

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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Turning Point: In the Kitchen...

Ralph Pinkerton
Volunteer

Over the last few years, we have highlighted in each issue of this newsletter one or more artifacts from our collection. But it soon became apparent that most of the items we picked were "guy" stuff and very few had to do with the home or with the "women." The reason may be that "man" work had to do with big, heavy, dangerous-looking items – the kind of things you were not apt to run into in most kitchens. If you stop to think, the changes of the artifacts in the home are far more than those seen in the forest. All you need to do is step into your kitchen and count the number of machines that operate by electricity.

I remember visiting my grandparents and being permitted to operate the hand cream separator. Milk is made up of two parts: cream and what is called raw milk. Years ago, the farmer could get more by selling the cream by itself, but it took time and

extra work. But many years ago, a machine was developed which could do the job. The cream separator was made up of two or more bowls of different sizes that fit inside of each other and the cream and milk came out of different spouts. When the milk is poured in, the cream rises and comes out of the top spout.

Toast was made directly on the stovetop. The stovetop toaster was made with two screens. The bread was put on one of the two and the other was closed down and put on the hot stove. When the first side was

toasted, the toaster was flipped over to let the other side toast.

With the way technology keeps advancing, one can't help but wonder what changes will occur in the next 100 years.



Above: Volunteer Mike Intlekofer demonstrates the use of a Cream Separator at a Fraser Cabin Heritage Day at Kelsey Creek Farm.

Education Corner

EHC Goes to Arizona!

"Nana" Barb Williams
Volunteer

In February, the Eastside Heritage Center went to Scottsdale, Arizona!

EHC volunteers Barb and Steve Williams' four-year old granddaughter Alison had suggested that her pre-school group, The Jack Rabbits, make a "museum." The children brought in a variety of items, and set up a horseshoe-shaped exhibit area in the classroom where they placed their items in decorated shoeboxes.

Alison thought they needed a Curator for the collection. "Nana Barb" spoke with Alison's teachers about doing a presentation about museum curators. They were delighted.

Before leaving for Arizona, Barb spoke with EHC Executive Director Heather Trescases about taking some white

gloves and EHC bookmarks. Heather suggested also taking some EHC coloring books, a Strawberry Festival poster and a newsletter.

The pre-school teachers make up an electronic newsletter with text and photos each week to send to parents. According to the Jack Rabbits newsletter for February 6:

"What a wonderful Friday we have had! Alison shared her amazing grandparents with us and they had so much to teach us! Nana Barb began our day by telling us about the museum where she works. She taught us about a Strawberry Festival, brought coloring books, bookmarks and even showed us real museum curator gloves! It was fascinating! Poppa Steve taught us about butterflies. He also brought real butterflies that he found when he was a kid and saved all these years.

He is letting us put them in our museum."

For the presentation, Alison brought an old teapot from home and her collection of horses to show. She wore the EHC gloves while holding the teapot. Nana Barb explained that the Curator of Collections often wears white gloves while touching old things and why they do. At the end of the presentation, everyone sang, "I'm a Little Teapot."

After the class, Nana Barb, Poppa Steve and Alison went home and made EHC-style strawberry shortcakes for dessert. Thank you EHC for being such a great resource for communities beyond the Eastside and for children of all ages!



Above: Barb Williams, with her granddaughter Alison, showing off items from Alison's "collection".

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

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Heritage Corner

The Eastside Heritage Center publishes a weekly Heritage Corner in the *Bellevue Reporter* newspaper. We wanted to share with you an example of the history treasures you can discover each Saturday.

Early Bellevue Newsmakers – James Ditty and the Bellevue Observer



To the Bellevue City Council:

I see by Chili Brazda's new "Observer" where you people have gotten yourselves in a jam. Looks like you are playing with a buzz-saw, (a free press). From the viewpoint of any redblooded Amer-

Left: A typical opening salvo from James Ditty's editorial column in the Bellevue Observer, May 14, 1959.

Megan Carlisle
Archivist

The course of Bellevue's development did not always run smooth. In the years immediately following incorporation, some citizens objected to the actions of the City Council and other government officials, especially regarding zoning and land-use regulations. One of the most outspoken critics was long-time Bellevue resident James Ditty, who had substantial holdings in the downtown corridor. Ditty went one better than most dissenters when he began publishing his own newspaper to air his objections.

Independent Medium of Comment and Opinion," ran for only a few months in 1959. Two to four pages in length, the paper contained editorials by Ditty and his co-publisher W. E. "Chili" Brazda, as well as business-related news items. A photograph of historic Bellevue usually appeared on the front page. The paper focused on the actions of the City Council and was highly critical in tone. Despite its short run, the Bellevue Observer is valuable as a snapshot of the political climate of early Bellevue and a glimpse into the mind of a strong-willed individual who cared deeply about the future of his city.

The Bellevue Observer, advertised as "Bellevue's

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 bequest 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 the EHC's Executive Director at 425-450-1049 or director@eastsideheritagecenter.org.



Above: Road crew building West Lake Sammamish Parkway, circa 1910. ORL 79.79.183.

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Recent Accessions

Thank you for your donations to the collection:

Karen Klett

- 1989-90 Bellevue phone directory and an electric range operational manual.

Chris Cook

- More than 50 Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition postcards.

Connie Miller

- 1976 Bellevue Land Use Plan done in needlepoint, belonging to her father, L. Joe Miller.

Diana Ford

- Numerous books, postcards, magazines and other ephemera.

Rick Carlson

- Bellevue Water District map.

EHC Wish list

EHC is seeking the following donations:

FOR THE OFFICE:

- Letter-size filing cabinets
- Space heater

FOR THE COLLECTION:

- Alaska-Yukon Pacific memorabilia only if it is Eastside-related.
- Photos, documents and ephemera from named neighborhoods, e.g. Somerset, Newport Hills, Stewart Heights.
- Photos of Eastside Schools, especially Bellevue elementary schools.

To Donate Items:

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



Above: A-Y-P postcard showing the European Foreign Exhibit Building. Donated by Chris Cook.

Upcoming Programs

COAL CREEK HISTORY PROGRAM

Date & Time: Saturday, April 4, 2009, 10:00 AM
Location: Lewis Creek Park Visitors Center
 (5808 Lakemont Boulevard S.E., Bellevue)
Registration: 425-392-3500 (Issaquah History Museums)
 or 425-450-1049 (Eastside Heritage Center)

Coal mining was the Eastside's first major industry, producing millions of tons of coal to be shipped from Seattle to San Francisco at the turn of the 20th century. Join us for some adventuring into the past as we study the present.

The program will be led by researcher Stephen Grate, and begins with a 50-minute photo and geologic history presentation at the Lewis Creek Visitors Center, followed by a hike along the beautiful narrow and wooded trails of Coal Creek Park.

The presentation and hike explore the rich history of coal mining in King County. The Coal Creek mine was the world's largest in 1908, supporting a town of nearly 450 structures – hotels, stores, a theater, dance hall, and a professional baseball field. Today the town is gone and only some concrete remains along the trails to remind us of the industrial activity that took place at this site.

Presented by the Eastside Heritage Center and Bellevue Parks & Community Services, in partnership with King County Parks, Issaquah History Museums and the Newcastle Historical Society.

FRASER CABIN HERITAGE DAYS

Dates & Times: Saturdays, April 25, May 16, June 20, '09
 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.

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

Program Ideas?

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

HERITAGE SERIES

Logging on the Eastside

Date & Time: Saturday, May 9, 2009, 10:00 AM
Location: Mercer Slough Enviro. Education Center
 (1625 118th Ave SE, Bellevue)

The Eastside Heritage Center presents an interactive and interpretive slide show by Eric Erickson, featuring the logging and lumber businesses in King County. Included will be pictures of big trees, logging methods and tools, old time logging equipment, logging railroads, logging trucks, saw & shingle mills all within King County with emphasis on Seattle and the Eastside.

The Pacific Science Center will present a workshop for kids, "Terrific Trees" from 10-noon at MSEEC Classroom building. Discover some of the myths and Native American uses for trees that live in the Slough by taking a small exploratory hike behind the Center. "Build" your own tree and learn how a terrifically tall tree can grow from a terrifically small seed.

Presented in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services.

WALKING TOUR OF HISTORIC WILLOWMOOR

Date & Time: Sunday, June 14, 2009, 1:00 PM
Location: Clise Mansion, Marymoor Park
 (6046 West Lake Sammamish Pkwy NE, Redmond)
Registration: 425-450-1049

EHC Volunteer Tom Hitzroth will guide a walking tour covering the history of Willowmoor Farm from the time of the homesteading of the property by John Tosh, then the private ownership of James Clise, John Bratnober who called it "Northwood," Uberto Dickey and Walter Nettleton who owned Marymoor Farms and named the area 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 explore who the Native Americans were who occupied the property periodically from 6000 BC to the historic period.

Eastside Heritage Connections

REDMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Redmond Saturday Market

Date & Time: Saturday, April 11, 2009, 10:30 AM

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

Dale Miller will be giving the history of the Redmond Saturday Market which will include original newsletters, newspaper articles, photos, and much more information. He will speak about the founder, Georgia Erskine, and how the Market has grown over the past 33 years.

www.redmondhistory.org

KIRKLAND HERITAGE SOCIETY

The History of Kirkland - The Real Story

Date & Time: Wednesday, April 29, 2009, 7:00 PM

Location: Heritage Hall (203 Market St., Kirkland)

Presented by Loita & Dale Hawkinson. This is what you've been waiting for!

Photo ID Night

Date & Time: Wednesday, May 27, 2009, 7:00 PM

Location: Heritage Hall (203 Market St., Kirkland)

Once a year favorite! Help with identifying the growing photo collections of historic Kirkland people, places & things!

www.kirklandheritage.org

In Memoriam

MARGUERITE M. EMINSON

Passed away peacefully March 2, 2009 in Wenatchee. She was born in 1914 in Hamilton, WA to Louis and Mina McDowell Schafer. Marguerite was raised in Bellevue where she met her high school sweetheart, Charles. They were married in 1932 in Bellevue. Charles was the son of Horace and Zelda Eminson, who owned and operated the Bellevue Dry Goods Store on Main Street in Old Town Bellevue.

From 1932 to the 1950s, Marguerite's mother Mina owned and operated the Jane McDowell Candy Shop on the highway between Bellevue and Kirkland. Marguerite and Charles moved to Wenatchee in 1949, where Charles managed the Wenatchee Sears store until his retirement in 1969. Marguerite & Charles lived in Redmond for 20 years

until Marguerite moved to Wenatchee this past year to be near family.

In addition to her parents, Marguerite was predeceased by her beloved Charles; her son Rodger; her sister Virginia, and brothers Louie, Vincent and Richard. She is survived by a daughter and son-in law, Barbara and Leslie Stull of South Carolina, niece Diana (Schafer) Ford, grandchildren, cousins, nieces, nephews and many friends.

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- Juliet Carinreap
National Volunteer Week, April 19-25

Karen Klett
Volunteer Coordinator

Spring is just around the corner and soon EHC volunteers will be grinding corn, churning butter and spinning yarn at Kelsey Creek Park's Fraser Cabin. Heritage Days at the Fraser Cabin are a fun opportunity to volunteer and learn more about local farm history. The historic cabin buzzes with activities and children one Saturday a month from 11 AM - 3 PM.

And before you know it, June will be here and the 200+ Strawberry Festival volunteers will be ready to make this event the best one ever! It's not too early to add your name to the list.



Above: Fraser Cabin pioneer activities.

Contact EHC and get involved today.

Karen Klett
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Volunteer Coordinator
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