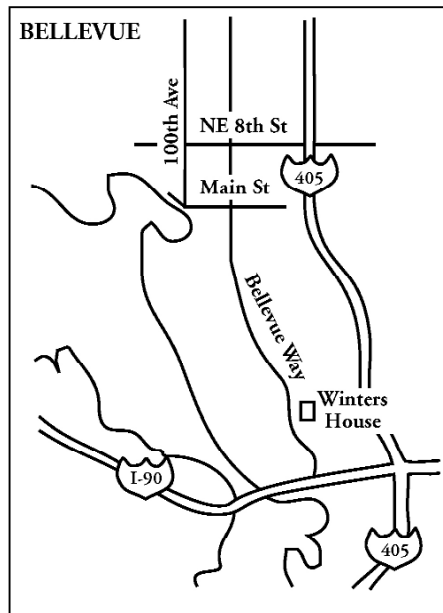
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HOURS OF OPERATION:

Office Hours: Tuesday ~ 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Visiting Hours: Monday to Saturday ~ 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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DIRECTIONS ~ WINTERS HOUSE :

From I-90, either direction, take the Bellevue Way exit. Merge onto Bellevue Way SE and drive .6 miles to the Winters House which will be on the right.

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