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Community Connections

Now that our move from Marymoor is complete, we have been able to focus on bringing programs into the community. Since May, we have been busy developing historic content and displays for several programs sponsored by the City of Bellevue Parks & Community Services Department, including Arbor Day at Kelsey Creek Park, an open house at the Fraser Cabin, and an open house at the Larsen Lake Cabin at Lake Hills Greenbelt Park. These events attracted families and students from the greater Eastside, and offered hands-on activities to assist visitors in understanding the evolution of design and construction of cabins and household maintenance over the past century. Working with the Bellevue Parks Department, we hope to expand these programs and to develop content that reflects the diverse ethnic and cultural base of the Eastside.

In addition to the Parks programs, we have made appearances at various regional events including: the Heritage Expo sponsored by the Association of King County Historical Organizations (AKCHO) in conjunction with the Folk Life Festival in Seattle; our own Strawberry Festival, co-hosted by the Lake



Karen Klett and Heather Trescases welcoming folks to the Strawberry Festival.

Washington Chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League and Old Bellevue Merchants; a Bellevue School District teacher in-service event; the Asian Pacific American Heritage month exhibit at the King County Cultural Development Authority; and the "Your Life, Live It!" workshop at the North Bellevue Community / Senior Center. Our traveling displays of Japanese American history and the Larsen and Fraser cabins have received a warm welcome, and we are looking forward to adding many more venues to our circuit! We also affiliated with DoCoMoMoWeWa, an organization interested in the preservation of mid 20th century architecture, to promote a self-guided tour of homes on September 13th.

We appreciate all of the opportunities to participate in events like these as we learn from each other, and our repertoire grows. *EHC*

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EHC MEMBER?
SEE PAGE 7 FOR
DETAILS !**

OLD BELLEVUE *Strawberry Festival*

Saturday, June 21, 2003, the Strawberry Festival was reborn. The Eastside Heritage Center, Old Bellevue Merchants, and the Lake Washington Chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League organized the first community-wide celebration of the festival since it was discontinued in 1941.

By 10:00 a.m., as if on cue, sunshine chased away the rain clouds and welcomed arriving visitors. Music echoed on the streets of Old Bellevue from the stage at the corner of Main Street and 103rd. KWJZ Smooth Jazz, the Newport High School Jazz Combo, a barbershop quartet, Taiko drummers and Chenoa Egawa provided entertainment throughout the day. Of course, many came to visit the strawberry shortcake stand, and the lines



Kevin Henry, Bellevue Parks & Community Services Department

formed there throughout the day. The antique appraisals on "Heritage Alley" attracted many who

came to find out the value of their treasures.

The Eastside Heritage Center exhibited historic photographs and the Japanese American Citizens League exhibit focused on the history of Eastside Japanese Americans during World War II. One visitor to the Eastside Heritage Center exhibit commented, "I didn't even know Bellevue had such a history." Another observed that the presence of people who had lived during that time period or who had had relatives interned during World War II enlivened the past with their stories.

A high point of the day was when nine elementary and middle-school students, accompanied by their teachers, were honored for essays and haikus they wrote to commemorate the festival. Alex Modelski, Chairman of the event, expressed his enthusiasm for the contest that generated 300 entries and his appreciation for how it helped children learn the history of the Eastside.

More than 2,000 attended this year's festival, allowing the committee to plan with confidence for its continuation as an Eastside tradition. In addition to the support of Old Bellevue Merchants, the City of Bellevue supported the event. Kevin Henry of the Bellevue Parks Department facilitated the publicity and served as emcee. Mayor Connie Marshall also



Musical Entertainment by Northwest Sound

School Winners

First Grade Haiku W inners:

David Dryfoos
Fernanda Macazaga
Krishnapriya Vellaipandian

Third Grade Haiku W inners:

Alex Jouk
Bo Sam
Abby South

Middle School Essay W inners:

Katie Nelson
Jessica Oh
Bryan Watanabe



Winner: David Dryfoos



Winner: Abby South



Winner: Jessica Oh

showed her support by attending.

Fresh strawberry shortcake, crafts, classic automobiles, history exhibits, live entertainment ~ it won't be easy to wait a whole year until 2004 to again celebrate the Old Bellevue Strawberry Festival. *EH*

~ Suzanne Knaus

Fraser Cabin

AT KELSEY CREEK FARM &
COMMUNITY PARK

The Fraser Cabin is one of Bellevue's oldest structures, built in 1888 by two Norwegian itinerant woodsmen named Olsen and Ferguson. It is a typical pioneer cabin of horizontal log construction, 16 feet by 16 feet, and originally built on property located approximately at Northup Way and 124th Avenue NE.

Daniel Fraser, the original owner of the cabin, lived with his wife and two children, Don and Agnes (Howard), in the cabin. The family was associated with the logging industry, probably woodcutting or skidding logs.

Originally, the cabin was built for Mrs. Fraser's sister Fanny after she was married to Steven Rathbun. It was located a half mile from the main house and used as a storage barn after the Rathbuns moved. When the Fraser's main house was destroyed by fire in 1890, David Fraser had the cabin moved to the site where the original house was located to be near water. The family lived comfortably in the cabin for eight years.

In 1947, son Don Fraser and his wife Amy, moved the cabin to the corner of 126th Avenue NE and NE 7th. The logs were taken down and numbered in order to assure accurate reassembly. The cabin was set on a concrete one-story foundation, forming a two-story structure to be used as a barn.

Brooks Johnston purchased the property from the Frasers and used the former cabin as a horse barn. In 1974, Johnston donated the cabin to the City of Bellevue, and it was moved to Kelsey Creek Park. Bellevue Parks Department carpenters meticulously reassembled the cabin. They carefully put together the rounded hand-hewn logs, added new tongue and groove flooring, shutters and replaced the hand split shingles. The wall was hand fashioned, as was done eighty-seven years ago, with cedar logs.

The cabin is one of Bellevue's few tangible ties with its past and affords a unique opportunity to educate people



Fraser Cabin

about the history of the area. On July 13th, Eastside Heritage Center staff and volunteers dressed in period clothing and engaged the public with stories and a chance to handle period artifacts. Activities for all ages included rolling out dough, creating a quilt square, playing Zinger (an old-fashioned string and button game), and a favorite, washing laundry with an old-fashioned washboard. *EH*

~ Marguerite Moskat



July 13th Volunteers: Hannah Moskat and Audrey Smith



Volunteer: Ralph Pinkerton

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NEW EHC MEMBERS

Madeline Hagen
Arlene Houghton
Revor Norsworthy
David Williams

Special Programs ~ Coming this Fall & Winter to the Winters House

“LEADERSHIP ON THE EASTSIDE ”

October 16, 2003 ~ 7:30 p.m.
Winters House, Bellevue

How have the leadership
institutions, *Advance Bellevue*
and *Leadership Institute*,
contributed to the history of the

Eastside ~ past, present and future? Leaders of these two organizations will share their histories and programs.



“ARTS ON THE EASTSIDE ”

November 20, 2003 ~ 7:30 p.m.
Winters House, Bellevue

Mary Pat Byrne (Arts Specialist, City of Bellevue; President, Eastside Arts Coalition)

Mary Pat, accompanied by a panel representing various local arts organizations, will talk about the history and development of the arts on the Eastside.

“MAGIC SEASON ”

Co-sponsored by the Bellevue Downtown Association

November 29 and December 27, 2003

(Please call for specific times.)

Winters House, Bellevue

Join story-tellers as they focus on celebrations in the diverse cultural communities represented on the Eastside. We would love to hear from you if you would like to contribute your own story to these sessions, and perhaps record your story to add to our invaluable oral history collection. Please contact Barb Williams or Marguerite Moskat, at 425.450.1049, to get involved.

“HOLIDAY POTLUCK DINNER & DECORATING PARTY ”

December 4, 2003 ~ 5:00 p.m.

Winters House, Bellevue



Executive Director
Edén Toner

Message

FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

I am pleased to report that after nine long months of packing and moving boxes of every shape, size and weight, we succeeded in moving the entire collection of the former Marymoor Museum! We could

not have accomplished this feat without the efforts of dozens of volunteers ~ some of whom participated on a regular basis, others who helped during one of the many “moving parties” we held. Most of the collection is now in off-site storage, though the photograph and archival research materials are on-site at the Winters House and at our new offices at the Paxton / McDowell House in Bellevue. We are still working out our systems and unpacking boxes, but it is wonderful to be able to turn our attention to developing programming and providing service to the community, which, after all, is the mission of our organization. We are quickly feeling the positive effects of having a “home” again, and we are looking ahead to a great year.

We are especially grateful to the Bellevue City Council and staff of the Bellevue Parks & Community Services Department, who together recognized the importance of preserving our ability to continue our work. To this end, they worked with us to craft a lease agreement for the Paxton / McDowell House that permits us to occupy the property in return for providing historic interpretation and content for various Parks properties and programs. It allows us to focus on developing our exhibits not only for display at Parks events, but also for traveling to other venues. We will be working on finding other locations, such as schools, libraries and shopping centers, where we can

place our exhibits and provide service to the community.

Now that we are back on track in pursuing our mission, we are embarking on a fundraising and membership campaign. The expansion of programming has made increased demands on staff and volunteers, and we need more people and funds to carry out these programs. As you may remember from our last newsletter, we received a sizeable donation from the Estate of Helen Bucey, which will provide the foundation for our long-term facility development. We also have received a sustained support grant from the King County Cultural Development Authority, which we can apply to operations. We are developing a membership drive targeted to various neighborhood community groups, since we have an extensive collection of material related to the growth of these Eastside neighborhoods. We now want to develop our support base in the business community, and have approached several dozen business leaders. As I write this, the returns are starting to come in! We will need to continue this effort, and I encourage each of you to think about ways in which you or the businesses you patronize can help out, with a bequest in a will, a donation of office supplies, or funding for a research staff position. Together, we can preserve our heritage for future generations. *EHT*

UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

The EHC. Board meets at 4:00 p.m. at the Winters House on the second Wednesday of the month, although time and place is subject to change. Please contact our director, Edén Toner, at director@eastsideheritagecenter.org for up to date information or 425.450.1049.

Meetings are currently scheduled for:

- SEPTEMBER 10
- NOVEMBER 12
- JANUARY 14
- OCTOBER 8
- DECEMBER 10
- FEBRUARY 11

This is a Blackhawk corn sheller, used to remove raw corn kernels from the husk. The corn is fed into the tube at the top, and the crank turns a wheel with spike teeth that removes the corn.

ANSWER TO:
What is This?

Passages

- **JIM COWLES**

Passed away in April.

Former resident of the Marymoor Museum, who helped shape its vision as a community history museum focusing on East King County.

- **CHARLES EMINSON**

Passed away in June.

Supporter of Eastside history, whose family owned an early dry goods store in Old Bellevue. Uncle to Diana Ford.

- **ELOISE HENNING**

Passed away in June.

An active member of the Bellevue Historical Society and Eastside Heritage Center, Eloise contributed in so many ways to the organization, including planning Winters House programs, for which she received an



Eloise Henning

AKCHO award. She also delighted in decorating the Winters House for the holiday season. We are grateful for the donations received in Eloise's memory. A temporary memorial display has been created at the Winters House.

- **DICK McDONALD**

Passed away in August.

Local author and historical researcher. Dick helped to disseminate information on Eastside history to many different audiences through his published works and public presentations.

- **DR. WILLIAM MORTON**

Passed away in June.

Teacher, principal and superintendent (1969-1974) of Bellevue schools and valued advocate for the role of history in education.

- **GINI WISNER**

Passed away in June.

Chaired the 2000 Strawberry Festival at the Winters House.

Board Changes

- **SALLY POLK**

Resigned from the EHC Board.

Sally brought a wonderful sense of curiosity to her tenure on the Marymoor and EHC boards, and we counted on her to track down those elusive facts.

- **DAPHNE SCHNEIDER**

Resigned from the EHC Board.

Daphne provided invaluable help to the Marymoor and EHC boards in organizational development and long-range planning.

What is This?

The unusual item pictured to the right is part of our collection. The answer to "What is this?" is hidden somewhere in this newsletter.



Donation

Thank You

to the Starbucks "Make Your Mark" Volunteer Program for a \$300 donation.

The Eastside Heritage Center was nominated to receive this benefit as a result of working in partnership with the Bellevue Parks & Community Services Department on the recent Arbor Day program at Kelsey Creek Park. The Starbucks volunteers, under the leadership of Sarah Allen at the Bellevue Main Street Starbucks, put in 30 hours of time and chose to benefit the EHC. We express our thanks to each of them, as well as to the Bellevue Parks Department, for fostering these community partnerships and supporting the Eastside Heritage Center. *EHC*



CORRECTION

We inadvertently left out the name of Artis Joy Ulrich (Jacobsen) when we ran this photo in the Spring Newsletter. The photo of 3½-year-old Artis appeared in the *Seattle Star* in 1935.



Please cut out this form and mail with your check to Eastside Heritage Center • PO Box 40535 • Bellevue, WA 98015

MEMBERSHIP TYPE

Please check the appropriate circles:

- Student / Senior ~ \$15
- Individual ~ \$25
- Family ~ \$40
- Friend / Organization ~ \$100
- Steward ~ \$250
- Sponsor ~ \$500
- Benefactor ~ \$1,000

- New Member
- Membership Renewal
- I'd like to volunteer 2 hours per month!

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Membership INFORMATION

ALL MEMBERS RECEIVE:

- Newsletter
- Notice of exhibits and programs
- 10% discount for Book Store orders

CATEGORIES:

- STUDENT / SENIOR (Age 62) \$15
- INDIVIDUAL \$25
- FAMILY \$40 (Two adults and children living in the same household)
- FRIEND / ORGANIZATION \$100
- STEWARD \$250

Members also receive an invitation to Curator's Tour of the collection

- SPONSOR \$500

~ Same as "Steward"

Members also receive one complimentary business card ad in the newsletter

- BENEFACTOR \$1,000

~ Same as "Sponsor"

Members also receive invitations to special events

Join us in preserving, supporting and interpreting the heritage of the Eastside for those who come after us

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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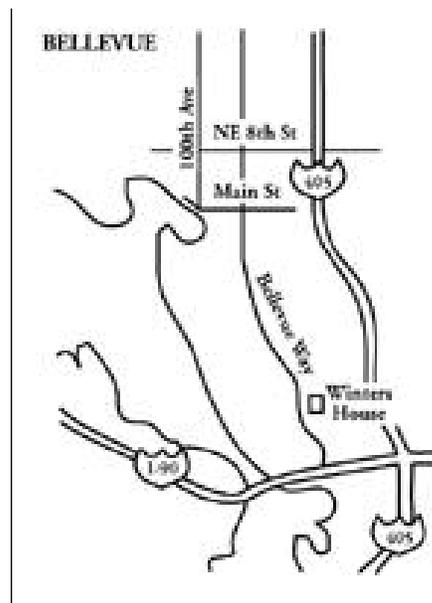
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HOURS OF OPERATION:

Office Hours: Tuesday ~ 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Visiting Hours: Monday to Saturday ~ 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.



DIRECTIONS ~ WINTERS HOUSE :

From I-90, either direction, take the Bellevue Way exit. Merge onto Bellevue Way SE and drive .6 miles to the Winters House which will be on the right.

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