

Eastside Heritage Center

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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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EASTSIDE HISTORY Turning Points

Strawberries ~ Northwest Chronicle

To celebrate at the 2004 Strawberry Festival you don't need a covered wagon, or a wheelbarrow, certainly not a crawler tractor ~ only a paper plate and a fork to bring your strawberry shortcake around the streets of Old Main and join the fun. Better yet, read the following account, become a volunteer and help preserve the Eastside's strawberry history.

In the mid-1800s hardy pioneers crossed the Oregon Trail, a 2000-mile journey from Missouri to Oregon Territory often made on foot because they overloaded their wagons with household goods, flour, bacon, sugar, salt, coffee, seeds, and, fortuitously for the Northwest, strawberry plants.

They undertook their arduous journey to homestead the fabled fertile valleys and coastlands west of the Cascade Mountains, and once settled they soon wrote back to relatives in the East that their gardens flourished under the plentiful rain, cool nights and warm sunny days. Their transplanted plants producing big, red flavorful strawberries soon became an important regional crop.



Strawberry pickers (Marymoor Collection, Eastside Heritage Center)

As early as 1888 farmers like Patrick Downey on Clyde Hill cultivated strawberries for commercial use. Downey transported them by wheelbarrow to the ferry and across Lake Washington, then by cable car to the market on Seattle's waterfront.

In the early 1900s new public roads began to open access to farmland around Bellevue east of what is now I-405 and south to Enatai, Wilburton and Newport. Here, new immigrants, often from Japan, cultivated acres of the prized Marshall strawberries.

**Annual
Membership
Meeting**
Friday, June 25
6:00 p.m.
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YOU ARE INVITED TO



www.bellevuestrawberryfestival.org

Saturday, June 26, 2004 ~ 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
103rd Ave NE and 102nd Ave NE in Old Bellevue

COME JOIN US FOR

- Fresh, Homemade, Strawberry Shortcake,
- Historical displays
- Musical, Artistic, Athletic and Dramatic Entertainment
- A Family Time (1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.)
Featuring Children-Oriented Entertainment, Carnival Games,
Face Painting, Coloring Contests . . . and More!
- Classic Automobiles
- Food & Vendor Booths

WE NEED YOUR HELP

to make the 2004 Festival twice as large and twice as successful as last year!
If you are interested in Volunteering, please contact Karen Klett at 425.746.8165
or kklett2@hotmail.com for a Volunteer Application Form.

Participate in The Starlight Walk on the morning of Saturday, June 26th,
and receive coupons for Strawberry Festival attractions that afternoon.
For more information, visit www.starlightwalk.com.

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They used the new “crawler tractor” developed in 1904 from Benjamin Holt’s invention of the endless chain tread to clear land faster and more efficiently and to work varied soils like the marshlands south of Yarrow Point. In 1923 Henry Fisher attended the Oregon Agricultural College in Corvallis, Oregon, where he learned about a new strawberry developed by crossing the Marshall and Clark berries. Known as “121-Eddaburg,” it

promised to yield 400 to 500 crates of berries per acre and to be more uniform in size and shape. More importantly for Mr. Fisher, owner of the recently opened Henry Fisher Canning Company in Kirkland, the new berry also proved to be better for canning. That year the cannery paid 7¢ a pound for berries to process. The cannery employed fifty workers who daily processed hundreds of pounds of strawberries by cold-packing and canning operations.

By 1925 Bellevue had become so famous for its berries that it inaugurated its first Strawberry Festival, and by 1947, “Bellevue evolved into a little trading center for vineyardists and berry farmers,” according to Northwest chronicler Nard Jones.

There’s fun for the whole family at the Strawberry Festival’s celebration of our Eastside agricultural heritage. *EH*

~ Suzanne Knauss

Special Programs Coming Summer 2004

Presented by the EHC in partnership with the Bellevue Parks and Community Services Department

MOUNTAINS TO SOUND DISCOVERY DAYS

FRASER CABIN

FRIDAY, JUNE 11 ~ 12:00 NOON TO 4: P.M.

Open House at Kelsey Creek Farm Park in Bellevue. Table top displays and hands-on activities related to the cabin and life in an 1880s cabin.

HANS MILLER CABIN

SATURDAY, JUNE 12 ~ 9:00 A.M. TO 10:00 A.M.

Robinswood Park in Bellevue. One-hour interpretive talk and walk.

LARSEN LAKE CABIN

SUNDAY, JUNE 13 ~ 12:00 NOON TO 4:00 P.M.

Open house in Bellevue. Table top displays and hands-on activities related to the natural history, the cabin and the people who shaped the history of the region.

ADDITIONAL OPEN HOUSE DATES

LARSEN LAKE CABIN ~ Saturday, August 14, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

LARSEN LAKE CABIN ~ LAKE TO LAKE DAY ~ Saturday, September 11, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

FRASER CABIN ~ Sunday, September 26, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

We are looking for volunteers for these events. Call the EHC Education office at 425.450.1049 if you'd like to have some fun for a few hours escaping your daily hustle and bustle. Ask for Barb or Jane. *EHC*



Fraser Cabin ~ Eastside Heritage Center



Hans Miller Cabin ~ Photo courtesy of Bellevue Parks and Community Services Dept.



Larsen Lake Cabin ~ Photo courtesy of Bellevue Parks and Community Services Dept.

**Annual
Membership
Meeting**
Friday, June 25
6:00 p.m.

Join us at the Factoria Mall Community Room (near Red Robin) from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. First annual membership meeting and Strawberry Festival kick-off. Learn more about the EHC and volunteer opportunities and enjoy the first bites of our famous strawberry shortcake. We'll also have some Treasure Boxes created by the Education Staff, who will be on hand to talk about our education services. RSVP to Anne Taylor at taylor@bcc.ctc.edu or call 425-564-2324.

The item pictured in the newsletter is a "digging stick" used by Native American women to dig roots and bulbs for food.

What is This?

ANSWER TO:

Messages

FROM OUR PRESIDENT & EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Many exciting activities have been happening recently. Your Board had its opening strategic planning session with the class of the Interdisciplinary Graduate Program in Museology, University of Washington. We are confident that this effort will provide a clear list of action steps for us to take as an organization. I'd like to give a special thanks to Zoopa in Bellevue Square for providing a delicious repast during our planning retreat.

We have added four new trustees to our Board and are looking forward to their involvement. Mike Intlekofer is a retired engineering manager and has a passion for rebuilding antique farm equipment. Terry Claypool lives in Kirkland and is the King County Library System's Quick



Executive Director Eden Toner

It is my great pleasure to report that the Eastside Heritage Center has again been honored by its peers in the Association of King County Heritage Organizations. At its annual awards ceremony, held April 27, we received awards in THREE categories! First, the "Single Impact Event Award," for an outstanding one time or single series program or event, was awarded jointly to the EHC and to

Answer Manager. Lynn Sherk works as an Administrative Assistant in Government and Community Relations for Puget Sound Energy and lives in Ballard. Ray Higgins is a District Manager for Waddell & Reed in Bellevue and lives in Renton. All are already rolling up their sleeves on projects. We continue to look for a few more Board members.

Our new list of "Endorsers" is in place and will be used as part of our ongoing fundraising strategy.

We have many critical tasks to undertake. Our Facilities Committee is beginning the process of identifying our short and long-term facility needs. Finding appropriate space is vital to being able to show our vast collection to the public.

the City of Bellevue for 50Fest, a year-long series of events celebrating the 50th anniversary of Bellevue's incorporation. Second, the "Long Term Project Award," for an outstanding long-impact or permanent project, was awarded to the King County Snapshots / Crossing Organizational Boundaries Project, in which we participated by researching and contributing 800 images for publication on the world-wide web. Third, the "Willard Jue Memorial Award," for a paid staff member who has made an outstanding contribution of service, was awarded to your Director for management of the closing and the moving of the Marymoor Museum!

We have also been recognized on the



President Stu Vander Hoek

Our Enterprise Task Force has also been working hard to develop strategic ideas to market our programs, products, and services. We need to create better awareness of the EHC in the community in order to generate additional revenues. As always, we welcome more participation from our membership in our marketing, programming, and fund development areas. *EHC*

local level, by receiving the "Tradition Builder Award" from the Bellevue Downtown Association for bringing the Strawberry Festival back to the center of Old Bellevue!

I would personally like to congratulate all of the volunteers, staff and Board members who contributed time, energy and enthusiasm to all of these endeavors. With respect to the Museum move, I know that I could not and would not have persevered without their continued encouragement, and I know the job could not have been completed without their dedication. We have come a long way, and now we have a lot to look forward to! *EHC*

King County Snapshots

PHOTOGRAPHS FROM THE EHC COLLECTION

Over the past two years, the EHC has participated in the Crossing Organizational Boundaries project to present an on-line history of King County through historical images. The EHC contributed approximately 800 images to the total of 12,000. The images can be viewed and their content searched at www.kcsnapshots.org. Below are some of our favorites.



PHOTOGRAPH TO THE LEFT
The Mickelson family making cider, Totem Lake, ca. 1935.
(L-R) Helen, Edwin, Martin Mickelson.

(Marymoor Collection, Eastside Heritage Center)



PHOTOGRAPH TO
THE RIGHT
Hay wagon on Stidl
Farm near Issaquah,
ca. 1900.

(Marymoor Collection, Eastside Heritage Center)



(Marymoor Collection, Eastside Heritage Center)

PHOTOGRAPH ABOVE
Highland Dairy Farm truck. The Highland Dairy Farm, owned and operated by the Siepmann Family, was located at 148th Ave NE and NE 24th Street in the Highland district.

PHOTOGRAPH BELOW
The barn of Andrew Joseph and Mina Fagerberg, located on the east side of 108th Ave NE, in Bellevue. The house was a few feet south of where 38th Place enters 108th and the barn was about half way between the house and Northup Way. The Learning World Daycare is currently in this location.



(Marymoor Collection, Eastside Heritage Center)

What is This?

This unique item is part of our Eastside Heritage Center collection. What do you think it is? Look for the answer somewhere in this newsletter.





ORGANIZATIONAL UPDATES

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New Board Members

TERRY CLAYPOOL recently moved to Washington to become Quick Answer Manager for the King County Library System. She is an active community volunteer, and her professional experience as a library consultant gives her significant familiarity with business, non-profit and governmental agencies.

RAY HIGGINS manages the Bellevue office of Waddell & Reed, Inc., a financial planning and mutual fund company. He's an avid collector of historical photographs and antique accounting tools. As an EHC volunteer, Ray has been active member of the Financial Advisory Committee.

MICHAEL INTLEKOFER is a retired engineering manager and executive in the high technology field. He's a history buff who collects farm machinery and teapots. As a community activist, he helped to research the Bellevue 50Fest Time Capsule.

LYNN SHERK is an administrative assistant in the Government and Community Relations Department at Puget Sound Energy. She is a graduate of the Advance Bellevue community leadership program, where her project team created the Bellevue Historical Timeline Exhibit as part of the Bellevue 50Fest Celebration. *EHC*

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NEW EHC MEMBERS

Karl Dean
Michael Intlekofer
Lin Salisbury
Shlomit Weil-Piechenick

Staff Changes

Jane is a former public school teacher. She currently volunteers as a mentor for the Bellevue Schools, a tour guide at the Issaquah Fish Hatchery, and a staff teacher for the Living Lab program at the Bellevue Botanical Gardens. She also serves as a member of the Educational Advisory Board at the Pacific Science Center.

We also welcome Petra Ellis and Erika Brown, students from the University of Washington museology programs, as Collections Management interns.

We wish the best to Marguerite Moskat, who has left the EHC for a full-time position with the Lake Washington School District. Marguerite worked for many years as one of our Education Coordinators to develop programs to interpret our history to school children and adults alike. *EHC*

Volunteers

Volunteers make the Eastside Heritage Center a T.E.A.M. Together Everyone Accomplishes More! We have 65 enthusiastic and talented individuals who do research, host at the Winters House, serve on the Board of Trustees and on committees, and help with displays. Our five newest volunteers ~ Bill Bergsma, Doris Burrell, Joan Hendry, Norma Kidney and Shlomit Weil-Piechenick ~ are hosts who work in pairs at the Winters House, greeting guests and giving tours on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays.



Volunteer Nancy Sheets

Other opportunities include help with computer data entry, finance and bookkeeping, the web site and the newsletter. As little as two hours a month can make a huge difference in the success of the EHC. In 2003, volunteers contributed 7,400 hours to promoting heritage. Contact Karen Klett, Volunteers Coordinator, if you would like more information at 425.450.1049 or karenklett@eastsideheritagecenter.org. *EHC*

Passages

We are saddened by the death of Phyllis Hill Fenwick who passed away on April 26, 2004. Phyllis was a founding member of the Bellevue Historical Society and a charter member of the Eastside Heritage Center. Photos from the EHC's Fenwick Collection are on permanent display at the Bellevue Village QFC.

We would also like to acknowledge the donations received in memory of Betty Kimsey. *EHC*



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Please check the appropriate circles:

- Student / Senior ~ \$15
- Individual ~ \$25
- Family ~ \$40
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- New Member
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- 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

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WINTERS HOUSE

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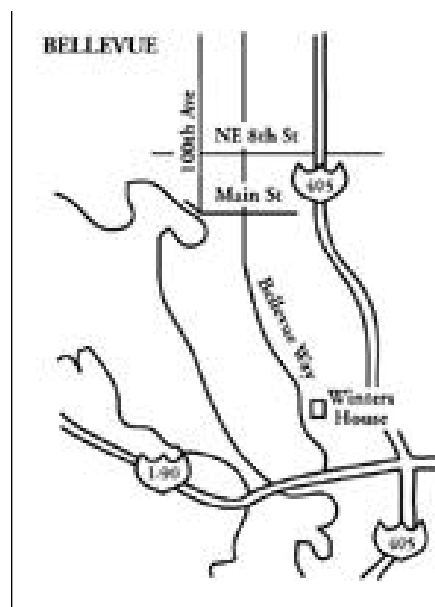
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HOURS OF OPERATION:

Office Hours: Tuesday ~ 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 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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