

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 Philbrook House - A Piece of Old Bellevue

The Philbrook House at 10133 1/2 Main Street is one of the oldest buildings in Bellevue. Built in the 1890's, this Victorian style home, was named for one of its first owners, civil war veteran Alphonse W. Philbrook, who also worked as a janitor for the Bellevue school district.

The building has housed many different businesses over the years. Originally built as a residence, during the 1920's and 30's it was a restaurant owned by Mrs. Florence Carter, selling 35 cent lunches to the whalers who wintered in Meydenbauer Bay. In the 1940's, it served as a plumbing supply store.

Afterward the building stood vacant for many years and was eventually used as a bakery, which later moved to



The Philbrook House, 1930s. EHC Photo 2012.005.001.

a building across the street. From the 1970's up until the 2000's it housed several antique shops, including both Munk's Old Main and Amazing Grace Antiques.

The Philbrook house blends well with the character of Old Bellevue's commercial district. Much of the original building remains intact. All of the exterior walls are covered with shiplap. The house also features double-

hung, single pane windows, a shed roof with original hand-cut supports, that are large turned posts. Additions have been made to the house over the years.

One of the few buildings in Bellevue built in the Victorian style, the Philbrook House site is planned for re-development and will likely be torn down soon.

Collections Corner

Sarah Frederick
Collections Manager

EXHIBITS

Don't miss the exhibit *Bellevue: A Beacon of Diversity*, up now at the Winters House, until July 31st. This exhibit was researched, designed and installed by Marika Levidow, a senior at the International School. A version of this exhibit was also displayed at the Strawberry Festival in June. This fall Marika will be headed to Cornell University. Best of luck Marika!

Eastside Equestrians will be opening at the Winters House the first week of August. Western equestrian culture was a trend on the Eastside in the 1950's and 1960's. Bridle Trails and Diamond S Ranch are just two examples of the amenities that were available for horses and their admirers on the Eastside. This exhibit will take a look at how the equestrian lifestyle made an impact on Eastside communities.

ONGOING PROJECTS

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. 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.

Storage Clean-up Project:

This summer we are excited to welcome two interns to EHC! Dani Jackson, a recent WSU graduate, and Anna Goss, a current UW Museology graduate student.

They will be working with our Collections Committee on an Off-Site Storage Clean-up project. The outcomes of this project will be updated room inventories, which will help make locating artifacts for research and exhibit easier, straightened and cleaned shelves, which helps prolong the life of artifacts in storage, and also improves access to materials, and the digitization (by way of digital photos) of oversized artifacts in storage.

This will also help with the exhibit planning process, and improve general record keeping. This is a BIG project, with over 1570 square feet of storage to inventory and organize.

Collections Grants:

Thanks to generous funding from the Bellevue Rotary, Eastside Heritage Center has been able to replace all of the old wooden shelving in our McDowell House storage areas with steel shelving. Assembled with help from our crew of collections volunteers, these shelves, which house over 180 linear feet of objects, are much sturdier and aligned with current museum best practices for artifact storage.

Wooden shelving off-gases (which can permanently damage artifacts) and can be prone to mold growth. Steel shelving will be resistant to both of those problems.

Earlier this year, additional funds from the Bellevue Rotary and 4Culture were used to purchase three new display cubes, which have been added to our fleet of cubes available for off-site exhibits.



Above: Collections volunteers, Dani Jackson, Tim Johnson and James Anderson

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

For the Collection:

Information on the following topics:

- Eastside materials from the 1970's to present day

To Donate Items:

Call: (425) 450-1049

or Email: Collections@eastsideheritagecenter.org

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In Memoriam

Patricia (Groves) Sandbo

On April 13, 2014, longtime Eastside Heritage Center member and volunteer, Pat Sandbo, passed away peacefully at age 98.

Pat was born in Seattle in 1916 and lived most of her life in Bellevue. After graduating from Garfield High School in 1933, she earned a teaching degree from Seattle Pacific College in 1938. She taught elementary school until 1942, when she married James J. Bruce Jr, a USAF officer. They had three sons, James, Stephen & Michael. Pat and Jim lived where he was stationed until they divorced and she returned to Bellevue in 1957. While teaching at Bellevue Elementary, she met Robert S. Sandbo and his two sons, John and Eric. Pat and Bob married in 1962.

Starting in the 1960's, Pat was active in the League of Women Voters, PTA and later, with Bob, in the Bellevue Camera Club. She worked for many years at the Bellevue Public Library, where she also volunteered. Pat was instrumental in bringing Austrian artist Sepp Meyerhuber to do a mural and mosaic for the then new library.

Pat and Bob were founding members of Eastside Heritage Center and spent many years gathering



interviews, photos and historical data, giving local presentations throughout the community and working as docents at the Winters House. In 2008, Pat and Bob were jointly honored as Volunteers of the Year for EHC, and they also received a "First Citizen of Bellevue" award.

"Their unsurpassed enthusiasm and commitment to educate the youth of our community helps instill a greater understanding of Bellevue's history in the minds of our future civic leaders." Geoff Bradley.

Pat was a treasure to everyone who knew her and will be deeply missed by all of her friends at Eastside Heritage Center.

Education Corner

Jane Morton Education Corner

Eastside Heritage Center has education programs for all ages! During the past two months, we have presented a variety of programs, including field trips, activity events, and historical slide shows, to everyone from preschoolers to seniors. We make sure each EHC presentation is appropriate for each audience. All of this makes the job of Education Coordinator challenging, but a lot of fun!



Above: Collecting eggs with EHC's Chicken Coop activity at the Fraser Cabin.

Early in June, 115 third graders plus teachers and chaperones visited the Winters House and grounds as part of their historic Bellevue program. A big thanks to EHC volunteers Steve Williams, Katie Stacy, Lee Maxwell, and Joyce Bell for helping give all of the students a good look at the historic house.

Trips to two skilled nursing centers and an independent living facility were next, with slide shows as the focus. In addition, a very large audience saw *Bellevue: How It Grew* at the Friends of the Bellevue Library meeting.

Those who have helped at the Fraser Cabin at Kelsey Creek Farm Park, may remember that some of our visitors to the farm and cabin can be quite small. The chicken coop and wooden eggs, as well as the water pump, are particularly popular! Play dough bread, churning butter, and grinding coffee are usually hits as well.

In July, a very enthusiastic group of 9th to 12th grade ELL (English Language Learners) took the Early Bellevue Walking Tour as part of their summer program. They visited the Downtown Park, Meydenbauer Beach Park, Whaling Cove, Wildwood Park, and Old Bellevue Main Street. It was interesting to see history through the eyes of students new to the area!

Later in the summer, we will be doing pioneer activities for four Bellevue Boys & Girls Club locations and another field trip for the ELL program. The latter will be at Lewis Creek Park and will focus on Early Salish Life in our area.

All of this certainly keeps Eastside Heritage Center busy! Thanks to all of the volunteers who help make all of these programs successful!!

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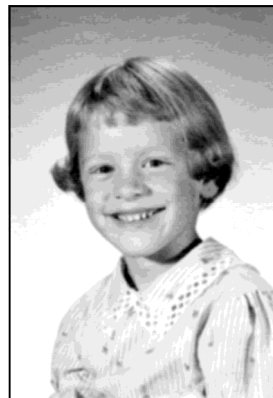
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President's Message



Kim Radcliffe
Board President

and grew this celebration to what it is today.

Thank you.

Thank you for attending, supporting, volunteering, and spreading the word about Eastside Heritage Center.

The Strawberry Festival is an amazing two days of music, food, fun, and education. It would not be possible without the amazing staff, volunteers, and board of the Eastside Heritage Center. I am grateful to be a part of this team!

It would not be possible without you, our supporters in the community. I am thankful for your continuing support.

Rain or shine we'll be back at Crossroads Park next June, with a better than ever festival.

See you there!

After the planning and phone calls and emails and contracts and more phone calls and email...

After the loading and unloading and setting up and watching the sky...

After the canning and corn grinding and artifact demonstrations...

After the tear down and loading and unloading...

After the sore knees and bruises have eased a bit...

After all of that, I look at the photos of all of the activities at the Strawberry Festival; because I really don't get a chance to see the whole thing those busy two days, and think, "wow!" What a great community event!

I look at the smiling faces of people attending this historic celebration of summer and community, and am so very proud to be a small part of the organization that revived

Upcoming Programs

FRASER CABIN

HERITAGE PROGRAMS

Date & Time: Saturdays, August 16 & Sept. 20, 2014
11:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Location: Kelsey Creek Farm Park

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.

Welcome - New Team Member

Lexi Roberts has joined Eastside Heritage Center as the Marketing & Special Events Manager. In this newly created position, Lexi will oversee planning of the annual Heritage Dinner, the Bellevue Strawberry Festival, and any other special events put on by the organization. She will also head-up all marketing and communications efforts.

Lexi grew up on the Eastside, and attended Redmond High School. She is a recent graduate of Washington State University, where she received her Bachelor's



Degree in Journalism & Media Production.

She is excited to learn more about her home surroundings and hopes to innovate new ideas to further the success of EHC.

Lexi can be reached by email at lexi@eastsideheritagecenter.org

EARLY BELLEVUE WALKING TOUR

Date & Time: Wednesday, August 20, 2014
5:30PM-7:30PM

Location: Bellevue Downtown Park,
Main Entrance & Fountain, NE 4th St.

Registration: (425) 450-1049 or email
info@eastsideheritagecenter.org
Register by August 18th.

Join us on a walking tour as we discover the hidden history throughout downtown Bellevue. The tour will follow Eastside Heritage Center's recently published Walking Tour Guide.

Before glass towers defined the skyline and shoppers bustled across busy pavement, Bellevue was a quiet town of dirt roads and scattered homes. The first settlers from Seattle began to drift across Lake Washington in the 1860s.



Above: Main Street, Bellevue, 1950s.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

on any Eastside Heritage Center programs,
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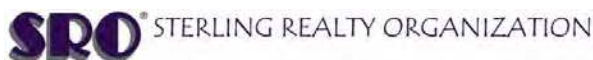
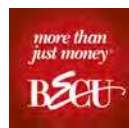
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Thank you to all of our sponsors for their wonderful support and participation in the Strawberry Festival this year!

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



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Strawberry Festival 2014



Photos: Bellevue Reporter & Eastside Heritage Center

There was no shortage of fun, smiles and of course strawberries at the 2014 Strawberry Festival! People of all ages enjoyed the festivities, which included pony rides, live music, hands-on history, classic cars and much more!



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