

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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A Sweet Tale...

The Story of the McDowell Candy Shop

Mina Mary (McDowell) Schafer began making candy out of her home in 1918. According to her son Richard, she learned how to dip chocolates from her neighbor, Syliva Finn.

The Schafer's lived at the top of the hill, looking over Bellevue Way and NE 24th. Customers would ring a bell at the bottom of the hill, and Mina would rush down to wait on them.

In 1930, the Jane McDowell Candy Shop officially opened for business on Bellevue Way and NE 20th, inside a cottage built by her husband Louis. Mina named the shop after her mother, Jennie (Jane) McDowell.

As her shop became more popular, her daughter, Marguerite, and daughter-in-

-law, Violet, would help her. Mina made and hand-dipped chocolates in the backroom, while her husband made peanut brittle and butter mints.

All of the candy was made from "real" ingredients – whipping cream, butter and fresh nuts. Mina's

granddaughter, Diana, remembers taking trips into Seattle to purchase freshly roasted nuts from Buddy Squirrels. All of the chocolate came from Ghirardelli's. Before the bridges were built, Mina either took the ferry across the lake, or drove around Lake Washington to



Above: Mina Schafer behind the counter at the McDowell Candy Shop, 1940. Courtesy Diana Schafer Ford & family.

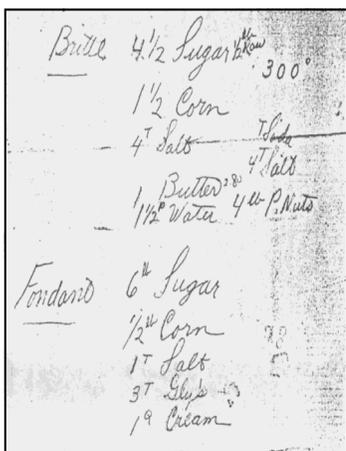
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purchase supplies in Seattle.

The McDowell's candy was so tasty, it even made it to the White House during Franklin Roosevelt's term.

During World War II, loyal customers would donate their sugar rationing coupons to Mina so she wouldn't have to stop making candy due to shortages.

After Louis' death in 1952, the family business was sold to Ina and Ben Johnson, and the name was changed to the Kandy Kottage.



Above: Mina's handwritten fondant and brittle recipes, courtesy Diana Schafer Ford and family.



Above: Mina McDowell outside her shop, 1934. Courtesy Diana Schafer Ford and family.

Wish List

EHC is seeking the following donations:

For The Office:

- Self-healing cutting mat
- Steel shelving for library storage at the Winters House
- HEPA vacuum for cleaning artifacts
- Rolling garment rack to use when processing or repairing textiles
- Android or Windows tablet for use in off-site storage, and at off-site events
- Label maker
- Color Laser printer

For the Collection:

- Eastside materials from the 1970's to present day

To Donate Items:

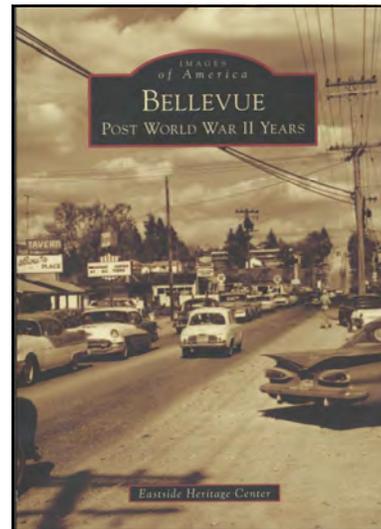
Call: (425) 450-1049

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Now Available

The newest Arcadia addition on Bellevue, *Bellevue Post World War II Years*, is officially available! Eastside Heritage Center staff and volunteers worked in conjunction with Arcadia Publishing to create a visual display of Bellevue's growth from a small farming town to an urban center and economic hub. Discover the moments that changed Bellevue forever, illustrated from EHC's extensive collection.



Purchase your copy online at www.eastsideheritagecenter.org or drop by the McDowell House or Winters House during open hours.

A special thank you to Michael Luis and Diana Schafer Ford for their efforts on this book!

Recent Accessions

Thank you for your donations to the collection:

Marguerite Mraz
-Lake Hills neighborhood ephemera

Joanne Matsumura
-Eastside businesses matchbook collection

Armene Wegner
-Davajian family photos

Joy Golliver
-Selected Santa's from the Golliver Santa collection (you may recognize a few from the loan of these Santas to EHC for display around the holidays)

Lee Maxwell
-Clothing and Eastside ephemera

Steve and Barb Williams
- Pipe collection



Above: Matchbooks from Joanne Matsumura.

Collections Corner

Sarah Frederick
Collections Manager

EXHIBITS

Stop by the Winters House to check out our new exhibit, *Eastside Equestrianism*. The influence of equestrian culture was prevalent throughout the nation in the 1950's and 60's, in fashion, home trends and on TV. Bridle Trails and Diamond S Ranch are just two examples of the amenities that were available for horses and their admirers on the Eastside, which were developed around this time in areas that were then still considered rural. This exhibit takes a look at how the equestrian lifestyle made an impact on Eastside communities and will be up until the first week of December.



Above: Two women outside the J Bar J Ranch in Medina, ca 1950. #1998.BHS.027.012

UPCOMING & ONGOING PROJECTS

Bellevue Fire Department Anniversary:

EHC was happy to open up our archives to the researchers over at the Bellevue Fire Department. Though Bellevue had a very active volunteer fire department, the municipal fire department was not founded until 1965, and they will be celebrating their 50th anniversary next year. The BFD is busy finishing up work on a book that looks back to the beginnings of fire protection in Bellevue. A selection of historic photos from our collection will be featured in their publication, so save a place on your bookshelf for it!

Bellevue Botanical Gardens Oral History Project:

Eastside Heritage Center has collected 20 oral histories relating to the Bellevue Botanical Gardens. We are currently transcribing these interviews.



Above: Bellevue Volunteer Fire Department, 1947. EHC #1999.030.001

Material from the interviews will be used to help design new interpretation elements at the Bellevue Botanical Gardens.

If you are interested in assisting with the transcription process, please contact Collections Manager Sarah Frederick at collections@eastsideheritagecenter.org.

This is a volunteer project that can be done off site and outside of normal business hours.

Collections Care Grant:

Thanks to a Heritage Collections Care grant from 4-Culture, Eastside Heritage Center will be receiving \$1,300 to use for purchasing collections care supplies, like archival boxes and other enclosures, in the coming year.

Supplies purchased with the grant will support the ongoing storage clean-up project that is underway at our off-site storage location, as well as items used in daily collections processing.

Specific collections that will benefit from these supplies include the Bellevue Botanical Gardens oral history collection, the Norwood Village archive, the Robin Glover and Lee Maxwell textile collections.

These supplies will go into immediate use by our collections volunteers at the McDowell House and by our team of interns working at our off-site storage facility.

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Director's Message



Heather Trescases
Executive Director

This year marks the 125th anniversary of Washington statehood. As I consider Eastside Heritage Center's archives, and peruse samples of photos and documents in the collection that tell the Eastside story since 1889, I am constantly amazed at the change that has occurred in such a relatively short amount of time.

I am inspired by the industriousness of our pioneers, the boldness of the region's entrepreneurs, and the foresight of our civic and community leaders. I am also extremely proud and grateful to be involved with an organization that has the opportunity to not only preserve this history for future generations, but also to share it with the community to which it belongs.

Over the past few months EHC staff and volunteers have been extremely busy with all of our public programs – from a successful Strawberry Festival in June, to the monthly Fraser Cabin Heritage Days, history presentations for community groups, walking tours, summer fairs, farmers markets and youth camps!

Looking ahead to the fall, we will continue our very active community outreach programming, but will also be taking some time to focus a significant amount of energy on what is at the heart of our mission and our ability to serve the public: our collection.

Each artifact we care for tells a story and represents a piece of Eastside history. One of our greatest challenges as a collecting organization is making sure that each and every day we are being responsible stewards of these artifacts. This responsibility involves ensuring appropriate environmental conditions, careful record keeping, and providing reasonable public access, all the while struggling with limited resources.

Sustained support from our members, endorsers, sponsors, donors, volunteers, and the community at large, is critical to EHC fulfilling this mandate and responsibility.

This fall, as we work on plans for improving our collections storage and stewardship, we will be reaching out to you for increased support of our efforts. I ask and encourage you to consider making a financial donation, annual pledge or planned gift to directly benefit the very tangible pieces of community history that are in our care.

I want to thank you for all of your past, continued and future support, as we look forward to preserving another 125 years of Eastside history!

Upcoming Programs

FRASER CABIN FARM FAIR

Date & Time: Saturday, October 11, 2014
11:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Location: Kelsey Creek Farm Park
410 130th Place SE, Bellevue, WA 98005

Admission: Free

Visitors are invited to participate in hands-on activities that relate to early 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 lived in by the Fraser family over 100 years ago!

Presented in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services.



NATIVE PLANTS IN OUR LIVES

Date & Time: Saturday, October 11, 2014
2:00PM-3:30PM

Location: Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station
15416 SE 16th St, Bellevue, WA 98007

Registration: 425-450-1049 or email
info@eastsideheritagecenter.org
Space is limited.

With the outdoor environment as your marketplace, how might you use plants to support your daily needs? Join us to discover how our local Native Americans developed a creative plant technology for survival. Led by EHC volunteer Barb Williams, this fascinating program will include a talk, native plant ID, stories, artifacts and outdoor walk.

Presented by 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 info@eastsideheritagecenter.org

HANDS-ON HISTORY:

EARLY SETTLER LIFE

Date & Time: Thursday, November 20, 2014
5:00PM-8:00PM

Location: KidsQuest Children's Museum
Factoria Mall, Bellevue

Admission: \$1.00

What was it like before washing machines, clothing dryers, running water or supermarkets? Join us for an evening of hands-on activities where visitors can experience what it was like to be an early settler. Children will be invited to help with the household chores by rolling dough, washing clothes and hanging them out to dry, or beating rugs. They can also milk Daisy Belle the cow before they leave!

Presented by Eastside Heritage Center, in partnership with KidsQuest Children's Museum.

Save the Date!

HERITAGE BENEFIT DINNER

Thursday, February 26, 2015
5:30pm-9:00pm

Meydenbauer Center, Bellevue

Education Corner

Jane Morton
Education Coordinator

We have had a very busy summer full of hands-on activities here at Eastside Heritage Center, and the fall season is sure to bring even more! The most popular activity continues to be making butter. Lots and lots of butter!

Over the past ten years, Eastside Heritage Center staff and volunteers have churned gallons and gallons of butter. Children of all ages have enjoyed seeing the heavy cream separated into butter (fat) and butter milk. This activity has been done recently at numerous Boys & Girls Clubs, at Fraser Cabin Heritage Programs at Kelsey Creek Park, and will be presented at KidsQuest Children's Museum programs later on in the winter and into the spring.

To make the butter we use replicas of the 1902 "Dazey" churn, which could originally

be bought from a Sears catalog for just over \$2.00. A handle at the top of the churn is attached to a metal mixing device, and used to churn the heavy cream until it becomes butter.

We start by pouring the heavy whipping cream into the jar, and then churn until we see chunks of yellow butter and a thin white liquid called butter milk. Then we use a strainer to remove the butter milk. This process can take a while, so we always try to bring a premade sample for everyone to try. We have had students tell us "it's the best butter ever!"

It has been great to see such an enthusiastic response from multiple groups of children. You can see their excitement in making something with their own hands! A special thanks to all the Eastside Heritage Center volunteers and partnering organizations that make our programs a success.



Upcoming Contest

RETRO PHOTO CONTEST

We are excited to announce our first photo contest!

Did you grow up on the Eastside? Then we want to see your old photos!

Between October 1st-31st, 2014 we are asking you to turn in your best "Retro" photo from growing up on the Eastside. This can be anything you deem fit, as long as it was taken within the Eastside region, which includes the cities of Bellevue, Redmond, Kirkland, Issaquah, Woodinville and Sammamish.

The top five photos will be chosen by EHC staff and the three winners will be decided through public input on Facebook. The winners will be announced on Friday, November 7th, 2014.

1st Place: \$50 gift card to Lil Jon Restaurant with T-shirt and hat!

2nd Place: \$25 gift card to Chace's Pancake Corral!

3rd Place: \$10 gift card to Burgermaster!

Submit photo to info@eastsideheritagecenter.org OR via Facebook or Instagram @EastsideHeritageCenter

Limit ONE photo per person for official entry, but you can submit as many photos as you like for our collection.

Official rules at www.eastsideheritagecenter.org

Eastside Heritage Center Presents:

RETRO PHOTO CONTEST

Share your old photos of the Eastside!

How it Works:

1. Dig up your old photos from the Eastside and submit your best "Retro" photo between October 1st-October 31st, 2014
2. Email your photo to info@eastsideheritagecenter.org OR post to Instagram or Facebook @EastsideHeritageCenter
3. Be entered to win 1 of 3 gift cards to Eastside Restaurants!

[@EastsideHeritageCenter](https://www.facebook.com/EastsideHeritageCenter)
[@EastsideHeritageCenter](https://www.instagram.com/EastsideHeritageCenter)

Official Rules at www.EastsideHeritageCenter.org

Volunteer Corner

"Volunteers don't necessarily have the time, but they have the heart." - Anonymous

Karen Klett
Volunteer Coordinator

The dedicated work of the more than 75 EHC volunteers, - which include the Winters House Hosts, Board Members, McDowell and Winters House researchers and assistants - has established a foundation for how the dream is kept alive and how Eastside Heritage Center has become such a valued and credible community resource.

Every Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Winters House Hosts greet visitors, give tours, answer phones and keep the facility open to the public. They have the opportunity to increase their knowledge of Bellevue history and to share it with others.

Heritage Days at the historic 1888 Fraser Cabin at Kelsey Creek Farm Park, have seen a record numbers of visitors enjoying great hands-on activities. Thanks to the volunteers who make it

possible for EHC to offer this rich experience to the community.

Kudos to our President, Kim Radcliffe, who represented EHC - rain or shine - at the Crossroads Farmers Market multiple days through May, June, July, and August! This, in addition to her many other services to EHC. WOW! The Market attendance is approximately 3,000 each week.

The third Thursday evening of the month, from November through April, EHC will continue its very successful partnership with KidsQuest Children's Museum, presenting hands-on activities. If you love history and enjoy kids, you might want to look into this great volunteer opportunity!

Contact EHC and get involved today!
 Email karenklett@eastsideheritagecenter.org

All Eastside Heritage Center Members receive:

- Membership Card
- Quarterly Newsletter with historical features and program updates
- Invitations to exhibits and programs
- 10% discount on books and gift shop items

CATEGORIES:

- Benefactor - \$1,000**
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MEMBERSHIP LEVEL:

- Benefactor \$1000 Contributor \$100
- Steward \$500 Family \$40
- Supporter \$250 Individual \$25
- Organization \$100 Student \$15

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