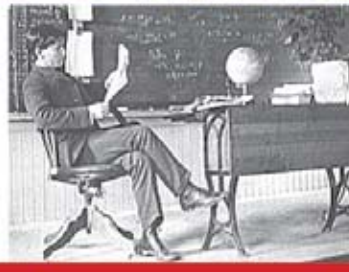


EASTSIDE HERITAGE CENTER



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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The Smithsonian is coming to EHC!

The Eastside Heritage Center is pleased to announce that the Smithsonian's Museum on Main Street exhibition entitled *Journey Stories* is coming to EHC in the spring of 2011. It will be displayed at Crossroads Bellevue Shopping Center, from May 28 to July 10.

Central elements of America's heritage are the stories of how we and our ancestors came here. From Native Americans to new American citizens, many chose to move, searching for something better in a new land. Others had no choice, like enslaved Africans captured and relocated to a new strange land, or like Native Americans already here, who were often pushed aside by newcomers.

Journey Stories will examine the intersection between modes of travel (boats, wagons, cars) and Americans' desire to feel free to move. The story is diverse, and focused on immigration, migration, innovation, and freedom. It is accounts of immigrants searching for promise in a new land; families relocating in search of a better life; harrowing journeys of

African and Native Americans forced to move; and of course, fun and frolic on the open road.

Journey Stories will use engaging images with audio and artifacts to tell the individual stories that illustrate the critical roles travel and movement have played in building our diverse American society.

We would like to thank the Smithsonian Institution and Humanities Washington for giving us this unique opportunity. We also are grateful to Crossroads Bellevue for providing a display area. Be looking for further announcements regarding this exhibition and supporting programs that EHC will be providing to compliment the exhibit.



Photo courtesy of Kentucky Historical Society, Rare Books Collection

Journey Stories has been made possible at Eastside Heritage Center by Humanities Washington.

Journey Stories is part of Museum on Main Street, a collaboration between the Smithsonian Institution and your state humanities council. Museum on Main Street is generously supported by the United States congress.

Historical Records Advisory Board grant to fund records digitization

Archivist Megan Carlisle is pleased to announce that Eastside Heritage Center received a grant of \$215.00 from the Washington State Historical Records Advisory Board (WSHRAB) in July.

EHC will use the money to fund the digitization of back issues of the Bellevue High School's newspaper (the *Barque*) from 1969 through 1977.

Once complete, the 474 pages of digitized records will be available on the Washington State Digital Archives website. A link to that site will be added to www.eastsideheritagecenter.org.

The WSHRAB Digitization Program began in October 2009 with the intention of returning "lost" government records to the Washington State Archives. In theory, all records produced

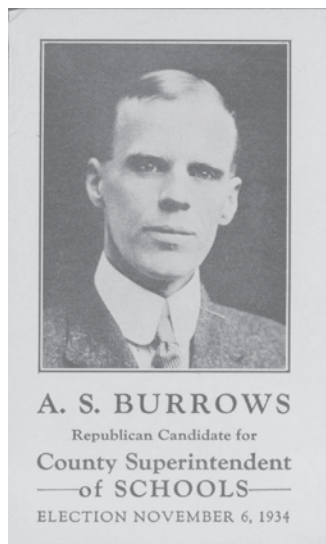
by non-federal government agencies are supposed to go to the State Archives.

However, in practice, many of the records have ended up in private heritage and historical societies. The grant pays for the digitization of these government records, so that the State Archives, the public, and the private heritage societies may all have access to the information.

The Bellevue Barque

Collections Corner

EHC goes back to school with new donation



Above: County Superintendant campaign material for Albert Seldon Burrows, a Bellevue resident.

A donor, who asked to remain anonymous, recently gave EHC an excellent collection of documents from the Highland School District #57 dating from 1888 through 1938.

According to the donor, he rescued them from a trash heap.

The three boxes of records include:

- Student Censuses, 1911 - 1933
- Financial Reports, 1892 - 1933
- Teachers' Reports, 1888 - 1904
- School Board Minutes, 1890 - 1899 and 1904 - 1915
- Teachers' Contracts, 1897 - 1936

The contracts and specifications for the construction of Highland Elementary in 1934 - 35.

The collection also contains correspondence, receipts, election ballots and ephemera. These records should provide valuable information about the families, schools, and businesses of Bellevue in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. All of us at EHC extend a hearty "Thank You!" to the donor.

Planned Giving

Be a part of Eastside history...

Leave a legacy and make a planned gift to the Eastside Heritage Center.

You can ensure that the history of the Eastside is preserved for future generations by including a bequest to the Eastside Heritage Center in your will. The wording of your bequest can be as simple as:

"I bequeath to the Eastside Heritage Center a gift of \$_____ or _____ % of my estate."

Please remember to include our federal tax identification number, which is 91-1124636. A bequest can also take the form of stocks, bonds, mutual funds, annuities, or real estate.

A planned gift requires careful consideration and is best made with the guidance of your own financial or legal advisors.

If you have included the Eastside Heritage Center in your will, or would like information on making a planned gift, please contact EHC's Executive Director at 425-450-1049 or director@eastsideheritagecenter.org.

Education Happenings

Jane Morton

Education Coordinator

Eastside Heritage Center now has three visual presentations available digitally. They are as follows: *The Eastside Story*, *Bellevue: How It Grew*, and *Getting Around the Eastside*. Two more presentations should be available this fall.

It is very exciting to see our photos on screen and be able to share the heritage stories.

Most of the programs have been presented at senior communities in the area, but schools, churches, and other local groups have also enjoyed the PowerPoint presentations.

If you know a group that might be interested in seeing one of our stories, please contact education@eastsideheritagecenter.org or call 425-450-1049.

EHC Wish list

EHC is seeking the following donations:

FOR THE OFFICE:

- Letter-size filing cabinets

FOR THE COLLECTION:

- Eastside women's history items, especially relating to women in business & politics.

- Eastside phone directories prior to 1975.

- Records of community clubs, improvement societies, and other grassroots organizations.

To Donate Items:

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

Recent Accessions

Thank you for your donations to the collection:

Anonymous

- Three cubic feet of Bellevue school records

Madeleine Hagen

- Gin stopper and pamphlet on button collecting

Joy Iverson

- Files from the Sherwood Community Club

Terry Dill

- Two photographs of the Twin Valley Dairy Farm

Tom Fischer

- Fired bricks from a mill site near Vasa Park

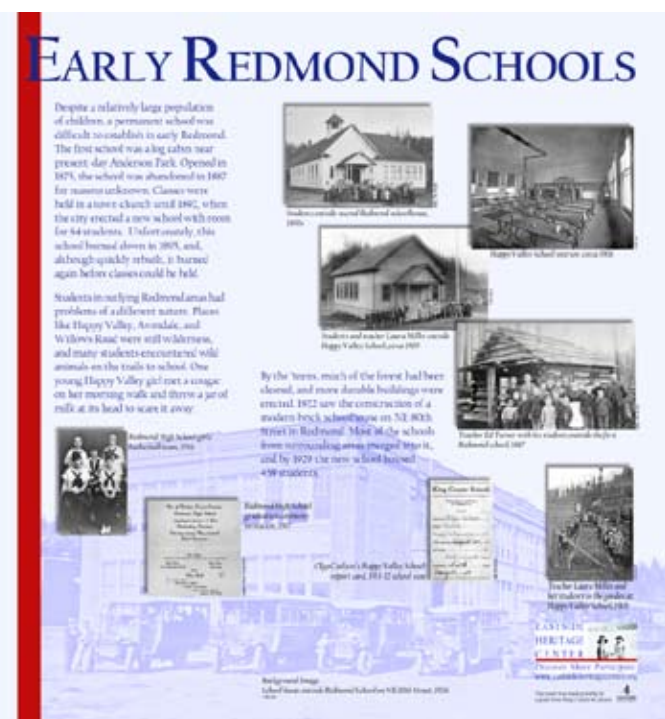
Display panels are new asset for EHC

For the past two years, patrons of EHC have enjoyed three high-quality agricultural display boards at farmers' markets, the Strawberry Festival and other functions. This summer EHC completed another three panels, these on the history of Eastside schools.

Like the agriculture panels, the school history panels are durable and largely impervious to weather and transportation hazards. They are also portable, relatively light, and can be mounted on a wall or an easel. The panels were displayed in public for the first time at

the 2010 Strawberry Festival, and EHC staff and volunteers look forward to using them at Strawberry Festivals, farmers' markets, street fairs, and educational programs for many years to come.

The display boards were a collaborative effort. Archivist Megan Carlisle and volunteer Suzanne DuBois wrote the text and selected the images for the panels. Graphic artist Cathy Fulton designed the layout. Funds for the design and fabrication of the panels were provided by a Heritage Special Projects Grant from 4Culture.



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President's Message



Michael Luis
President

The board recently began work on a new strategic plan for Eastside Heritage Center. We last went through this exercise five years ago, and looking back over that plan, it is remarkable how much of it we accomplished. We have really solidified the foundations of the organization and it is time to move to the next level of growth.

A key part of this process is deciding what we mean by that third word in our name: center. EHC's leadership has always had a vision of a permanent facility for research, care of our collection and outstanding programming. We still have that vision, but with the organization on a stronger footing it is time to move toward a more concrete plan.

Remembering that "form follows function," our first exercise was to look at all the activities we currently

undertake and brainstorm new activities that would further our mission and increase our reach. The first list was very impressive and the second generated lots of excitement. If we continue to build our new strategic plan around what we want to do, the question of where we do it will come into focus.

As always, we welcome the input of our members, so if you have ideas for future EHC activities, send them over. The next five years are going to be a lot of fun, and we certainly appreciate our members' support as we move forward.

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

Thank you for your continued support!

Upcoming Programs

FRASER CABIN HERITAGE DAYS

Date & Time: Saturday, October 9
11:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Location: Kelsey Creek Farm Park, Bellevue

Visitors are invited to participate in hands-on activities that relate to 1880s settler life as part of the Kelsey Creek Farm Fair. All activities are located at the historic 1888 Fraser Cabin. The log cabin experience is magical and will transport you back in time. 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.

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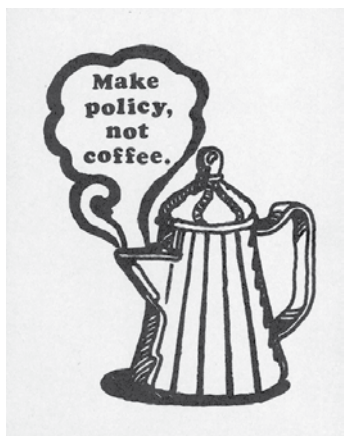
Make Policy, Not Coffee

Date & Time: Thursday, November 18, 7:00 PM

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

There is a rich history on the Eastside of women participating in their communities. Their involvement, stimulated by a desire to improve the communities in which they were raising families, led to many holding elective office. Come hear Doreen Marchione, former mayor of Redmond, and current city council member of Kirkland, as she shares her stories and experiences from her many years of service.

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



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

SCIENCE, HISTORY AND CULTURE - CATTAILS OF MERCER SLOUGH

Date & Time: Saturday, October 23
10:00 AM to 1:00 PM

10:00 - 11:30 AM -
Adult lecture and kids workshop

11:30 AM - 1:00 PM -
Park Ranger walks and mat weaving
demonstrations

Location: Mercer Slough Environmental
Education Center
(1625 118th Avenue SE, Bellevue)

This community event brings the science, history and culture of Cattails to life for the whole family.

Adults can enjoy a lecture by Duwamish Tribal Services that will look at the historic significance and uses of Cattails for Native Americans, while kids get up close and personal with Cattails using video microscopes.

Later, the whole family can choose to join a Park Ranger to learn about Cattail habitat and historic trading routes, or learn how to weave Cattail mats with Duwamish artists.

This event is a collaboration between the City of Bellevue, Duwamish Tribal Services, Eastside Heritage Center and Pacific Science Center.

CROSSROADS FARMERS MARKET

Dates & Times: Tuesdays, through October 5
12:00 PM - 6:30 PM

Location: Crossroads Bellevue Shopping Center
Rear Parking Lot
(NE 8th St. & 156th Ave. NE, Bellevue)

Eastside Heritage Center is a non-profit partner of the Crossroads Farmers Market this year. Visit the Market on Tuesdays for fresh Washington produce, flowers, music and connections to organizations that make this a great neighborhood.

www.crossroadsbelleuve.com/farmers-market



Eastside Heritage Center's
Strawberry Festival
in BELLEVUE

A warm *thank you* to all of the wonderful sponsors of this year's Strawberry Festival. Over 40,000 attended in Crossroads Park.

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www.bellevuestrawberryfestival.org



Volunteer Corner

“Act as if what you do makes a difference. It does”

- William James

Karen Klett
Volunteer Coordinator

Many thanks to Terri Young and the Vander Hoek Corporation, for the amazing work she did as the Volunteer Coordinator for the 2010 Bellevue Strawberry Festival. In addition to her full-time position with the Vander Hoek Corporation, she managed to field hundreds of emails, schedule more than 100 volunteers and graciously respond to a lot of phone calls. We could not have done the festival without her!

Heritage Days at the historic 1888 Fraser Cabin at Kelsey Creek Farm Park, have seen a record number of visitors enjoying great hands-on activities. Thanks to the volunteers who made it possible for the EHC to offer this rich experience to the community.



Strawberry Festival Volunteer Coordinator Terri Young

And once again, thanks to all the energetic and dedicated volunteers who helped with the myriad of tasks that needed to be done for two full days in June. Many volunteers were there for their second or third year, which speaks to how much fun the event is for everyone!

Contact EHC and get involved today.
 Karen Klett
 Volunteer Coordinator
 425-450-1049
 karenklett@eastsideheritagecenter.org

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MEMBERSHIP LEVEL:

- | | | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Steward | \$500 | <input type="checkbox"/> Family | \$40 |
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