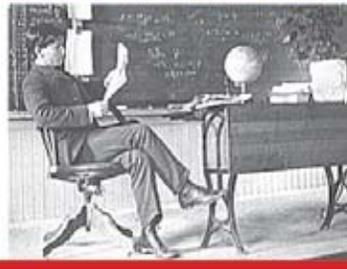
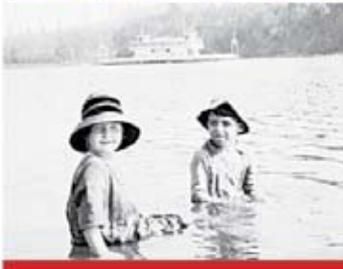


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Connections for yesterday, today, and tomorrow.

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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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Something to 'cluck' about!

Jane Morton
Education Coordinator

Thanks to the vision of both Stu Vander Hoek and Tim Johnson, Eastside Heritage Center now has its very own interactive chicken coop complete with faux chickens and wooden eggs!

This will be a perfect addition to our farm activities both at KidsQuest Children's Museum and Kelsey Creek Fraser Cabin. Kids will be able to collect eggs in baskets, weigh them, and see how much they were worth in the late 1880s. What could you buy from selling your eggs?



The Vander Hoeks discovered a chicken coop activity on a recent trip to the new History Colorado Center in Denver. Stu took pictures of the coop with kids collecting eggs and EHC staff and volunteers get really

excited about the possibility of having a similar hands-on activity right here in Bellevue.

Tim called the Museum Curator in Colorado for further information and then built EHC our very own modified version with a roof and the ability to travel! He purchased an antique egg scale; got the wooden eggs from a company in Texas; and the stuffed chickens from a company in Snohomish (websites are so helpful!)

Tim also figured out a way for kids to produce chicken sounds with the simple method of using a plastic cup, a piece of string, a paper clip, and a small amount of wet paper towel. These noise makers will be a craft that kids can make after they weigh the collected eggs.

Technically, a chicken coop is a building where female chickens



are kept with nest boxes for egg-laying. The number of small coops in urban areas has been growing with many families enjoying fresh eggs each day!

The EHC chicken coop will make its debut at the April 18th "Farm Life" event at KidsQuest Children's Museum.



Collections Corner

Sarah Frederick
Collections Manager

ORAL HISTORIES:

Eastside Heritage Center is lucky enough to have three new Oral History Interns. Oral history interviews are a rich historical source, and often provide a different (and sometimes colorful) take on history.

EHC continues to collect new oral histories, making it more pressing to begin work on transcribing interviews already in our collection. We now record oral histories digitally, which makes sharing the audio file on a website or as an email attachment quite easy. Prior to that oral histories were recorded on cassette tapes – remember those?

The interns have started transcribing the cassette tape interviews first, in an effort to transfer the information before the tapes begin to deteriorate.

The time spent transcribing the interviews will be well worth it. Both the typed transcripts and digitized audio files will make these important pieces of our community memory much more accessible to researchers and history fans.

BELLEVUE SCHOOLS CURRICULUM:

Thanks to a grant from the Bellevue Schools Foundation, Eastside Heritage Center has begun working with Patty Shelton from the Bellevue School District on a project redesigning a unit in the social studies curriculum for 2nd and 3rd graders.

Currently, students are learning about culture and community from case studies outside of Washington. This project will help students learn about community by studying the one in which they live.

EHC will be providing primary source documents like oral histories, government records, letters, and journal entries, as well as historic maps and photos from ten Eastside families. Students will compare Bellevue now, with Bellevue of the past. The new 2nd grade curriculum will focus on the things that make a community. Third graders will learn about the culture of their community and why people decide to move to a certain place. The families studying for the 3rd grade curriculum will all be immigrant families.

At the end of the lesson each student will have created a portfolio of items for their own family that contains similar items found in the portfolio of their “historic” family.



Above: Volunteer Katie Hewaitt transcribing census records, letters and journals.

Volunteers have been hard at work typing up the 1910 and 1940 handwritten census documents and re-typing old handwritten letters and journal entries to make them easier for kids to read.

The 2013/2014 school year is the targeted start date for the new curriculum, and EHC is looking forward to featuring the project at the Bellevue Spring for Schools luncheon in May.



Above: Hunferford Farm site, 156th Ave & NE 24th St., Bellevue, 1970. Photo donated by Ken Schiring.

Recent Accessions

Thank you for your donations to the collection:

Betty Miller & Marge Qualls
- Soroptimist Club scrapbooks, 1960s-1990s.

Karen Klett
- Ladies gloves and “Old Bellevue” documents and ephemera.

Lillian Garland
- Ladies Alpaca coat.

Mary Ellen Piro
- Bellevue schools artifacts.

Mike Evered
- Evered Auto materials.

Emily Anderson
- Hilltop Community annuals.

Kim Radcliffe
- Reel to reel tapes of Bill Radcliffe’s art program from KCTS, 1970s.

Ken Schiring
- Hungerford Farm photos, 1970.

Leslie Lloyd
- Photos from the 1982 and 1983 Bellevue Jazz Festival.

Jeanna Sutherland
- Refrigerator Helps booklet, 1930s.

Anne Regan
- Class photos and ephemera, Woodridge Elementary, 1960s.

Marilyn Adams
- Bellevue 20/20 Anniversary buttons.

Don Ulrich
- Bellevue High School 1955 50th anniversary DVD.

Diana Ford
- James Ditty family photos.

History in the Making - Bellevue Brewing Company



Sherry Grindeland
EHC Trustee

Historical note: We believe Bellevue Brewing is the first independent commercial brewery to ever open in Bellevue.

John Robertson wanted some good, fresh beer when he dreamed about opening his own brewery. He had no intention of writing a chapter of Bellevue history in the process. He accomplished both when his Bellevue Brewing Company officially opened December 20, 2012. It is, according to Eastside Heritage Center's records, the first independent brewery in the city.

Since the December opening, Robertson and brewery master Tony Powell have already served a variety of beers crafted on site. The giant stainless steel equipment in the back room of the brewery have already produced an acclaimed oatmeal stout, popular India pale ale, a good Scotch ale, and a lip-smacking version of an extra-special bitter. They're working on a rotation of seasonally appropriate brews as well as more specialty beers in the upcoming months.

All the brews must have Robertson's seal of approval before they'll be served. He's banking on his own discriminating taste. Turns out the nearly life-long Bellevue resident has a gift. "I finally realized I have a palate for beer," he said. Give the man a glass of wine and he can't distinguish a hint of apricot from an underlying essence



Above: Brew Master, Tony Powell, hard at work.

of grape juice. But pour Robertson a glass of beer and he can expound upon the multiple flavors and nuances.

He knew he liked beer from the time he was old enough to drink, but it wasn't until he spent a month in Germany in the 1990s that he discovered his talent.

"I went to Germany to practice my German and ended up working my way from yellow beer to serious beer," he said. "I learned a lot of things such as beer is better consumed when it is fresh and that beer has been around for thousands of years."

Robertson came home from that trip focused on his career, not on beer. He returned to his Bellevue roots. He was raised in Bellevue and is a graduate of Newport High School. After college – which included time at Cambridge University

in England, the University of Arizona and University of Hawaii and USC – he went into banking and commercial real estate. Today he owns and operates Robertson Capital, also based in Bellevue. That's his serious side.

"The brewery is my fun," he said. "I want this place to be fun, a place for good food and drink and I wanted it to feel like an extension of your living room."

His goals in opening the Bellevue Brewing Company included not just sharing his love of beers. He envisioned a community hub that was comfortable enough people could bring their families for a casual meal while enjoying a hand-crafted beer. He picked the brewing site – in a small commercial building on 130th Avenue Northeast – because he's excited about the location in the Bel-Red corridor.

The menu features an array of appetizers, salads, soups, handmade pizzas, sandwiches, and a line-up of enticing desserts. The house chili is enriched with the house stout.

He plans to offer a new beer every six weeks and said that's one of the advantages of local brewing. People will be able to get fresh beer.

"A lot of people don't realize," he said, "that beer is a now

drink. It's a fresh food, not something that should be aged like wine. That's what we're trying to achieve. Putting out a local, fresh, high quality product."

EHC is looking forward to partnering with Bellevue Brewing to share the Bellevue story with the community through displays and creative programming.

Visit the Bellevue Brewing Company at
1820 130th Ave NE, Suite 2
www.BellevueBrewing.com

Wish List

EHC is seeking the following donations:

FOR THE OFFICE:

- Label Maker.
- Self-healing cutting mat.

FOR THE COLLECTION:

- Photos, documents and ephemera related to the Bridal Trails neighborhood and park.
- Polk Directories, pre-1950

FOR STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL:

- Historic books, magazines, sheet music and other publications for EHC's used book sale.

FOR FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES:

- Shoes and Handbags in excellent or new/never worn condition.

To Donate Items:

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President's Message



Kim Radcliffe
President

Why I love Eastside Heritage Center

Often after big events or busy months at EHC, I like to reflect on why I came to EHC, and why I stay. Not only does it help energize me for the next round of activities, but it helps remind me of how far we have come, and what we need to focus on next.

I love EHC for the stories. Whether you have lived here one month, one year, or your entire life the "stories of us", the eastside community, show what we have always been: a group of people solving problems, and building community. I am honored to be one of the many caretakers of these stories, and the photos, articles, and artifacts that help us tell these stories.

I love EHC for the creative and innovative ways we share these stories with the community. We could tell you what it was like to live in a cabin in the woods in the late 1800's or we can have you churn some butter or grind some corn or coffee. There is nothing as wondrous as the face of a

child when they see cream turn into butter - and they did that! Then we tell them that probably would have been one of their chores, AFTER milking the cow, and all before school. Hands-on history is a wonderful way to connect with and appreciate what everyone who came before us did for their community.

I love EHC for the people. The staff, volunteers, fellow board members, and you, the public that we serve. Every time I go to McDowell (with the squeaky screen door like my Grandma's), I am surrounded by people dedicated to preserving and caring for the stories of "us". While we all have our different reasons for being a part of EHC, I know we all share the same passion of serving our community by connecting us to its roots. My grandfather, also a history major, used to tell me stories of my family and my roots growing up. He did it because he said those roots would both anchor me and allow me to grow and bend in the winds of change. Thanks Grandpa, I try to honor that every day at EHC.

I recently ran across a North American Indian saying: "Tell me a fact, and I will learn. Tell me a truth, and I will believe. Tell me a story and it will live in my heart forever."

This is something the staff and volunteers at EHC get to do every day, live in someone's heart. This is why I love Eastside Heritage Center.

Now...bring on the Strawberry Festival!

Upcoming Programs

HANDS-ON HISTORY AT KIDSQUEST CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

REMEMBERING THE PAST, LOOKING TO THE FUTURE: PERSONAL TIME CAPSULES

Date & Time: Thursday, March 21, 2013, 5PM - 8PM

Remember the past and look to the future by making a personal time capsule. What is the world like in 2013? What will it be like in 10, 20, 30, even 100 years? Bring items to put in your capsule, label it and then use a traditional canning machine to seal your can to be opened at a later date.

EASTSIDE FARM LIFE

Date & Time: Thursday, April 18, 2013, 5PM - 8PM

Celebrate Bellevue history with the use of a corn shelling machine and corn grinders. Take home some of the ground corn and feed it to the birds who are always hungry in the spring! Collect eggs from a chicken coop and weigh them. Churn butter like the pioneers.

Presented by Eastside Heritage Center, in partnership with KidsQuest Children's Museum, as part of Third Thursday Nights FREE. KidsQuest is located inside Bellevue's Factoria Mall.

FRASER CABIN HERITAGE PROGRAMS

Date & Times: Saturday, April 27, 2013 (*Sheep Shearing Event*)
11:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Saturdays, May 18 & June 15, 2013
11:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Location: Kelsey Creek Farm Park, Bellevue

Visitors are invited to participate in hands-on activities that relate to early Eastside settler life at the historic 1888 Fraser Cabin. 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!

Presented in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services.

2013 Fraser Cabin Heritage Programs are sponsored by:



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on any Eastside Heritage Center programs,
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Eastside Heritage Center's Strawberry Festival in Bellevue

Saturday, June 22 - 10am-8pm
Sunday, June 23 - 10am-5pm

Crossroads International Park

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Sponsorships range from \$250 to \$4,000 and will provide your company with valuable exposure, while supporting this community event and EHC.

VOLUNTEER

To help run the Festival. Each volunteer receives a t-shirt and complimentary strawberry shortcake for helping out.

HAVE A VENDOR BOOTH

To reach the community with your goods and services.

ENTER YOUR CLASSIC CAR

Participate in the annual Classic Auto Show, with prizes for Best of Show, Best of Decade, Youth's Choice, Most Stylish Ride, Oldest at Show, and more!

Please join us in support of the
2013 Strawberry Festival!

To get involved: Contact Jennifer Heintz at
425-450-1049 or email jennifer@bellevuestrawberryfestival.org

www.BellevueStrawberryFestival.org

EASTSIDE COAL MINING

Date & Time: Tuesday, May 7, 2013
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Location: Microsoft Store (Bellevue Square)

This program focuses on 100 years of local coal mining. In 1888 there were 20 mules and 200 men employed here! 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.

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A warm thank you to all those who supported the 6th Annual Heritage Benefit Dinner on February 7, 2013 at the Meydenbauer Center. Your generosity raised over \$42,000 towards the stewardship of Eastside history.

Photos are available at www.TeamPhotogenic.com, Event # 22173



Volunteer Corner

At the EHC Annual Meeting in January, we recognized our 2012 Volunteers of the Year: Barb and Steve Williams.



Steve started volunteering on a regular basis with EHC in 2006, and quickly became our “go-to guy” on anything related Eastside coal mining history. Steve has a passion for research and sharing this knowledge with the public, which he has done in many different ways: through his contributions to EHC’s *Lake Washington - the Eastside* Arcadia publication; the development and presentation of programs on coal mining and another on “John Anderson’s 1909 Steamboats;” and as a ‘living history’ logger/farmer for programs at Larsen Lake and Kelsey Creek Parks. Steve is the primary researcher for new interpretive signage in Coal Creek Park and has led history hikes there every year since 1979.

Many remember Barb as the Education Coordinator at Marymoor Museum and then Eastside Heritage Center for 14 years. Upon her retirement in 2008, Barb immediately stepped into the shoes of a very dedicated and enthusiastic volunteer – excited for the opportunity to

discover other facets of what EHC does, in particular in the area of collections. Barb has extensive knowledge of our Native American collection; she presents fascinating ethnobotany walks and talks; she assists with Natural Resources Week programming in partnership with Bellevue Parks; and she is ready to do whatever is needed to help around the McDowell House every Thursday.

Barb and Steve have become regular Winters House hosts one Saturday a month, drawing on their extensive knowledge of local history to provide wonderful tours for the public. And, EHC can always count on their assistance for exhibit installations and display cube transportation all around the Eastside. Thank you and congratulations, Barb and Steve!

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