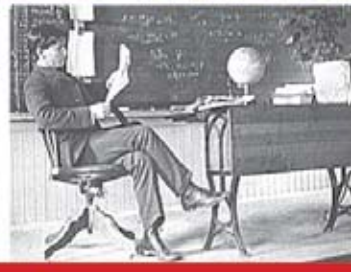


EASTSIDE HERITAGE CENTER



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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Lesser Known Collections

Megan Carlisle
Archivist

Some Eastside Heritage Center Collections get more attention than others. The Colman Diaries, for example, have been featured in a number of articles and two evening Heritage Programs. The Joy Golliver Santa Collection is a winter tradition at the Winters House and Crossroads Shopping Center. Most of the photos that adorn the walls of Bellevue stores, restaurants and office buildings are also online in EHC's Photo Gallery at www.eastsideheritagecenter.org

However, these items, as popular as they are, are only a fraction of EHC's total collection. To give just a few examples, we also have:

Louis Marsh Photo Collection: Over 600 photographs of 1920s Kirkland, Bothell, and local residents.

Nokomis Club Collection: Six boxes of documents covering the history of the Redmond women's club that founded the Redmond Library.



Above: Preston Street Scene, 1912. Bea Richardson Collection. L78.051.029.

Bonlie-Reule Collection: Five boxes of documents and photographs produced by the Sikes and Isackson families, early residents of Redmond and Happy Valley.

Bea Richardson Collections: Over 100 items: clothing, artifacts, photographs and documents from Preston and other Lake Sammamish communities, 1900 - 1920

Eastside Women's Project Collection: Oral histories, biographies and photographs detailing the lives of 200 prominent Eastside women.

Dr. Ernest McKibben

Collection: Artifacts and documents from a mid-20th century Kirkland physician.

Wallace Taylor Joiner's Kit: Tools used by Wallace Taylor, a shipwright at the Lake Washington Shipyards in Kirkland.

Highland Community Club Records: Three boxes of documents from the Highland Community Club, 1916 - 1962.

We look forward to opportunities in 2012 to share more of these with you through online features, heritage corner articles and community exhibits around the Eastside.

Upcoming Programs

HANDS-ON HISTORY PROGRAMS

Dates & Times: First Friday of the Month, 5PM - 8PM

Location: KidsQuest Children's Museum
(Factoria Mall, Bellevue) FREE.

"THEN & NOW": DISCOVERY WITH ARTIFACTS January 6, 2012

Explore Bellevue history through the discovery of common objects used in the early days and now. What did a telephone look like? Was it bigger than a cell phone? Other "then and now" artifact activities include early washing machines, clothing irons, kitchen tools, type writers, butter making, coffee grinding ,and more.

THE LOG CABIN EXPERIENCE February 3, 2012

Step back in time and experience the construction of log cabins used in early Bellevue. How were cabins built? Help build a model cabin with round logs and hewn logs with rags for chinking. Pound nails with a toy cobbler's bench and drive golf tees into foam boards. Take home craft pieces for your own log cabin construction!

REMEMBERING THE PAST, LOOKING TO THE FUTURE March 2, 2012

Remember the past and look to the future by making a personal time capsule. What is the world like in 2012? What will it be like in 10, 20, 30, even 100 years? Bring items to put in your capsule, label it and then use a traditional canning machine to seal your can to be opened at a later date.

Presented by Eastside Heritage Center, in partnership with KidsQuest Children's Museum, through the support of 4Culture.

COAL MINING AT COUGAR MOUNTAIN

Date & Time: Thursday, January 19, 2012
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Location: Lewis Creek Visitor Center
(5808 Lakemont Blvd., Bellevue)

This program focuses on 100 years of local coal mining. In 1888 there were 20 mules and 200 men employed here! Exporting coal to San Francisco turned Seattle into a dominant seaport. Learn what is underneath a mountain that is older than Rainier.

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

Wish list

EHC is seeking the following donations:

FOR THE OFFICE:

- Blank cassette tapes
- Desk Lamp
- Plastic paper clips (for archival records)

LOANS FOR DISPLAY:

- Souvenirs from Century 21, the Seattle World's Fair in 1962.
- Early Microsoft Items

FOR THE COLLECTION:

- Early Eastside photographs, including postcards.
- Eastside newspapers published prior to 1950.
- Any written material on Eastside topics published prior to 1918.

FOR STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL 2012:

- Children's prizes: activity books, comic books, young adult books with a historical theme (e.g., Anne of Green Gables, Laura Ingalls Wilder)
- Historic books for EHC's Used Books Sale.

Recent Accessions

Thank you for your donations to the collection:

Bob Bollman

- 12 Photos of the Tiki Car Wash and Adjacent Service Stations

D & V Schottlander

- Book: Mercer Island Heritage

Brett Gibbs

- Book: *Washington, A Centennial History* and a 1975 Eastside Map

Lee Maxwell

- Kitchen Scale, Local Cookbooks and Recipes

Bob and Barbara Welsh

- Bellevue Telephone Directories, Newspapers, and Ephemera

Diana Ford

- Ball Family News Clippings, Bellevue Commemorative Plate

Steve Williams

- Maps and Plans for Eastgate Park

To Donate Items:

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



Above: 1972 issue of the *Bellevue Voice*, donated by Bob and Barbara Welsh. 2011.034.009

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2011: Year in Review

The diversity and breadth of programs offered by EHC in 2011 engaged a wide variety of residents in local history:

- EHC staff & volunteers provided a heritage component to the City of Bellevue's Natural Resources Week for 350 Bellevue School District students.

- The 2011 Strawberry Festival in Bellevue's Crossroads International Park drew 45,000 people of diverse ethnic backgrounds.

- EHC reached over 14,851 young children and families with programming at the Fraser Cabin in Kelsey Creek Park.

- EHC's educational Treasure Boxes served approximately 3,074 children in 2011.

- Hands-on History programs at KidsQuest Children's Museum serve an average of 335 children and 320 adults one Friday evening a month.

- Adult education programs (retirement communities, businesses, service clubs, etc) along with EHC's Heritage Series presentations, reach over 600 people.

- EHC's research department fields approximately 80 specific public research requests annually, many of which lead to broad public exposure of EHC's collection.

- EHC volunteers will have logged approximately 7,000 hours in 2011.

- EHC's website received 431,787 hits in the last 12 months and over 150 people

"like" us on Facebook.

- Heritage exhibits in public spaces reached over 500,000 people of all ages. In 2011, this included hosting the Smithsonian Museum on Main Street *Journey Stories* exhibit at Crossroads Shopping Center.

- Through its participation in community outreach events, EHC connects with over 21,000 people.

- Heritage Corner articles in the Bellevue Reporter reach 37,740 households and



- businesses weekly, and articles in the Bellevue Parks e-news reach 23,000 readers a month.

- EHC collected over 65 diverse oral histories through its Journey Stories project at the 2011 Strawberry Festival.

- EHC has added 1,500 new records into our digital museum catalogue (PastPerfect), and received 40 new accessions into the collection.

- Throughout the year, EHC served as a resource and advocate for heritage and historic preservation issues within the City of Bellevue.

Volunteer Corner

“Caring is a reflex...You live, you help.” *Ram Dass*

Karen Klett

Volunteer Coordinator

So many individuals care and help move the activities of Eastside Heritage Center forward every week and every month. The Board of Trustees, weekly collections assistants at the McDowell House, and Winters House Hosts, keep us active and relevant in the community.

Regretfully, after many years of service, Paddy and Jim Loughran, Norma and David Kidney, and Norma Rolla will be retiring at the end of this year. We greatly appreciate ALL that they have given in time and energy hosting the Winters House.

The good news is that we are welcoming two new Hosts: Sara Guan and Jeanne Sutherland. They will be helping on Saturdays and Sara also assists at the McDowell House on Wednesday afternoons. Meryl Crayton, a graduate of the WWU Archives Program, has also joined the EHC team and volunteers in the collections department. How fortunate we are to have so many folks who care about EHC and the history of the Eastside. So, hello and goodbye – and thank you!

If you think you would like to help fill the vacancies at the Winters House, please contact Karen Klett for more information.

Contact EHC and get involved today.

Karen Klett
 Volunteer Coordinator
 425-450-1049
karenklett@eastsideheritagecenter.org

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Bellevue Way and Main Street, looking North, 1965 and 2011.



Go Retro at the EASTSIDE HERITAGE BENEFIT DINNER February 16, 2012

6:00 PM

Reception, Hors d'oeuvres & Silent Auction

7:00 - 8:30 PM

Dinner & Program

Meydenbauer Center

11100 NE 6th Street, Bellevue

RSVP by February 3, 2012
 call 425-450-1049 or
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Suggested Donation: \$150 per person

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