

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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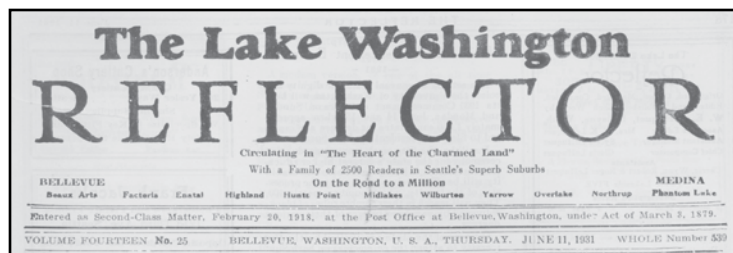
The Story Behind a Name

Megan Carlisle & Mary Ellen Piro

The Eastside Heritage Center recently embarked on a process of naming its quarterly newsletter. The chosen title, the "Heritage Reflector," makes connections for yesterday, today, and tomorrow, by honoring one of the Eastside's oldest newspapers.

The *Lake Washington Reflector*, Bellevue's oldest newspaper, first appeared on January 1, 1918. Publisher W. Eugene LeHuquet produced the paper with the help of his wife and the six oldest of his nine children, who spent their spare time setting type, printing, and gathering news, subscriptions, and advertisements.

The paper was designed to be a "ray of sunshine in a world of strife." Even serious news



items were presented with a smile in an effort to raise spirits. "Nearly everybody is laid up with the flu, and news is scarce as feathers on a frog," LeHuquet joked when the

Spanish Flu hit Bellevue in 1918.

LeHuquet was a busy man. He not only published the thrice-monthly paper, he also operated the first motion picture projector in town at the

in some cash. The LeHuquets printed school report cards, and the first Bellevue High School yearbook in June 1924 was incorporated into an issue of the *Reflector*.

The *Reflector* ended its run in 1934. The children had grown up and left home, the Depression set in, and the *Bellevue American* (which began printing in 1930) was competing for subscribers. Today, back issues of the *Reflector* are a valuable source of information for historians, a lasting record of the early Bellevue community and its residents.



W. LeHuquet in front of his Bellevue home on NE 5th St.

club house, sold flavoring extracts as a side-line, and served on the school board. Local printing jobs also brought



Education Corner

“Strawberry Fields Forever”

Jane Morton
Education Coordinator

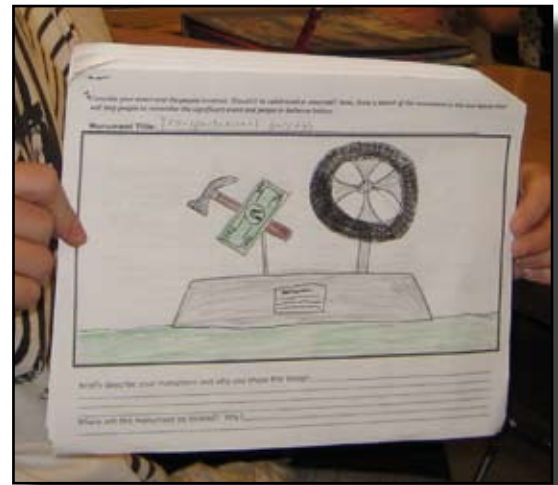
This year the Eastside Heritage Center, in partnership with the Bellevue School District and through a 4Culture Heritage Education grant, developed a curriculum based assessment called “Dig Deep: The Growth of Government and Bellevue, 1930 to Present.”

The project was designed to meet eighth grade requirements for Washington state history/government curriculum.

The students were asked to explore the impact of local government as Bellevue grew into a city by studying ten original source documents from



Above: Highline Middle School students being introduced to the lesson.



Above: Final “monument” design, reflecting the cost of development and transportation.

each decade starting with the 1930s. The archival resource kits were developed using a wide variety of documents from the EHC’s collection, including photographs, newspaper and magazine articles, city ordinances,

maps, oral histories, advertisements, and other ephemera.

At the end of the week-long lesson, students had to design a “monument” reflecting an important theme or person in Bellevue’s history.

The program, dubbed “Strawberry Fields Forever,” was implemented this past June in all Bellevue 8th grade classrooms. EHC staff members, Jane Morton and Megan Carlisle, were able to see the lesson plan being implemented at various schools. They found the experience to be very rewarding. Teacher and student response was extremely positive. One teacher commented that “students were very engaged.”

The program will continue to be part of the 8th grade social studies curriculum for the foreseeable future, ensuring that the Eastside’s youth will have an opportunity to make connections for yesterday, today and tomorrow.



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Collections Corner

How Do You Cast *Your* Vote?

Carly Jo Jellyman
Curator

It's election time at the Eastside Heritage Center!

In celebration of the upcoming elections, a Mechanical Lever Voting Machine was recently donated to the EHC by Norman Blye.

This machine was used as a teaching model, showing new voters how the voting machines worked. Machines like this one were used throughout the Eastside in years past.

To use a Mechanical Lever Voting Machine the voter would pull the lower red lever to the right, which would also close the booth's privacy curtain. Then, they could either vote a straight ticket by pulling over one of the party levers or vote a split ticket by pushing down the individual levers over each candidate's name. The voter would then vote yes or no on the initiatives listed along the top.



Mechanical Lever Voting Machine, circa 1950.

When they had finished, the voter would pull the red lever back to the left, opening the curtain and clearing their choices.

Votes were recorded on counter wheels for each candidate located inside the machine. At the end of the night, these numbers would be added together with the numbers from other machines to discover the total tally.

This voting machine can currently be seen on display in the lobby of the Meydenbauer Theater, along with photographs of political leaders and political events from Bellevue's history.

Recent Accessions

The Eastside Heritage Center would like to thank the following people for their donations to our collection.

Bev Taylor

- Books and magazines about Puget Sound history.

Blanche Schoning

- Books about Puget Power.

Ed Sherman

- Metal plate engraving of Alice Sherman and string quartet.

Flo Metcalf

- Scrapbooks and binders from Bellevue Sister Cities events.

Ken Crooker

- Early Bellevue photographs

Margot Blacker

- Umbrella
- Waffle Iron
- Suit
- Curler set

Norman Blye

- Voting machine

Jacqueline Kuhn

- Various King County Firefighting pins and memorabilia

Vivian Davis

- Mirror made by the Belknap Glass factory

Anne Taylor

- Rose Marie Reid Swimsuit
- Frederick & Nelson 1962 World's Fair Plate
- Fredrick & Nelson boxes
- 2 Linen handkerchiefs
- 1 Mr. John Hat

EHC Wish list

The Eastside Heritage Center is asking for these items to be donated. Your contributions are greatly appreciated.

FOR THE COLLECTION:

o Eastside Genealogical Society newsletters from any years except 2006 and 2007.

o Photographs of Bellevue schools, especially elementary schools.

o Alaska Yukon Pacific 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

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President's Message



Ross McIvor
President

We help support other Eastside historical organizations by loaning artifacts for display, sharing archival resources, and providing technical assistance from our professional Archivist and Curator. All of this helps to broaden what they are able to do for their own members. Your support of the EHC allows us to expand our support to other Eastside groups.

Do you like our monthly Heritage Series presentations, Heritage Teas, Magic Season celebrations at the Winters House, the annual Santa Collection display at Crossroads Shopping Center, and other programs that help fulfill our mission? They are all put together by our dedicated staff that maintain the items, research the history and develop the programs that tell the story.

We strive to earn your support of our organization. There are many ways to give, starting with membership at various levels. Our annual Fall Fund Drive is approaching. We had our first Annual Benefit Dinner last January, and the next one is being planned. Sponsorship opportunities abound including, but not limited to, our newsletter and our signature Strawberry Festival. If you would like to consider a planned gift as part of your estate planning, please contact us. We can provide professional assistance to help you and your advisors implement your goals.

Thank you for your continued support!

As we move into the Fall and Winter months, I wanted to illustrate some of the different reasons and ways our donors support the Eastside Heritage Center. Why support Eastside Heritage Center?

You may just feel strongly about an organization that maintains the Eastside's heritage and history. As a third generation eastsider, that was the first reason I got involved, but I found so much more to support.

While we work on creating a public "Center" to display our collection, would you like to help us maintain over 35,000 artifacts that are primarily in storage? We need funds to pay for the growing storage costs of our artifacts and archives, which are at the core of our programs.

Would you like to support education of our children and our community? We help teach local history through our Treasure Box Programs, our efforts to assist in developing curriculum with local school districts, as well as our Bellevue Parks Department Programs which include our very popular Fraser Cabin Heritage Days at Kelsey Creek Park.

Upcoming Programs

HERITAGE SERIES

Bellevue Police Department History

Date: Thursday, October 16, 2008

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Bellevue City Hall (450 110th Ave NE)

Did you know that police case reports are an excellent but perishable historical document? Police case reports document significant events for individuals, neighborhoods and sometimes even momentous events for entire communities.

Did you also know that those same police reports that detail every minutiae of the crisis are also systematically and permanently purged from public files?

The Bellevue Police Department is trying to preserve the history of the Department. Should we be trying to preserve the history of the community?

Detective Michael Chiu will share the history of the Bellevue Police Department and current efforts to preserve the historical record.

COAL CREEK HISTORY HIKE

Date: Sunday, November 2, 2008

Time: 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Location: Coal Creek Park.
Meet at the Red Town trailhead parking lot, King County Cougar Mountain Regional Park (7336 Lakemont Boulevard S.E., Bellevue)

Registration: 425-450-1049

This easy walk, along the beautiful narrow and wooded trails of Coal Creek Park, is offered by the Eastside Heritage Center in partnership with Bellevue Parks and Community Services. EHC staff and volunteers will interpret the rich coal mining and natural history of this special area. Coal mining was the Eastside's first major industry, producing millions of tons of coal to be shipped from Seattle to San Francisco in the 1890s! Join us for some adventuring into the past as we study the present. Bring all-weather outdoor clothing, good walking/hiking footwear, and a water bottle.

Program Ideas?

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

Program details are current as of
October 1, 2008.

Please visit www.eastsideheritagecenter.org
for the most up-to-date information.

FRASER CABIN HERITAGE DAYS

Dates: Saturday, October 11 &
Sunday, October 12, 2008

Time: 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Location: Fraser Cabin at Kelsey Creek Park
in Bellevue

Information: 425-450-1049 or
www.eastsideheritagecenter.org

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. Eastside Heritage Center staff and volunteers present the activities and interpret the log cabin that was built and occupied by the Fraser family over 100 years ago! The log cabin experience is magical and transports visitors back in time. The programs are free to the public and appropriate for people of all ages.

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

HERITAGE HARVEST TEA

Date: Saturday, October 18, 2008

Times: Seating A: 1:00PM Seating B: 3:00PM

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

Fee: \$15.00 per person

Registration: 425-450-1049
(Pre-registration required. Space is limited)

The Eastside Heritage Center, in partnership with Bellevue Parks and Community Services, invites you to an afternoon tea, served in traditional English style, at the historic Winters House in Bellevue. Sip tea, enjoy exhibits and stroll through the house and grounds of the only building in Bellevue on the National Historic Register. Eastside Heritage Center staff and volunteers will delight you with stories about the house and Eastside history.

EHC ANNUAL MEETING

Thursday, November 20, 2008, 6:00 PM

At the NEW Mercer Slough
Environmental Education Center
(1625 118th Ave SE, Bellevue)

Eastside Heritage Connections

REDMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Redmond history, past & present: The Aries Farm

Date: Saturday, November 8, 2008

Time: 10:30 AM

Location: Old Redmond Schoolhouse
Community Center
(16600 NE 80th Street, Redmond)

Redmond Historical Society Past President, Judy Aries Lang, and family members, will talk about the days her family ran the Aries Farm, one of the biggest produce farms on the West Coast. It was right in Sammamish Valley, about where Willows Golf Course is now.

www.redmondhistory.org

In Memoriam

H. Charlene Kardong

Longtime Eastside Heritage Center supporter, Charlene Kardong, passed away on June 1, 2008, in Redwood City, CA.

Born Hazel Charlene Wood in 1918 in Chicago, she moved with her family to Seattle in 1933 and a year later to Bellevue. The family lived for many years in a log home built by her father and two brothers near Phantom Lake.

Charlene graduated from Bellevue High School in 1936 and attended the University of Washington. She worked as a secretary at Puget Sound Power and Light, and married her high school sweetheart, Ray Kardong of Bellevue, in 1942.

After living in Bremerton during World War II, the

couple moved back to Bellevue, where Ray established a practice as a family physician with Charlene as his receptionist. Charlene continued to live in Bellevue after Ray passed away in 1987.

Charlene is survived by her four children, six grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Source: *The Seattle Times*, 6/7/2008 – 6/9/2008

Roy Patrick Wahle

Eastside Heritage Center Endorser, Roy Patrick Wahle, passed away after a long illness in Ellensburg, WA on June 30, 2008.

Roy grew up in Ellensburg and graduated from Central

EASTSIDE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Drop-in Genealogy Research Assistance

When: Tuesdays, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Wednesdays, 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Where: Bellevue Regional Library
(1111 - 110th Ave NE, Bellevue)

www.rootsweb.com/~wakcegs/

KIRKLAND HERITAGE SOCIETY

Ghosts of Our Past

Date: Tuesday, October 29, 2008

Time: 6:00 PM

Location: Heritage Hall, 203 Market St., Kirkland

Genealogy presented by Kirkland Heritage Society members Dale & Loita Hawkinson. Learn how to research family from your home computer using “free” websites. The program will use the actual websites with local settlers and founders as search topics. Learn a bit about local history while learning about each sites strengths and weaknesses.

www.kirklandheritage.org

Washington State College of Education after serving in the United States Army Signal Corps during World War II. He completed his education at the University of Northern Colorado, earning a masters and doctorate degree in education.

Roy worked as a teacher and administrator for Bellevue Public Schools before becoming Dean of Instruction at Bellevue Community College. He was a Professor Emeritus at Seattle University and worked as a part-time instructor for Central Washington State University.

Roy gave to his community generously while living most of his adult life in Bellevue. He was instrumental in helping to establish the Eastside Community Health Center and worked tirelessly for the libraries in his community.

Roy is survived by his wife of 64 years, Betty Lou, their four children, ten grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Source: *Daily Record*, 7/1/2008-7/4/2008

Volunteer Corner

Thank You!

Karen Klett
Volunteer Coordinator

Jean Everett & Betty Martin, have retired as Winters House Hosts. After more than ten years of cheerfully volunteering on the second Thursday of the month, they have decided it is time to pass this privilege on to a new team. Both are long-time residents of Bellevue, and have been friends for many years. Jean retired from Frederick & Nelson and Betty from the IRS as an auditor. Together, they have also been Strawberry Festival Family Fun Area ticket-sellers for a number of years.

At the Strawberry Festival this past June, over 100 volunteers stepped forward to make it a huge success! Many worked both days; many worked two three-hour shifts - back to back.



Above: Betty Martin & Jean Everett

For some, it was the first time they had heard of the Eastside Heritage Center or strawberry fields in Bellevue. A special thanks to all the high school students who helped this year!

Contact EHC and get involved today.

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

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- Quarterly Newsletter with historical features and program updates
- Invitations to exhibits and programs
- 10% discount on books and gift shop items

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 Special publication
 Curator's Tour of the collection

Supporter - \$250

Receives Organization benefits, plus:
 Historic photo reproduction

Organization (schools, scout troops, etc) - \$100

Receives Contributor benefits, plus:
 Free Treasure Box rentals
 Discounts on filed trips and classroom presentations

Contributor - \$100

Additional benefits include:
 Access to Archives fee waived

Family - \$40

Individual - \$25

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

Eastside Heritage Center
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Supporter | \$250 | <input type="checkbox"/> Individual | \$25 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Organization | \$100 | <input type="checkbox"/> Student | \$15 |

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