

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 Heritage Reflector is going digital

Change is coming to Eastside Heritage Center's newsletter in 2011! The *Heritage Reflector* will cease its hard-copy publication following the March issue. Beginning in June and going forward, issues will be available on our website and via email distribution.

This change will not only save valuable hours for EHC staff and volunteers, the money we save in postage and materials costs can be used to support our programs and collection.

If you'd like to sign up to receive the digital *Heritage*

Reflector, send an email to director@eastsideheritagecenter.org and include the subject line "Subscribe to Heritage Reflector." If you have any questions, contact Heather at 425-450-1049.



Downey Farm, site of present-day Vuecrest in Bellevue, 1930 and 2007. Looking north-west, with NE 8th St. in foreground, 92nd Ave top left.

EASTSIDE HERITAGE BENEFIT DINNER



Save the Date

February 10, 2011

6:00PM- 8:30PM

Meydenbauer Center

Contact Heather at 425-450-1049 or email director@eastsideheritagecenter.org for more information on how you can get involved!

Collections Corner

Voices of Our Past: Josephine Godsey

Megan Carlisle
Archivist

Thanks to a 4Culture Collections Care Grant, Eastside Heritage Center is transcribing a number of oral histories collected in the 1970s and 1980s. These histories provide information about the first decades of the 20th century which is otherwise unavailable.

For example, this selection comes from an oral history of Bellevue resident Josephine Godsey in 1978. The interviewer was local historian Lilly Mae Anderson:

LILLY MAE ANDERSON:
Now, you were talking on the tape we ran the other day about the water supply. And I'm interested in the beginnings of the water supply here. I didn't hear it very well and I wondered what you could tell me about the first wells.

JOSEPHINE GODSEY: Oh, everybody maintained their own water system before [they lowered the lake]. Bellevue had little separate systems, private systems. If anybody had a good well, that's where the neighbors would go for their water or even pipe it into their own. And in this Lochleven Community here, people were supplied by a well on the Strong property. And the storage tank for that was the Tower House.

LMA: Where was the Strong property and what was Strong's whole name?



Above: Rev. Strong's Tower House in Lochleven, circa 1914.
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UNKNOWN WOMAN:
Reverend Strong, Reverend Strong.

JG: What was his first name? His brother was Sidney Strong in Seattle and [Rev. Strong] was on the way to the gulch.

UW: Meydenbauer Park.

JG: Meydenbauer Park. Just about halfway down the slope there almost under the First [Street] Bridge. And he... I think he had a pump. A gasoline pump. I don't know how people from other little districts got their water. There was an awfully good spring across the bay and I know lots and lots of people got their water from there. There was no trouble about water in Bellevue until the lake was lowered. People maintained their own wells and good water. And you

didn't have sprinkling systems like you had now. If you did much [garden] watering, you carried it in a bucket.

LMA: And lowering the lake, did that lower the water table?

JG: That lowered the water table.

On Display

Discover the Golliver Family Santa Collection with a visit to one of EHC's community exhibits this holiday season!

"The Santa Collection, Santas from Around the World"
at Crossroads Bellevue
(NE 8th & 156th Ave. NE, Bellevue)

"Santas of Christmas Past, How Does Santa Travel"
at the Winters House
(2102 Bellevue Way SE, Bellevue)

Recent Accessions

Thank you for your donations to the collection:

L. Lee Maxwell
- Set of drafting tools

Jerry Henry
- Sharpening stone

D. P. & Janice Van Blaricom
- Mercer Rifle, on display at the Winters House

Anne Taylor
- 2 cubic feet of Norwood Village records

Wendy Walp
- Wooden sign from the Terra Tillers garden club

Stu Vander Hoek
- 1952 Rezone Plan (south Bellevue area)

EHC Wish list

EHC is seeking the following donations:

FOR THE COLLECTION:

- Eastside women's history items, especially relating to women in business & politics.
- Eastside phone directories prior to 1975.
- Records of community clubs, improvement societies, and other grassroots organizations.
- Back issues of "The Sea Chest", 1990 to present.

To Donate Items:

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

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Upcoming Programs

COAL MINING AT COUGAR MOUNTAIN

Date & Time: **Thursday, January 20, 2011**
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Location: **Lewis Creek Visitor Center**
(5808 Lakemont Blvd, Bellevue)

This program focuses on 100 years of local coal mining. In 1888 there were 20 mules and 200 men employed here! Exporting coal to San Francisco turned Seattle into a dominant seaport. Learn what is underneath a mountain that is older than Rainier. Ages 10 years and up. Preregistration is required. Call Bellevue Parks at 425-452-6885 and reference Course # 56034.

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

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Hours of Operation: EHC Research Office Hours
Tues., 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Winters House Public Visiting Hours:
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