

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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Journey Story: Marie Louie

Sherry Grindeland & Lynn Sherk

Marie Louie, whose Snoqualmie name was Gotshoblo, was born at what is today the Tolt-McDonald Park. It's believed she was born in 1798, but some stories say she was born in 1794 and others say it was the early 1800s. Her ancestors lived here for centuries and she grew up in Tolt, now known as Carnation. Her grandmother's grandmothers' grandmothers were young girls picking berries in the meadow between today's North Bend and Snoqualmie.

Her family traveled often to the prairie by a giant rock formation near North Bend. The open fields were

planted with native blackberry, camas and tiger lily. They would camp there and her cousins from across the mountains would come. The children would play and the grownups would talk and talk and trade things.

Her many relatives lived in small villages throughout the Snoqualmie Valley and were as mobile then as we are today. The streets were trails that went through the forests and meadows. Their "freeways" were the Tolt, the Snoqualmie, the Sammamish, the



Marie Louie, circa 1917.

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Reminder: The *Heritage Reflector* is going digital

This is the LAST hard-copy publication of EHC's Quarterly Newsletter

Beginning in June and going forward, issues will be available on our website and via email distribution. Make sure we have your current email address so that you do not miss an issue! Send an email to director@eastsideheritagecenter.org and include the subject line "Subscribe to Heritage Reflector."

Marie Louie...continued from page 1

Cedar, the Duwamish, the Green, White and Black rivers and the Sammamish and Washington lakes. Yes, they got wet when it rained but still had one advantage over the cars of today - no traffic jams.

She walked many places, including across the mountains to her cousins' homes in Yakima, often to bring back healthy hops plants for natural medicines. These journeys would take three weeks - one way. According to MapQuest, the trip today is 129.3 miles and if you stop for coffee and a sweet roll at the bakery in Cle Elum, the journey will take you about three hours by car.

Her mother and grandmothers taught her about herbs and natural medicines that could be found growing in the forests and along the streams. She learned how to dry blackberry leaves - the ones from the small native plants not the big tall plants that you try to keep out of your gardens. They made tea from the dried leaves and also wove baskets.

Settlers began coming to the valleys in the 1800s. They liked the area for the same reasons Marie Louie's family did - for the trees and the rich earth that made it easy to grow food and for the abundant game. There should have been plenty for everyone but the settlers wanted to put different crops on the land and put up fences. That was hard on Marie's people. Some people say Marie's first husband and young son were killed in one fight over land.

To get away from the fighting, Marie Louie traveled to Lake Sammamish, canoed the Sammamish River to Lake Washington, and then went

south for 18 miles to the Cedar River. They had a great meeting and trading place along the Cedar about where the golf course is today. Tribal members from as far away as Alaska would come to trade there, back when the Black River connected to Lake Washington and to the Duwamish.

Shortly after that, she married Charlie Louie and settled on the eastern shore of Lake Sammamish. They raised their family on the 160 acres of land they owned near Issaquah. Nothing remains of their home but the barn from the nearby Pickering family's farm still stands near the Costco parking lot.

Marie Louie was well known for her herbs and medicines and helped the white women when their own doctors weren't available. She delivered their babies and stayed with the new mothers several days, helping and sharing her blackberry leaf tea.

She often canoed into Seattle and usually spent the first night of the trip in today's Marymoor Park. On one of these trips, she noticed smoke was everywhere. The city of Seattle was burning. She collected her groceries and left for home right away.

Marie Louie lived long enough to see settlers take over her tribal lands. She lived long enough to hear about World War I, see the railroads come to the Eastside, to see electric lights and to ride on steam-powered ferries and electric street cars. She was well over 100 years old when she died in 1917. Her journey took her to many spots on the Eastside of Lake Washington and over the mountains, and from pioneer days to modern times.

The Smithsonian is Coming!

JOURNEY
Stories

May 28-July 10, 2011

Crossroads
Shopping Center

NE 8th & 156th Ave NE, Bellevue

Journey Stories is a compelling Smithsonian exhibition that shows how our evolving mobility changed a young nation and how transportation made us grow.



The accounts of travelers themselves express the hopes and promises of fresh starts, the grim realities of forced migrations and difficult journeys, and the thrills of personal travel.

Journey Stories uses 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.

Journey Stories is part of Museum on Main Street, a collaboration between the Smithsonian Institution and Humanities Washington. It is being presented in Bellevue by the Eastside Heritage Center, in partnership with Crossroads Shopping Center.

Local Exhibits & Programs, presented by EHC

Journey Stories Exhibit Grand Opening at Crossroads Bellevue
Saturday, May 28, 2011 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM

"Journey Tunes" Music Night, Crossroads Market Stage
Thursday, June 30, 2011 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Exhibits at Crossroads, May 28-July 10:

- Personal Journey Stories from the Eastside's Past
- Eastside Souvenirs
- Bridging the Lake

Exhibits at the Winters House

- Personal Journey Stories (Ostbos and Shermans), April - July
- Truck Farming on the Eastside, July - September
- Canoes to Warships, September - December

EHC Wish list

EHC is seeking the following donations:

FOR THE OFFICE:

- Blank cassette tapes
- Paper shredder
- Empty shoe boxes

FOR THE COLLECTION:

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

Note: The Kirkland newspaper office burned down in 1918. Kirkland Heritage Society and Eastside Heritage Center together have only managed to find about two dozen Eastside papers published before then.

To Donate Items:

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

Recent Accessions

Thank you for your donations to the collection:

Tamara Moen

- Photos and Ephemera from the Siepmann family

Mike Luis

- Books on Local Maritime History

Joy Iverson

- Slides of Bellevue Schools' Activities

Margot Blacker

- 11/04/1964 issue of the Seattle PI, City of Bellevue 1984 "Christmas Minutes"

Anne Taylor

- 1952 "Living" Magazine with Norwood Village Article

Lexie Tigre

- Two Commemorative Envelopes

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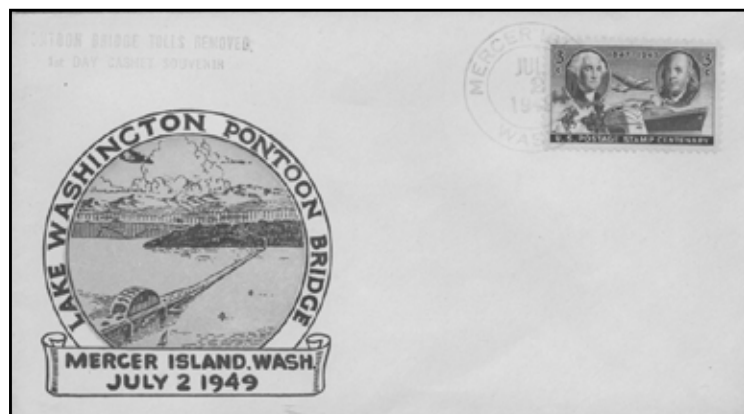
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A warm thank you to all those who supported the 4th Annual Heritage Benefit Dinner on February 10, 2011 at the Meydenbauer Center. Your generosity raised over \$36,000 towards the stewardship of Eastside history.



Above: Envelope commemorating the removal of tolls from the Lake Washington Floating Bridge. Donor: Lexie Tigre. Acc #: 2011.007.001

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President's Message



Michael Luis
President

The Board of the Eastside Heritage Center recently adopted a new five-year strategic plan. The core of that plan is a timeline to build our budget and staff to a sustainable level that will allow us to expand what we do best.

The key word there is "sustainable." We think we have hit on a plan that brings us to a size that meets the community's needs and is supportable over the long term.

For any organization that wants to keep itself strong for the long haul - and we certainly do - an endowment fund is a critical element. Such funds are locked up so that the organization can only use the earnings. A well managed endowment provides a stable cushion and is an important leg on the overall funding stool.

We are excited to announce that Eastside Heritage Center has started an Endowment Fund.

It has been launched with a generous donation from

the estate of long-time EHC supporters Paul and Reda Vander Hoek. The Board has discussed making further contributions to the Fund with various one-time income sources.

We hope that our members, friends and supporters will consider contributions to EHC's Endowment. While we are very dependent on the generosity of our members for our annual operating budget, there is also room to help ensure the long-term financial health of EHC.

If you have questions about the Endowment, please contact Heather at 425-450-1049 or director@eastsideheritagecenter.org

Special Thanks

Eastside Heritage Center extends its sincerest appreciation to four outgoing Trustees:

Ray Higgins
L. Lee Maxwell
Lynn Sherk
Iris Tocher

Although no longer on the Board, we look forward to their continued involvement in various aspects of EHC activities.

Thank you for your years of service!

Upcoming Programs

FRASER CABIN HERITAGE DAYS

Date & Time: Saturday, April 30, 2011, 11AM - 4PM
(Sheep Sheering Event)

Saturday, May 21, 2011, 11AM - 3PM

Saturday, June 18, 2011, 11AM - 3PM

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.

OLD REDMOND HISTORIC WALKING TOURS

Dates & Times: Sundays, April 17, May 16, June 19, 2011
1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

Location: Meet at the 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.

The Redmond Centennial is just around the corner in 2012, so are you ready to answer, or ask, Redmond trivia questions? Taking a guided walking tour of the historic downtown core is guaranteed to provide lots of facts, figures and especially fun since historian Tom Hitzroth will be the man with the stories, gossip, and names. For example, do you know in whose building an alleged bordello operated? Here's a hint: He would later become Redmond's longest serving mayor!

Presented by the Redmond Historical Society.



Eastside Heritage Center's Strawberry Festival in Bellevue

Saturday, June 25 - 10am-8pm
Sunday, June 26 - 10am-5pm

Crossroads International Park

GET INVOLVED!

SPONSOR.

Sponsorships range from \$250 to \$10,000, and will provide your company with valuable exposure, while supporting this community event and EHC.

VOLUNTEER

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

HAVE A VENDOR BOOTH

To reach the community with your goods and services.

Please join us in support of the 2011 Strawberry Festival!

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

www.BellevueStrawberryFestival.org

HERITAGE SERIES

A Modern Marvel: The First Lake Washington Floating Bridge

Date & Time: Thursday, May 19, 2011, 7:00 PM

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

The first floating bridge in the world opened on Lake Washington, July 2, 1940. Skeptics predicted that it would sink, and that the tolls would never pay off the cost of construction. The bridge lasted for 50 years, and the tolls came off in 1949. Come and learn how the bridge was built, why it was a success, and how the lives of Eastside residents changed after its construction.

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

Ten Years of Historic Milestones

Eastside Heritage Center has had some significant accomplishments since its establishment in 2001:

- Revived the historic Strawberry Festival as EHC's Signature Event in Bellevue, with an annual attendance of 40,000 people.
- Presented monthly Fraser Cabin Heritage Days at Kelsey Creek Farm Park with interactive exhibits for children of all ages.
- Delivered Heritage Education Curriculum to Eastside Schools.
- Produced Walking Tours, Bus Tours and Field Trips to Historic Sites, presented Heritage Teas and the Heritage Lecture Series.
- Inventoried and cared for 30,000 Artifacts, thousands of Photos, and over 175 Oral Histories.
- Introduced the Mini Museum concept and Satellite Exhibits to outreach the larger collection to the community.
- Developed and utilized an all-Professional Staff and Policy Standards, and provided Leadership to Local and Regional Heritage Organizations.
- Made Professional and Technical Research Assistance available to Eastside individuals, heritage organizations, government projects and community development interests.
- Established the Heritage Benefit Dinner to celebrate broad-based community support.
- Presented Themed Local History Programs to a variety of community groups and service organizations.
- Launched the EHC Website, produced a Quarterly Newsletter, four Books, a weekly Newspaper Column, and several TV History Minutes.
- Facilitated Preservation and Public Ownership of Bellevue's Historic McDowell and Winters Houses.
- In the past 5 years, over 42,000 Volunteer Hours supported EHC.
- In 2010 alone, EHC programs engaged more than 1.1 Million people.

Heritage Corner Bellevue 100 Years Ago

Now that we have entered 2011, let us reach for the stack of 1911 papers to learn how Bellevue has changed over the course of a century.

The following items come from the July 28th issue of *The East Side News*.

- Bathing in Meydenbauer Bay has been the favorite pastime this week. Both young and old boys (for a man is a boy when he goes swimming) are much in evidence around the Bellevue wharf, which is the best diving point.

return to her home and loved ones in Bellevue.

- Mr. Reed's grounds with his beautiful brown bungalow and many flowers have burst into bloom this summer. Strangers often ask, "Who lives in that beautiful cottage?"

- H. Armantrout last week sold his ten acres on the Clyde road opposite the James Stryker place for six thousand dollars. The purchaser's name could not be learned.



Climie Hill at Meydenbauer Bay, circa 1911. The Bellevue wharf is in the background. Eastside Heritage Center, 2001.114.014

- H. O. Symonds is attending to his cherries now that the Seattle Baseball Club is on the road. Mr. Symonds greatly enjoys the game and is making good use of his season pass these days.

- Mrs. A. A. Peterson was taken to the Swedish Hospital, Seattle on Wednesday morning suffering from a nervous breakdown. Her many friends hope that she may soon be able to

Note: This and other early Eastside newspapers can be viewed on the website of the Kirkland Heritage Society at www.kirklandheritage.org

Eastside Heritage Center publishes a weekly Heritage Corner in the *Bellevue Reporter* newspaper. This piece is an example of the history treasures you can discover in print and online each Friday.

Volunteer Corner

Vol-un-teeer: a person who voluntarily offers himself or herself for a service or undertaking; a person who performs a service willingly and without pay.

If this is a definition of YOU, we have an opportunity for you!!

What would you like to do???

WINTERS HOUSE HOSTS
Greet guests at the historic Winters House and conduct tours. Hosting opportunities are Thursday, Friday or Saturday, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

COLLECTIONS ASSISTANT
- Scan photographs and archival material;
- Number artifacts, photos, and archival material;
- Write inventory sheets for boxes of artifacts, images, and archival material;
- Data entry for large collections of photos, books, and archival material.

ORAL HISTORY PROGRAM
Research, interview, transcribe, or video. Training is available to learn how to preserve first-hand accounts of local history.

MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS
Draft announcements of programs or organizational news, seek places to post or publish announcements, assist with distribution of information.

SPECIAL EVENTS
Assist with various activities related to special EHC programs and events, including the annual Strawberry Festival in June.

Contact EHC and get involved today.

Karen Klett
Volunteer Coordinator
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MEMBERSHIP LEVEL:

- | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|--------|--------------------------------------|-------|
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- Invitations to exhibits and programs
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Receives Organization benefits, plus:
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Contributor - \$100

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Individual - \$25

Student (under 18 years of age) - \$15

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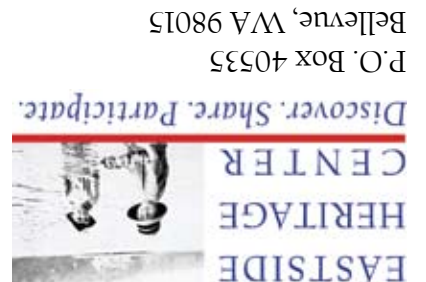
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