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Connections for yesterday, today, and tomorrow.

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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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History Comes Alive

Kim Radcliffe
Trustee

On the night of February 4, three artifacts from Eastside Heritage Center's collection of more than 30,000 "came alive" at the Meydenbauer Center in Bellevue to tell their stories.

The 200 guests at EHC's annual Heritage Benefit Dinner heard Sherry Grindeland bring to life the Colman Diaries. Bellevue Mayor Don Davidson told the story of a fireman's jacket and David Schooler portrayed a needlepoint rendering of Bellevue's 1976 Land Use probability plan



created by Chris Towne Smith. Each began by stating their accession numbers and where they currently reside.

From the Winters House archives to Public Storage room #1325, Eastside Heritage Center faces the challenge of how to make our collection accessible and real to the public. For the Heritage Benefit Dinner, we decided the best way to provide a glimpse at the variety and richness of the

collection was to give a voice to three items, and let them share their story.



Above: Bellevue Fireman's Jacket, worn by Chet Zobirst (left). Donated by Margaret Zobrist, 2008.041.001

Left: Needlepoint of Bellevue Land Use Probability Plan. Donated by the family of L. Joe Miller. 2009.002.001

What should a city look like?

How should a city protect its businesses and residents from fire?

What was it like to live every day in this community 100 years ago?

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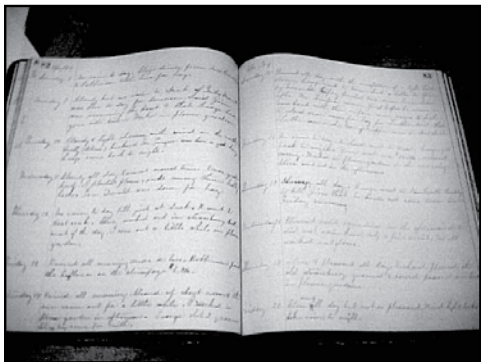
The memory of how we lived and grew as a community provides us not only with a map of the past, but also an optimistic blueprint for the future.

Each of our artifacts has a story that makes up our collective heritage. We all have a responsibility to keep these stories alive.

The annual Heritage Benefit Dinner plays a large part in helping EHC continue to tell these stories. This year's event, which included our first-ever

silent auction, generated over \$32,000. Thanks to the generous support of our event sponsors, all contributions made by guests at the event will go directly to support EHC's programs and collection.

Planning is already underway for next year's event. Stay tuned for more details soon on how you can get involved!



Above: Clarissa Colman's Diaries. Donated by Robert Fawcett, 2005.017.001.

Heritage Corner

What is an "Apron Shower?"

While glancing through some old newspapers, EHC Archivist Megan Carlisle came across the following news item in the February 11, 1910 issue of *East Side News*, a precursor to the *East Side Journal*:



Above: A child's apron from the Eastside Heritage Center's collection. Donated by Nikki Wells, 2006.031.014.

"Mrs. "Dick" Richardson was responsible for a very enjoyable event February 5 in the way of a birthday party for N. C. Carver, which took the form of an "apron shower." A little poetic effort expressed the sentiment of those present, as follows:

"Aprons, many, or aprons, few,
 May be showered this day on you.
 May you live to wear them out,
 Is the wish of all, no doubt.
 Some are white and some are blue,
 Maybe some of every hue.
 And each one says, in its own way,
 Many happy returns of the day."

Megan wonders: "What is an apron shower? Why were they held? Were they associated with a certain event like a wedding or moving into a new home?"

If any of our readers are familiar with an "apron shower," please contact Megan by email at archives@eastsideheritagecenter.org or call (425) 450-1049.

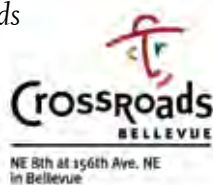
Note: The February 11, 1910 issue of *East Side News*, and many others, can be viewed at the Kirkland Heritage Society's website:

<http://www.kirklandheritage.org/egan-newspapers.html>

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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

Thank you for your continued support!

Recent Accessions

Thank you for your donations to the collection:

Michael Luis

- Medina budget and two photographs

Lee Springgate

- Bellevue Downtown Park Designs and Plan

Candace Carrier

- Hyak Junior High Annuals, and other Bellevue schools materials

Sherry Grindeland

- "Thomas" Guide to King County

To Donate Items:

call 425-450-1049 or email archives@eastsideheritagecenter.org

Recent Accession:

Walt Hagenstein, Medina Postmaster, in 1955.

Donated by Michael Luis, 2010.001.002



EHC Wish list

EHC is seeking the following donations:

FOR THE OFFICE:

- Letter-size filing cabinets
- Shade for window in collections office (56 inches high and 36 inches wide)
- Electric kettle (with auto shut-off)
- Tabletop or wall-mounted pencil sharpeners

FOR PROGRAMS:

- Video camera

FOR THE COLLECTION:

- Eastside women's history items, especially relating to women in business & politics.
- Yearbooks from Eastside high schools (other than Sammamish and Bellevue/Overlake). In particular, Newport, Interlake, Redmond, etc.
- Eastside phone directories prior to 1975.

Eastside Heritage Center's Strawberry Festival in Bellevue

Saturday, June 26 - 10am-8pm

Sunday, June 27 - 10am-5pm

Crossroads International Park

www.BellevueStrawberryFestival.org

Get Involved!



The 2009 Eastside Heritage Center's Strawberry Festival in Bellevue was an enormous success, with over 40,000 people in attendance, consuming 6,000 lbs of strawberries!

Through this historic annual event, Eastside Heritage Center endeavors to create public awareness for the organization and to promote community involvement in and appreciation of Eastside history.

Festival participants enjoy fresh strawberry shortcake, entertainment, historical and agricultural exhibits celebrating the region's past, family fun activities, food and vendor booths, and a classic auto show.

We are working hard to build on our proven success over the past seven years. In order to accomplish our goals for 2010, we need your participation! There are many ways you can help to make this coming year's Strawberry Festival the largest and best ever:

BE A VOLUNTEER
To help run the Festival. Each volunteer receives a t-shirt and complimentary strawberry shortcake for helping out.

BECOME A STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL SPONSOR.
Sponsorships range from \$250 to \$10,000, and will provide your company with valuable exposure, while supporting this community event and the Eastside Heritage Center.

HAVE A VENDOR BOOTH
To reach out to the community with your goods and services.

Please join us in support of the 2010 Strawberry Festival!

To get involved:
Contact Heather Trescases at 425-450-1049 or email director@eastsideheritagecenter.org

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President's Message



Michael Luis
President

Dear fellow EHC members:

In January I became President of the Board of Eastside Heritage Center, so let me introduce myself. I am a third-generation Eastside native, having spent over two thirds of my life in Medina, where my grandparents moved in 1917. And in the 93 years that my family has been in the area, we have always been heavily involved in the community. So becoming President of EHC is not only a great honor for me, but allows me to follow in the family tradition of civic service.

There is some irony in me becoming President. My day job usually involves helping communities cope with and understand the benefits of change, and change often sweeps away the visual signs of the past. But while EHC has an important role to play in preserving critical pieces of our past, we are also about understanding and celebrating where we have come from and building our past into

our present. EHC's work to shape the themes of the new Meydenbauer Bay Park is a good example of how history and change can go together.

My goal as President is to build on the great work of my predecessors and fellow Board members in making EHC an indispensable institution. Heritage organizations, along with other arts and cultural groups, seem to thrive easily in large central cities, but are more of a challenge to establish in the fast-growing and fast-changing suburbs. Well, the Eastside long ago gave up its status as a quiet bedroom community and now should have a full range of cultural institutions commensurate with its size and influence. The impressive attendance and support at our Heritage Benefit Dinner in February showed that we are well on our way.

I thank the EHC Board for having confidence in me and I thank you for your support. I look forward to meeting many more of my fellow members in the year ahead.

- Michael Luis

Upcoming Programs

FRASER CABIN HERITAGE DAYS

Dates & Times: Saturdays, April 24, May 15, June 19, '10
11:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Location: Kelsey Creek Farm Park, Bellevue

Another season of Fraser Cabin activities returns! The log cabin experience is magical and will transport you back in time. Visitors are invited to participate in hands-on activities that relate to 1880s settler life: agriculture, dairy, household tasks, log cabins, games and Eastside history. All activities are located at the historic 1888 Fraser Cabin at Kelsey Creek Farm Park. Eastside Heritage Center staff and volunteers present the activities and interpret the log cabin that was built and lived in by the Fraser family over 100 years ago!

Presented by the Eastside Heritage Center, in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services.

WALKING TOUR OF HISTORIC WILLOWMOOR

Date & Time: Sunday, June 13, 2010, 1:00 PM

Location: Clise Mansion, Marymoor Park
(6046 West Lake Sammamish Pkwy NE, Redmond)

Registration: 425-450-1049

Eastside Heritage Center Volunteer Tom Hitzroth will guide a walking tour covering the history of Willowmoor Farm from the time of the first homesteader John Tosh through the ownership of James Clise, John Bratnober, Uberto Dickey and Walter Nettleton, who gave the property the current name of Marymoor, after his daughter Mary. The tour will visit the site of John Tosh's homestead, the original hunting lodge that James Clise built before the mansion, as well as the site of Mrs. Clise's greenhouses, the art gallery and the windmill. The tour will also discuss the Native Americans who occupied the property periodically from 6000 BC through the late 19th century.

OLD REDMOND HISTORIC WALKING TOURS

Dates & Times: April 18, May 16, June 20, 2010, 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

Location: Justice White House (7730 Leary Way, Redmond)

Registration: Redmond Historical Society
425-885-2919 or info@redmondhistoricalsociety.org
An \$8 fee helps fund RHS research.

FOR MORE INFORMATION
on any Eastside Heritage Center programs,
visit www.eastsideheritagecenter.org

Program Ideas?

Contact EHC at 425-450-1049 or
email director@eastsideheritagecenter.org

HERITAGE SERIES

Colman Cold Case

Date & Time: Thursday, May 20, 2010, 7:00 PM

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

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. EHC Trustee Sherry Grindeland will set the scene, and "History Detective" Tom Hitzroth will share his latest theories surrounding the Colman murder. Exciting new information has been uncovered since the last time Tom and Sherry presented to EHC, so you won't want to miss this!

Presented by the Eastside Heritage Center, in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services.

Change Over Time: The Lowering of Lake Washington

Date & Time: Thursday, September 18, 2010, 7:00 PM

Location: Winters House (2102 Bellevue Way SE, Bellevue)

What happened to the Eastside when the Lake Washington Ship Canal was completed, and the water level dropped by nine feet? Find out how the changing shoreline affected businesses and residents from Kirkland to Renton. EHC Archivist Megan Carlisle presents this program based upon research she collected while developing a 7th-grade Geography unit for the Bellevue School District.

Presented by the Eastside Heritage Center, in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services.

If you live in Redmond, you probably drive along Leary Way daily. But do you know the histories of our oldest buildings? Like, which one was both an undertaker's premises and a bordello? Tom Hitzroth will educate and entertain folks with walking tours that explore those histories.

Presented by the Redmond Historical Society.

In Memoriam

Marilyn Bomgren

Longtime Eastside resident, Marilyn Bomgren, passed away on February 6, 2010, following a two and a half year battle with cancer. Marilyn was born in Chicago on December 27, 1927, and moved to Bellevue with her husband, Charles, and three children in 1956. Charles and Marilyn lived in Bellevue for 35 years, before moving to Providence Point in Issaquah.

In the last few years of her life, Marilyn became interested in the history of the Bellevue Japanese American Clubhouse, the Kokaido. The Clubhouse had also been home to Bellevue's original Grace Lutheran Church, where her husband had served as pastor. A chance encounter with one of the members of the Kokaido, while strawberry picking, inspired Marilyn to delve further into the Clubhouse's history. Marilyn gave a memorable and informative presentation based on her research as part of EHC's Heritage Series in 2009.

Ira Owen Ostbo

Ira Ostbo died suddenly on November 27, 2009. Born to Norwegian immigrants on July 10, 1922, the family lived in Medina, Bellevue and Clyde Hill where they ran the King of Shrubs Nursery until 1979. Owen graduated from Bellevue High School as did his children and grandchildren. Owen served in the Army Air Corps 493rd Bomb Group during World War II, and spent 25 years with the Bellevue Fire Department.

Irvin Marr

Early Bellevue resident, Irvin Marr, died on January 26, 2010 at the age of 103. Born in Lowell, MA, on January 16, 1907, the family chose to "go west" to join friends who had settled in what is now Bellevue, when Irvin was just 9 months old. Irvin's father took up carpentry, and they bought a ranch on Bellevue's main thoroughfare (Bellevue Way) where, the Safeway Store later stood for many years.

Irvin graduated from Bellevue High School in 1926 and at the age of 17, by exaggerating his age, he joined the National Guard as a Buck Private.

Eastside Heritage Center is fortunate to have an oral history with Irvin, recounting his childhood memories of Bellevue in its early days.

Robert "Bob" Golliver

Robert Golliver passed away on Saturday February 20, 2010 at the age of 74. Born in Indiana, Bob received a degree in Engineering Law in 1960. In 1965 he was hired by Washington Natural Gas Company, later Washington Energy, where he became President and COO. Bob retired from Washington Energy in 1994 shortly before it merged with Puget Power to form Puget Sound Energy. Bob and his wife Joy were married for 54 years at the time of his passing and made their home in Bellevue (later moving to Queen Anne).

Eastside Heritage Center is honored to care for the Golliver Family Santa Collection.

Contribute to the History of Medina

EHC President Michael Luis is working on a pictorial history of his native city of Medina, and is looking for photos and ephemera that might be included.

He is looking for all kinds of photos, but is particularly interested in photos of:

- Areas that are now under SR-520, as well as construction of the bridge and freeway.

- Medina School, Three Points School and Bay School, from before 1970 or so.

- The great houses in their early days, before the trees grew up around them.

- Early Medina Days.

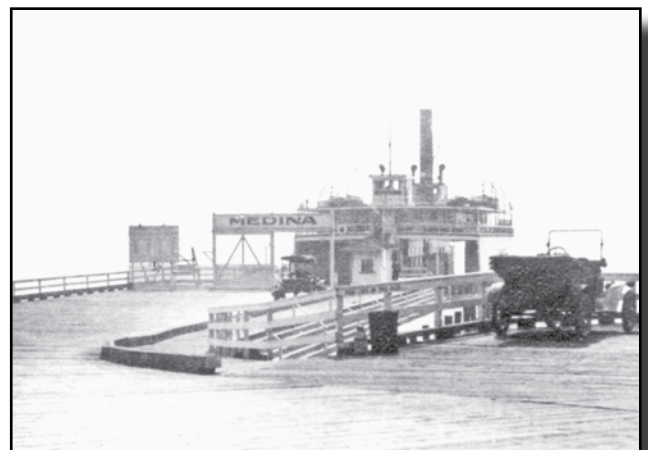
So, if you have items about Medina that you think might make a contribution to the book, or know of people who do, Michael would love to hear from you.



Above: The boardwalk which became Evergreen Point Road. John Frost collection, 1998.027.006.

The book will be part of Arcadia Publishing's *Images of America* series, which features historic photos, documents and bits of history that help tell a community's story.

He can be reached at 425-453-5123 or mluis@seanet.com.



Above: The Medina ferry dock (date unknown). John Frost collection, 1998.027.008.

Volunteer Corner

2009 Volunteers of the Year: Norman & Esther Blye

Karen Klett
Volunteer Coordinator

Norman & Esther Blye have been Winters House Hosts since the house first opened in the early 1990s. They were members of the Bellevue Historical Society since its beginning and have likely attended every program presented by both BHS and Eastside Heritage Center.



Above: Norm & Esther as Strawberry Festival greeters in 2005.

Norman's famous "Ferry Tales" programs started when Eloise Hennig, one of the first Program Chairpersons, asked Norm if he knew a lot about the Lake Washington ferries. He told her that his father had worked on the ferry Leschi and that his mother had run the concession stand, so he was practically born on the Lake Washington ferries. Norm, with Esther by his side, has given innumerable programs over the last 15 or so years, starting with BHS and subsequently to many other heritage organizations, including the Puget Sound Maritime Society.

The dynamic duo has also volunteered at nearly every Strawberry Festival since its revival in 1987, and Norm always recalls that he hulled strawberries at the very first Festival in 1925! Norm & Esther have recently retired from hosting the Winters House and are greatly missed.

Contact EHC and get involved today.

Karen Klett
Volunteer Coordinator
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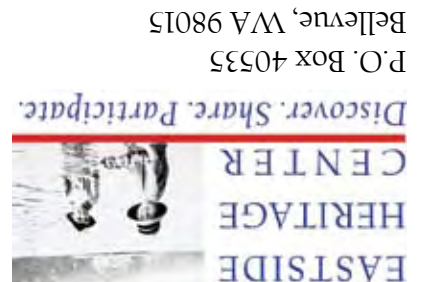
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