

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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Strawberry Festival - Did You Know?

The first Lake Washington Strawberry Festival was held in June 1925, on the lawns behind the Bellevue Main Street School at Main Street and 100th Avenue NE. 3,000 people attended the inaugural Festival, which made a net profit of \$150.

“The Strawberry Festival (...) must be regarded as an unqualified success. (...) It literally put Bellevue ‘on the map’ (...) [giving] the impression that here was a beautiful town and a fruitful district settled by courteous, hospitable people.”

- *Lake Washington Reflector, June 1925.*

BY THE NUMBERS:

1,500 - Number of shortcakes handmade by volunteer Mrs. W.B. Brobst for the 1926 Festival.

6,000 - Number of shortcakes made by Fisher Flouring Mills staff for the 1927 Festival.

100 - Pounds of butter used to make shortcake at the 1929 Festival.

12,000 - Attendance at the 1932 Strawberry Festival. This increase in attendance forced the Festival to move from the Main Street School to a larger space at the Bellevue Clubhouse on 100th Ave NE.

\$272.30 - Net profit for the 1932 Strawberry Festival.

\$125 - Amount spent on whipped cream for the 1933 Festival.

\$91.50 - Amount spent on strawberries for the 1934 Festival.

3,800 - Number of shortcakes served at the 1937 Festival.

4,172 - Pounds of strawberries consumed at the 1938 Festival.

472 - Acres of land in Bellevue belonging to Japanese farmers before 1942, many of whom grew strawberries.



Artis Joy Ulrich, Strawberry Festival publicity phot in the Seattle Star, 1935.

45 - Number of years that passed between the last of the “original” Festivals in 1942 and the revival of the Festival by the Bellevue Historical Society in 1987.

\$5 - Cost of shortcake at the 1987 Strawberry Festival.

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\$6 - Price of a flat of strawberries in 1988.

3 - Number of crates of strawberries donated by the Aries family to the Festival in 1995.

550 - Number of flats of strawberries ordered for the Festival in 2013.

45,000 - Attendance at Eastside Heritage Center's 2013 Bellevue Strawberry Festival at Crossroads Park.



Eastside Heritage Center's
Strawberry Festival
in BELLEVUE

Thank you to all of our Sponsors and Volunteers for their wonderful support and participation in the Strawberry Festival this year!

The Festival was a tremendous success, with well over 45,000 people in attendance.



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Above: EHC Board Member Tim Johnson demonstrates the Grinding Wheel at the Strawberry Festival.



Left: What is it? items intrigue visitors in the Mini-Museum.



Above: Washboard & Clothes Ringer demonstration.

YOU can Participate in Eastside History - Become a Winters House Host!

The Winters House is the only site in Bellevue on the National Register of Historic Places.

Built in 1929 by Frederick and Cecelia Winters, it represents the life and work of two of Bellevue's prominent local citizens of the past.

The Winters House is recognized for its distinctive architectural character, as well as its association with bulb growing and the floricultural

industry in King County and Washington State.

Located in the Mercer Slough Nature Park, it serves as a Visitors Center for Bellevue Parks & Community Services, and houses the Eastside Heritage Center's Research Services.



Winters House, ca. 1935.

As a Host at this historic home, you will:

- Welcome visitors
- Give tours
- Meet interesting people
- Learn about Bellevue history

Contact EHC and get involved today.

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 Volunteer Coordinator
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Upcoming Programs

FRASER CABIN HERITAGE PROGRAMS

Dates & Times: Saturdays, August 17, September 21, 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:



1909 ALASKA-YUKON-PACIFIC EXPOSITION

Date & Time: Tuesday, September 10, 2013
 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Location: The Microsoft Store (Bellevue Square)

Join us at The Microsoft Store for a historical look at our region's first World's Fair, where technologies of the future were on display and Seattle promoted itself as the gateway to the riches of Alaska, the Yukon and Asia.

EHC Out & About

Visit EHC at the following events this Summer!

MEDINA DAYS
 Saturday, August 10, 2013, 10am-1pm
 Medina Park

SAMMAMISH DAYS
 Saturday, August 10, 2013, 10am-2pm
 Sammamish City Hall Campus

LAKE HILLS BLUEBERRY FESTIVAL
 Saturday, September 7, 2013, 11am - 1pm
 Lake Hills Elementary School, Bellevue

Recent Accessions

Thank you for your donations
to the collection:

Barb and Steve Williams

- Canon Super 8 video camera,
1928 map of Coal Creek

Karen Klett

- Eastside sweatshirt and 1950s
cooking magazines

Diana Ford

- Photos of Union S High
School and the Crabapple
Restaurant

Barbara Eminson Stull and Diana Ford

- Schafer family history DVD

Harris Klein

- Corporate real estate
brochures from around the
Eastside, 1960-1990s

Paul Tefft

- 3 metal Structo toy trucks

Mary Milam

- Bellevue Junior High School
yearbooks

Sue Gentle

- Collection of materials related
to the Lake Washington Saddle
Club, Rainwater Stables and
the Flying Horseshoe Stables

Madeline Hagen

- Various kitchen items from
1900-1920

Barry Ganje

- Bellevue High School
yearbook

Jackie Shumaker-Janik

- Ephemera related to the
Bellevue Ice Plaza

John Robbins

- Photos from the Bellevue
Police Department and general
Bellevue

Bellevue Life Spring (Overlake
Service League)

- 9 boxes of Overlake Service
League archives

Dave Unwin

- Photos of Lake Hills and the
Crossroads area from the 1960s

Ray Higgins

- Canvas water bag and
wooden rope spindle

William Loder

- 1930s Kroll wall map of King
County

Wish List

EHC is seeking
the following donations:

FOR THE OFFICE:

- Label Maker.
- Self-healing cutting mat.

FOR THE COLLECTION:

- Information on Oscar
Johnson, a World War I
veteran from Bellevue.

To Donate Items:

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

Thank You

Eastside Heritage Center
would like to thank the
following funders for their
recent grant awards:

- **4Culture**
\$8,250 Heritage Projects
grant to develop an Old
Bellevue Historic Walking
Tour brochure.

\$3,000 Equipment grant
(enhancing the Bellevue
Rotary Foundation's \$1,000)
to purchase Artifact Display
Cases for satellite exhibits.

- **Bellevue Arts Commission**
\$3,000 Special Projects
grant in support of the 2013
Strawberry Festival.

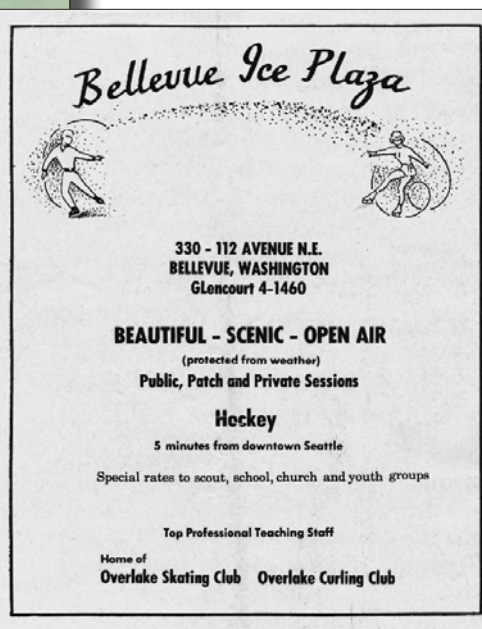
- **Thurston Charitable Trust**
\$2,000 in support of EHC's
mission to preserve the past,
build community and connect
people with their heritage.

- **The Seattle Foundation**
and individuals who
supported EHC through the
May 15 GiveBIG event.



Above: 1956 Horse Show
Program donated by Sue Gentle,
2013.026.013

Right: Bellevue Ice Plaza flyer
donated by Jackie Shumaker-Janik,
2013.017.004



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If you are receiving a printed copy in the mail, it means we do not have your current email address.

Please help us save on postage and sign-up for the digital

version by emailing: director@eastsideheritagecenter.org and/or renew your membership on the form above and provide your updated contact information.

Thank you for your continued support!

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

Winters House Public Visiting Hours:
Tues 10:00 AM-4:00 PM ; Thurs-Sat 10:00 AM-2:00 PM ; Closed Mon, Wed & Sun.

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