

# EASTSIDE HERITAGE CENTER



*Connections for yesterday, today, and tomorrow.*

## HERITAGE REFLECTOR

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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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## Winter Sleigh Ride

Carly Jo Jellyman  
*Curator*

Christmas came early for the Eastside Heritage Center this year when Diana Schafer Ford gave us a lovely Christmas sleigh to use in our Magic Season displays.

The black sleigh with red velvet lining and gold trim was purchased at a local antique shop by Diana's mother, Violet Cort Schafer, in the 1960s. This child's wood and metal push sleigh dates to the later part of the 1800s and would have been used to push young children around in the snow, a kind of snowy day baby carriage. It could also be used by Victorian

children to take their favorite doll out for a stroll.

The sleigh was used every holiday season by the Schafer family to hold toys, gifts and decorations. In later years it was given to Diana, who also used it to display gifts. Her granddaughter Lauren's christening photo was even taken in the sleigh.

Diana also used to tow around her grandson, Kieran. She remembers the days when Kieran would fill the sleigh with toys, a crack whip and go for sleigh rides up and down their street in Renton.



*Above: Sleigh donated by Diana Ford.*

This year Diana Ford's sleigh will be filled with Santas and put on display at the Crossroads Shopping Center as a part of EHC's annual Magic Season celebrations.

There will also be Santa and holiday-themed displays at the Winters House and Meydenbauer Theater for the community to enjoy.

*Left: Santas from around the world, which will be displayed at Crossroads Shopping Center. Pictured are Santas from Germany, Italy, Denmark, Russia, India and Ecuador, plus many more countries are represented on the tree. Golliver Family Santa Collection.*



# Education Corner

## Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition: Our Region's First World's Fair

Jane Morton  
Education Coordinator

2009 marks the Centennial of the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition (A-Y-P), the first "World's Fair" of our region. Three million people, not only from the Pacific Northwest but around the world, attended the Exposition from June to October 1909, celebrating the Alaska Yukon gold rush and the growing trade market with Asia Pacific.

People from the east side of Lake Washington were able to take the ferry and enjoy the many educational and entertainment sites offered on the present location of the University of Washington.

A good resource for events, lectures, and history ([www.aype.org](http://www.aype.org)) has been put together



Above: Grace Hill (left) on the grounds of the A-Y-P Exposition in Seattle in 1909. The Forestry Building is in the background. Phyllis Hill Fenwick Collection.

by 4Culture, HistoryLink, MOHAI and others.

4Culture and HistoryLink have teamed up to create a curriculum about the A-Y-P and its impact on the Pacific Northwest.

Eastside Heritage Center was invited to work with a team of local heritage educators to design an interesting and relevant program for the students of Washington State.

The team has been meeting since September and has chosen a theme: Alaska Yukon Pacific Exposition, the crowning jewel of this region's Klondike Gold Rush era, and Seattle's bid to enter the world scene as a portal to the Pacific.

The curriculum will include a PowerPoint presentation with the following essential questions: "How was the A-Y-P a reflection of life in the Pacific Northwest in 1909? How is the region different or the same today?"

The members of the team are also developing A-Y-P related projects to accompany the PowerPoint, with the entire curriculum available on-line by spring 2009.

### Membership Reminder

To ensure that you continue to receive a copy of the *Heritage Reflector*, EHC's quarterly newsletter, please remember to keep your Eastside Heritage Center membership up-to-date.

You can use the Membership Form on page 7 of this newsletter, or join online at [www.eastsideheritagecenter.org](http://www.eastsideheritagecenter.org)

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# Thank You

The Eastside Heritage Center would like to thank the **Bellevue Rotary Foundation** for its support of \$2,500 this year. The grant is being used to revise, update and enhance our local history visual programs and presentations. Currently, these programs are in the form of 35mm slides. The content of each of the programs needs revising and updating, and the slides need to be converted to digital format. In addition, grant funds will be used to purchase the necessary equipment to present the programs throughout the community.

The EHC would also like to express its appreciation to the **City of Kirkland** for its 2008 Community Agency Funding of \$1,200 to support the development of rotating heritage exhibits at Kirkland City Hall. 2008 exhibit themes included "Native American Tribes of the Eastside," "The Eastside Frontier," and "Our Heroes: Remembering the Veterans of the Eastside."

Finally, a big thank you to **Radford & Co.** for donating exhibit space this past year in Park Row Plaza along Bellevue Way. This partnership "dressed-up" vacant retail space and enabled EHC to showcase a variety of items in its collection with a sizeable window display.

## From the Executive Director



**Heather Trescases**  
Executive Director

The holiday season is a time when we gather with friends and family, honor past traditions and create cherished memories.

It is a time of year that speaks to the essence of the Eastside Heritage Center. EHC exists to preserve, share and interpret the stories from our community's past. Whether it's a collection of family photos with the Frederick & Nelson Santa year after year, or tales of ice skating on Lake Bellevue in the days when it used to freeze over, or stories of the mounds of snow that can fall in Hilltop and Sommerset at this time of year - deep within EHC's collection of photographs, archives and artifacts, are thousands of stories and holiday memories.

The other day we uncovered a wonderful childhood Christmas memory, written in the notebook of a 4th grader at Happy Valley School in 1911. Little Olga Carlson wrote:

*"Last Christmas I had a surprise. The Christmas before I got a doll carriage from papa, and a doll from mama. The carriage had a blue cover*

*and the doll wasn't dressed. Then last Christmas they said to me that Santa Claus had written a letter to them and told them that I should go to bed at eight o'clock every night. I went to bed at eight every night.*

*While I was in bed they were dressing my doll all in pink, and putting a pink cover on my doll carriage. So I would not know it. They made bed clothes too. Then when they had it finished they put it away in one of the rooms, and would not let me go into that room till after Christmas.*

*Then Christmas came and we were going to see what Santa Claus had brought. My sister went right into that room [...] where the doll and carriage was. She brought it out for me to see it. I thought surely I had two dolls and two carriages, because I thought I had the blue one upstairs where I used to keep it. I said now I have two dolls and two carriages, then they all laughed at me. They had put all that I wanted from Santa Claus in the doll carriage too.*

*I got a cup and saucer from Ellen Johnson, a handkerchief from Amelia Johnson a necklace from Eric Johnson. A rocker from my sister Elsie. I gave away two writing boxes, one paint box, and one tie pin. I had a surprise Christmas."*

It is through the generous support of our members and donors that EHC is able to collect and preserve memories such as these for future generations. As you think about your holiday gifts, please consider giving the gift of history, with a contribution to the Eastside Heritage Center.

Wishing you all a joyous holiday season!

## Recent Accessions

Thank you for your donations to the collection:

**Norm Blye**  
- Class photographs from early Bellevue.

**Susan Sheldrake**  
- Two framed aerial photographs of Bellevue.

**Bea Mathewson**  
- Class photos and portraits of Bellevue residents

**Steve Smelser**  
- Clothing of Eastside historian and resident, Jackie Smelser

## EHC Wish list

EHC is seeking the following donations:

FOR THE COLLECTION:

- o Eastside Genealogical Society newsletters from any years except 2006 & '07.
- o Photographs of Bellevue schools, especially elementary schools.
- o Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition photos, clothes, memorabilia.
- o Photos, documents and ephemera from named neighborhoods (e.g., Somerset, Newport Hills).

FOR PROGRAMS:

- o Butter spreaders for Heritage Teas.

FOR THE OFFICE:

- o Letter-size file cabinets.

To Donate Items:

call 425-450-1049 or email [curator@eastsideheritagecenter.org](mailto:curator@eastsideheritagecenter.org)

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# Lucile McDonald - A Lifetime of History

Megan Carlisle  
*Archivist*

One cannot venture too far into Eastside history before encountering the name Lucile Saunders McDonald. This remarkable historian and journalist wrote hundreds of articles and authored or contributed to 34 books, including *The Lake Washington Story*, *Squak Slough*, and *Bellevue: Its First 100 Years*. During her extensive career, she worked as a journalist in Oregon, Argentina, New York, Alaska, and Istanbul before she settled in the Seattle area. Her longest post was at the *Seattle Times*, where she worked for 23 years before retiring in 1966.

She is perhaps most well-known for her contributions to local history. At the *Times*, she was the author of a popular series of articles on Pacific Northwest history in the Sunday magazine. After her "retirement," she continued to contribute articles to the *Times*, and in 1977 she took on a similar job with the *Journal-American* in Bellevue. She also wrote for *The Sea Chest*, *Columbia*, and the *Oregon Historical Quarterly*. Her last book to be published in her lifetime was *Making History: The People Who Shaped the San Juan Islands*, which appeared in 1990 when she was 92 years old. She passed away in 1992.

McDonald bequeathed her abiding love of history to her son Richard, who edited and published his mother's autobiography *A Foot in the Door* in 1995. A member of



Lucile McDonald in "retirement"  
(source: *A Foot in the Door*).

many local historical societies, the younger McDonald wrote articles, led tours, and searched for "forgotten" coal mines. Richard also assembled a large repository of texts and articles on local history, many of which were donated to the Eastside Heritage Center after his death in 2003.

Lucile McDonald's work has also attracted the attention of other local historians. Lorraine McConaghy (currently at the Museum of History and Industry) collected a number of her articles and published them as *Lucile McDonald's Eastside Notebook* in 1993. A revised edition of McDonald's comprehensive text on Bellevue history, *Bellevue: Its First 100 Years*, was printed in 2000 with a new introduction by Charles LeWarne. These and other historians recognize the importance of McDonald's pioneering work in Eastside history. She laid a foundation of research and publication upon which scholars will build for many years to come.

# Upcoming Programs

## Program Ideas?

Contact EHC at 425-450-1049 or  
email [savita@eastsideheritagecenter.org](mailto:savita@eastsideheritagecenter.org)

## HERITAGE SERIES

The Eastside Heritage Center is delighted to present the 2009 Heritage Series Lectures at the new **Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center**, a wetland nature park right in the heart of urban Bellevue.

The new MSEEC provides a place for interpretation, education and research of wetland ecology and the effects of urban development to a larger audience.

### **History of the Mercer Slough**

*Date & Time:* Thursday, February 19, 2009, 7:00 PM

*Location:* Mercer Slough Enviro. Education Center  
(1625 118th Ave SE, Bellevue)

Did you know that the Mercer Slough was a staging ground for the 1856 "Battle of Seattle" between the Native Americans and the European-American settlers?

Using photos and historic documents from the Eastside Heritage Center's collections, archivist Megan Carlisle explores the history of Mercer Slough and its influence on Bellevue. Come and learn about ferries, logging, farming, office parks, and nature preserves.

Presented in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services.

### **Centennial Celebration: The Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition, 1909-2009**

*Date & Time:* Thursday, March 19, 2009, 7:00 PM

*Location:* Mercer Slough Enviro. Education Center  
(1625 118th Ave SE, Bellevue)

Celebrate the centennial of the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition! The Eastside Heritage Center welcomes guest speaker Alan Stein of History Link, who will share the history of the A-Y-P, Washington's first world's fair. Held in 1909 on the University of Washington campus, the A-Y-P celebrated 12 years of prosperity (since the 1897 Alaska Gold Rush) through the display of resources, products, and advantages of Washington and the region. More than 3 million people visited the fair from around the county, state and the rest of the country.

Presented in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services.

## DIRECTIONS

**MERCER SLOUGH ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER**  
1625 118th Ave SE, Bellevue

From I-405, take SE 8th Street exit, turn west. Turn left on 118th. MSEEC is on the right before crossing under I-90.

From Downtown Bellevue:

Head south on 112th Ave SE. Turn left on SE 8th street. Turn right on 118th Ave SE.



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## COAL CREEK HISTORY PROGRAM

*Date & Time:* Saturday, January 31, 2008, 10:00 AM

*Location:* Lewis Creek Park Visitors Center  
(5808 Lakemont Boulevard S.E., Bellevue)

*Registration:* 425-392-3500 (Issaquah History Museums)  
or 425-450-1049 (Eastside Heritage Center)

Coal mining was the Eastside's first major industry, producing millions of tons of coal to be shipped from Seattle to San Francisco at the turn of the 20th century. Join us for some adventuring into the past as we study the present.

The program will be led by researcher Stephen Grate, and begins with a 50-minute photo and geologic history presentation at the Lewis Creek Visitors Center, followed by a hike along the beautiful narrow and wooded trails of Coal Creek Park.

The presentation and hike explore the rich history of coal mining in King County. The Coal Creek mine was the world's largest in 1908, supporting a town of nearly 450 structures – hotels, stores, a theater, dance hall, and a professional baseball field. Today the town is gone and only some concrete remains along the trails to remind us of the industrial activity that took place at this site. The presentation uses historical photos to look at activities both above and below ground. The hike visits the major remains of a 'company town' that flourished from 1894 to 1934.

Presented by the Eastside Heritage Center and Bellevue Parks & Community Services, in partnership with King County Parks, Issaquah History Museums and the Newcastle Historical Society.

# Eastside Heritage Connections

## REDMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

### *History of Issaquah*

*Date & Time:* Saturday, January 10, 2009, 10:30 AM

*Location:* Old Redmond Schoolhouse Auditorium  
(16600 NE 80<sup>th</sup> Street, Redmond)

Erica Maniez, Director of Issaquah History Museums, gives a presentation on the History of Issaquah.

### *Redmond's First "Walking Mailman"*

*Date & Time:* Saturday, February 14, 2009, 10:30 AM

*Location:* Old Redmond Schoolhouse Auditorium  
(16600 NE 80<sup>th</sup> Street, Redmond)

Jerry Hammersberg, the first "Walking Mailman" in downtown Redmond gives a talk.

[www.redmondhistory.org](http://www.redmondhistory.org)

## KIRKLAND HERITAGE SOCIETY

### *Spotlight on Old Time Radio presented live by Linda and Neal Shulman*

*Date & Time:* Wednesday, January 28, 2009, 7:00 PM

*Location:* Heritage Hall (203 Market St., Kirkland)

A nostalgic & entertaining evening of recorded cuts from some of the most remembered programming from the Golden Age of Radio. Historical notes, radio trivia game (with free tapes & CD's to trivia winners!)

### *The Complete History of Lake Washington presented by Chip Davidson*

*Date & Time:* Wednesday, February 25, 2009, 7:00 PM

*Location:* Heritage Hall (203 Market St., Kirkland)

Historical documentary & Power Point presentation encompassing geology, government limitations & political conflicts, pioneers....something for everyone's interest!

[www.kirklandheritage.org](http://www.kirklandheritage.org)

## Welcome

The Eastside Heritage Center welcomed two new staff members this fall:

### ELIZABETH HEINZ

Elizabeth joined EHC as the **Fund Development Manager** in November 2008. She has prior development experience working for a local Arts Center and for a historic library in Pennsylvania. She is currently participating in the Advanced Fundraising Management program at the University of Washington.

Elizabeth is delighted to be a member of the Eastside Heritage Center's staff. She received a Master of Fine Arts degree from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago and a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from the

University of Colorado. For ten years Elizabeth taught art appreciation, art history, studio art, and design at several colleges and universities before her move to the Seattle region in 2002. She has exhibited her paintings at galleries nationwide.

In addition to her love of art and history, she enjoys taking advantage of many outdoor activities that the Seattle region has to offer. Weekends find her bicycling back roads, sailing in Puget Sound, snowshoeing, hiking or rock climbing peaks in the Cascades.

### SAVITA KRISHNAMOORTHY

Savita joined EHC as **Public Programs Coordinator** in October 2008. She moved from her native India to North America fifteen years ago, having lived in Ottawa, Canada, and San Francisco before moving to the Seattle area in 2003. She now calls Redmond home.

She holds a Masters degree in the History of Art and is a recent graduate of the University of Washington's Museum Studies Program. She also has an Interactive Multimedia Diploma from Algonquin College in Ottawa.

Savita has previously worked as a Web Designer for an online art retail company, a Publications Manager for an art education organization in

the Bay area, and as a Curator/Manager for an art Gallery in Seattle.

An avid traveler, in 2002 Savita spent the year backpacking in Australia, New Zealand, South-East Asia, Africa and Egypt. She has been a Docent at the National Gallery of Canada and was a volunteer tutor for the Project Read Program conducted by the San Francisco Library system. She has also contributed articles on art to some of India's premier newspapers.

She loves living in the Pacific Northwest for its natural beauty, diverse population and for its wealth of art and culture. Savita is very happy to be part of the EHC and is looking forward to putting together some wonderful programs for the community.

# Volunteer Corner

## Honoring our Volunteers

Karen Klett  
Volunteer Coordinator

The 2008 Volunteer of the Year Award was presented to Pat & Bob Sandbo at the Annual Meeting in November, for their long-time and faithful service to the EHC.

Pat & Bob were founding members of the Bellevue Historical Society and have volunteered in many capacities: Pat has written many articles for previous newsletters, Bob for many years audio taped monthly meetings. They have assisted at hundreds of events and still serve as docents at the Winters House. They created a slide show of Bellevue's history, which has been presented to groups of all ages. Bob did much of the photography & Pat wrote the script. Pat has been our most faithful and prolific oral history interviewer.

Pat & Bob have also helped at every Strawberry Festival



Above: Pat & Bob Sandbo being honored at the Annual Meeting.

(Pat remembers attending the original Festivals as a young girl) and are always willing to 'be there' whenever there is a need!

Awards were also presented to David Browne, Tim Johnson & Kim Radcliffe, for their tremendous dedication and volunteer contributions this year.

### Contact EHC and get involved today.

Karen Klett  
(425) 450-1049  
Volunteer Coordinator  
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