

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 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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Author discusses new Eastside culinary book

**Suzanne Knauss
Author**

So much of history revolves around food. My new book, "Culinary History of a Pacific Northwest Town: Bellevue, Washington," celebrates Bellevue's established and emerging culinary choices.

In the beginning, strawberries created an economy for the city, and the inauguration of a Strawberry Festival in 1925 gave its citizens an opportunity to come together to support their new community. Bellevue's chronological timeline reflects culinary trends occurring throughout America, but the difference is in the details of Bellevue's story.

Bellevue had soda fountains and ice cream parlors, as did other small towns in the 1930's and 1940's, but how did Bellevue, the town, profit from its citizens enjoying Green River sodas and sundaes? Who made the candies and baked the cakes for celebrations, and how did those enterprises shape Bellevue? What do crabapples have to do with the Bellevue Arts Museum and the Kandy Kane Kafe with the Overlake Hospital? How did a young girl's dream to learn the

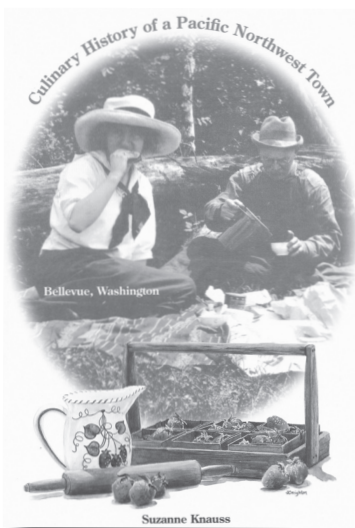
culinary arts bring Julia Child into Bellevue's kitchens? What do these stories reveal about the community?

A few long-time residents will remember that the Overlake Circle of the Fruit and Flower Mission opened a tearoom at Fred Delkin's bulb farm off 85th Avenue NE and sponsored food demonstrations to raise money for their charitable causes. Others will have memories of baking cookies for a Downtown Park Reception or compiling cookbooks to benefit local charities.

Today's increasingly diverse population finds food a bridge to understanding as they shop at farmers markets and ethnic specialty stores and enjoy a variety of cuisines in Bellevue's restaurants.

The book includes dozens of historical photographs, heritage and contemporary recipes, original art by Northwest artist Julie Creighton and essays by Northwest historian Charles P. LeWarne and food historian Jacqueline Williams.

To order your copy of "Culinary History of a Pacific Northwest Town: Bellevue, Washington," visit www.eastsideheritagecenter.org.



**Excerpt from
Culinary History of a
Pacific Northwest Town:
Bellevue, Washington**

First came the groundbreaking ceremonies December 18, 1938. "500 jubilant men and women attended a Victory Banquet at the Bellevue Clubhouse to celebrate." On July 2, 1949, the community celebrated at a second banquet to commemorate the removal of tolls on the Lake Washington Floating Bridge...Carl Pefley of the Crabapple Restaurant prepared typically Bellevue fare for the banquet meal.

**Lacey V. Murrow
Bridge,
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Education Corner

Barb Williams
& Jane Morton
*Education
Co-Coordiators*

In 2006, Lee Maxwell generously donated her little spinning wheel to the Education Department. Recently, Carly Jo Ryan, EHC's Curator of Collections, researched the wheel and made some amazing discoveries. The oak wheel is 150 -200 years old and was created for spinning flax. It is initialed by Samuel Ring of Albert, Maine, who began carving his initials "AL" on spinning wheels in 1809 for quality control purposes. Because this spinning wheel is so special, we are moving it from Education into the Collections Department. Thank you to Lee, for such a special donation and to Carly for her research.

The Eastside Heritage Center has received a \$7,220 grant from 4Culture as part of the 2007 Heritage Cultural Education program. EHC will partner with the Bellevue School District in a project called "Dig Deep: The Growth of Government and Bellevue, 1930 to Present". This project will focus on eighth grade Washington State curriculum requirements for history

Turning Point: Age of the blacksmith

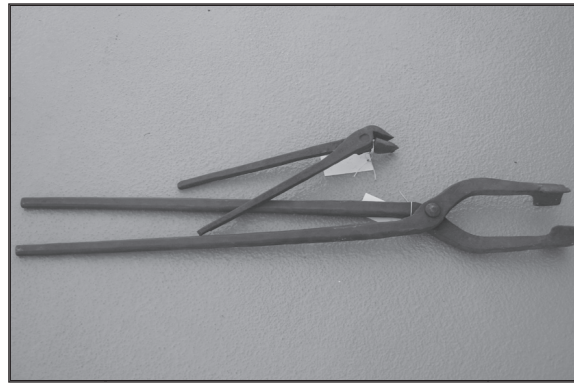
Ralph Pinkerton
Collections Asst.

For those of us staff and volunteers who deal regularly with parts of our large collection, it quickly becomes apparent that the period from 1880 to 1930 was the greatest of all turning points.

A whole list of occupations disappeared during that time. Gone was the wheelwright, the shoemaker, the cooper, the wagonwright, the livery stablehand, and a host of others.

In 1880, any village or town of any size had one or more blacksmith shops. Mention blacksmithing today and most people call to mind a picture of the smith shoeing a horse. Technically, a

and government. The students will be asked to explore the impact of local government as Bellevue grew into a city by studying archival materials from each decade starting with the 1930's. EHC's archivist, Megan Carlisle, and the Bellevue School District's Faith Daugherty will be developing lesson plans



EHC has acquired a diversified collection of blacksmith tools including some thirty pairs of tongs and a wide variety of specialty items. Among the collected are artifacts from three separate blacksmith shops that went out of business.

smith who did shoe horses has a farrier and not all blacksmiths were farrier. After all, their business was the manufacturing and repairing of tools, equipment and household items.

We are fortunate at EHC to have received in past years artifacts from three different

blacksmith shops that had gone out of business. This has given us a large and diversified collection, ranging from a small forge and a thirty pound anvil, to some thirty pairs of tongs and a wide variety of special tools, swages, flatters, cold chisels, etc. All used in shaping and working the metal to meet the needs of the finished tool.

Blacksmithing was a highly skilled and demanding job and customarily young men wishing to follow that trade would serve an apprenticeship.

By the late 1920s, many of the blacksmith shops were being converted into auto repair and services garages.

Recent Accessions

Collections

Marguerite Eminson:
- Pair of men's wing tipped shoes

Sherry Grindeland:
- City of Bellevue T-shirt

Leila Martin:
- Celluloid doll

Nancy Sheets:
- Pair of penny loafers

Ina Lou Spady:
- Quilting frame

Lorraine Weltzien:
- 1920s purse
- 1920s dress

Archives

Marilyn Hughes:
- 1948 Bellevue Map

R. & W. Hutchison:
- Beacons
- Misc. papers

Steve Smelser:
- Jackie Smelser Papers

Miscellaneous

L'louise De Butts:
- Multiple tea items:

Madeline Hagen:
- Multiple tea items

Lorraine Weltzien:
- Multiple tea items

Please contact
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if you have items to
donate.

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The Eastside Heritage Center would like to express its appreciation and give recognition to the following people for their generous contributions in memory of Ruby Bechtel Flexer, Jane Noble, Jackie Smelser, John Walgamott, Sr., and Reda Vander Hoek:

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President's Message

Support needed for further EHC success



Stu Vander Hoek
President

Eastside Heritage Center Rules! With all the programs and activities we have going on, our success is catching up with us. Eastside cities, businesses, and organizations ask more and more of us because we do a great job!

I'm not complaining, but EHC

needs to be very strategic about continuing to take on new programs and requests. Without proper planning, we could affect our success and ability to perform by creating burdens on our finances, staff and volunteers.

To keep EHC moving forward, we are asking again for your help. Growing our financial support, volunteer base, membership, and Board is critical to meeting the expectations of the Eastside community. Offering to give your time and helping with fundraising are the best ways to assure we can provide ongoing and increased programming and services. We have a lot of great ideas...We need your support.

In Memoriam

Bob Hennig

Former Winters House volunteer Robert "Bob" A. Hennig, 90, passed away June 18, 2007 at the home he built more than 50 years ago on Clyde Hill.

A life-long Eastside resident, Bob worked in his family's Clyde Hill vineyard and earned the rank of Eagle Scout. After graduating from Bellevue High School, he worked at the Houghton Shipyards during

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Reda Johanna Vander Hoek

Henrietta "Reda" Johanna Vander Hoek, long-time Eastside business owner and mother of EHC President Stu Vander Hoek, passed away on August 21 after a brief illness. She was 88.

On July 10, 1937, Reda's 18th birthday, she married Paul Vander Hoek, the son of her family's close friends. They

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EHC Wish list

Eastside Heritage Center is asking for these items to be donated. Your contributions are greatly appreciated.

- ☐ Spinning Wheel for the Education Department's hands-on programs for people of all ages.
- ☐ Ephemera, photos or memorabilia from named neighborhoods, e.g., Vuecrest, Somerset, etc.
- ☐ Archival materials related to ethnic or religious minorities on the Eastside.
- ☐ Equestrian Photos: Horse shows, horse-back riding with friends and Bridle Trails Park.
- ☐ Recreational photos: Roller skating, ice skating, bowling on the Eastside.
- ☐ Yearbooks/annuals from Eastside Schools (except Bellevue High and Sammamish High)
- ☐ Unique antique culinary tools and table ware, such as a silver sugar shell, a nutmeg grater, Japanese sushi making tools, cookie molds, etc.

Honor a wish:

Contact EHC at
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Today, and tomorrow

Delving further into the EHC logo



Encompassing the “Today, and Tomorrow” portion of EHC’s new tagline, this photo of Bellevue waterfront contrasting with office towers and construction cranes on the horizon.

Lynn Sherk
Editor

The fourth photo in EHC’s new logo encompasses the “Today, and Tomorrow” of our new tagline. Bellevue’s office towers—One Bellevue Center, Skyline

“As the city continues to grow and evolve, EHC’s mission becomes more imperative.”

Tower, Symetra Financial Center, City Center Bellevue, and others—now share the skyline with the construction cranes dotting downtown. In the coming years, the resulting condo towers, office buildings, and retail stores will welcome increasing numbers of residents and workers.

The face of Bellevue has changed dramatically from its rich agricultural roots. As the city continues to grow and evolve, EHC’s mission becomes more imperative:

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Newsletter Sponsors Needed

EHC is currently looking for businesses to sponsor its widely-read quarterly newsletter.
Contact Heather Trescases: (425) 450-1049

Upcoming Programs

Program details are current as of October 24, 2007.

Please visit

www.eastsideheritagecenter.org for the most up-to-date information.

Fall Heritage Series:

Generations: Kemper Freeman, Jr. and the Freeman Family

When: Thursday, November 15, 2007, 7 p.m.

Where: Bellevue City Hall (450 – 110th Ave NE, Bellevue), Free Parking

The Eastside Heritage Center is pleased to welcome 3rd generation Bellevue businessman, Kemper Freeman, Jr., to talk about the recently published Freeman biography, *Generations*, written by author Robert Spector. *Generations* chronicles the Freeman family's history and their common belief in "the power of an idea". Mr. Freeman will share memories of life on Marymoor Farm, how he learned the impor-

tance of hard work from a very young age (and how to have fun at it), running his own custom haying business for Sammamish Valley farmers, his transition into the family business – first in radio at KFKF, and then in property management and development with Bellevue Square – and his commitment to community involvement. Presented in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services.

Magic Season Fireside Storytelling by EHC

When: Saturday, December 8, 2007, 11 a.m.

Where: Historic Winters House, 2102 Bellevue Way SE, Bellevue

The Eastside Heritage Center, in partnership with the City of Bellevue, presents a Magic Season open-house event at the historic Winters House. Activities include winter season stories told

by long-time Bellevue residents, guided tours of the nationally registered historic house and grounds, heritage exhibits, and craft objects to make and take home. Everyone is welcome!

Save the Date:

EHC Annual Meeting & Holiday Party

When: Thursday, December 6, 2007, 7 p.m.

Where: Historic Winters House

Celebrate the holiday season at Bellevue's historic Winters House and enjoy a special exhibit featuring the EHC's Golliver Santa Collection.



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WWII, and later as a remodeling contractor.

He and his wife Eloise, were active in several local organizations, including the Bellevue Historical Society. Bob was known as prolific storyteller and used his talents to tell the story

of his family and the history of Bellevue in many schools and was an Assistant Boy Scout Leader for two different troops.

He loved everything outdoors; camping, fishing, gardening, traveling, and spending time on Camano Island.

Bob and Eloise were

married for 60 years before she passed away in 2003.

He is survived by his sister, Florence Sullivan, his sons, Terry, Rodney, and Mark, their wives, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Celebrating Bellevue's origins at Meydenbauer Bay

Michael Luis
Trustee

Earlier this year, the City of Bellevue began a master planning process for a new waterfront park at Meydenbauer Bay. This planning is a key step towards realizing the City's vision of an expansive park along the waterfront where Bellevue was born.

The Eastside Heritage Center believes that the historic nature of this area should form the central theme for planning the park and for related design guidelines in the neighborhood. The primacy of history in the park is driven by several considerations:

Planning principle #9.

Of the 12 planning principles adopted by the City Council in March, 2007, only one – History – provides thematic guidance for planning and design.

Uniqueness.

The site currently has few unique features that create a strong "Bellevue" identity. Building on the elements remaining from the whaling station, a strong historic theme throughout the design can prevent the new space from becoming a generic park that could be anywhere on the lake.

History is engaging.

A park of this size should have a mix of active and passive uses, and a strong historical

theme allows for a set of features and activities that can engage park users on multiple levels. History is fun and is accessible to people of a wide range of ages and backgrounds.

Heritage tourism draws visitors.

Visitors to Bellevue, whether they are from Lynnwood, Chicago or Tokyo, will be attracted to a park with a strong theme of local history. For communities outside of large central cities, local history is usually the most powerful asset for drawing and entertaining visitors.

The Eastside Heritage Center has suggested to the Meydenbauer Bay Steering Committee some features and activities that would support the historic theme:

Design standards.

Standards can reflect the architecture and design of the early days of Bellevue, creating an enjoyable ambiance of the past while avoiding the artificial and kitschy.

Retain Whaling Station buildings.

The existing Lagen family house and boathouse are among the few authentic remaining links to Meydenbauer Bay's history. The boathouse should be preserved, and the house may also be a good candidate for preservation. There is no shortage of interesting activities that could take place in both through creative adaptive re-use.

Support recreation of ferry service.

Meydenbauer Bay was once a primary "port" on Lake Washington, and this function can be revived through scheduled ferry service, charter service and/or tour boats.

Pre-settlement environment.

The ravine of Meydenbauer Park could be restored to its original pre-settlement condition, showing how the area looked prior to the arrival of settlers from Seattle.

Recreate Wildwood Pavilion.

Wildwood Pavilion, along Meydenbauer Bay, was a popular destination for visitors from Seattle, hosting music, dancing and parties. A recreation of Wildwood would offer a venue for public and private activities in the park.

Historic "trail."

A walking route of marked pavement and interpretive signage would guide park users from the Downtown Park, along Main Street, through the Meydenbauer waterfront.

Historic programming.

This might include exhibits of maritime artifacts, hands-on programming for children and adults, and interpretive signage and materials.

Bellevue is justifiably proud of the exciting growth and changes in its downtown core, but with all the newness we should not lose sight of our past. The new Meydenbauer

Vander Hoek, from page 3

celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary this year.

In 1946, the Vander Hoeks opened their first business in Bellevue, Eastside Glass & Paint Company on Main Street. Their sons, Paul Jr. (Ted), Lanny, and Stu, joined the family business as they got older.

After retiring in 1985, Reda kept busy tending her flower garden, which included dahlias, gladioli, and calla lilies. Known for her crafting passion and skill, she ran a yarn shop in Old Bellevue, worked with ceramics, and crafted dolls and sugar sculptures.

She was also very involved in the community, contributing both time and money to many organizations. She was a member of the Children's Orthopedic Guild, and a Winters House volunteer for the Eastside Heritage Center.

Reda is survived by her husband Paul, sons Ted (Kathy), Lanny (Deborah) and Stuart (Karen), 8 grandchildren Bryan (Tammy) and Jason (April), Kirsten Patterson (Gary) and Pieter (Kasey), Carl and Anna, Samantha Jerome (Jay), and Katherine Deets (Dan) and 8 great-grandchildren. Also surviving are her 2 sisters Babe Strain (George), and Mary O'Neil (John).

waterfront park provides an outstanding opportunity to put the mission of the Eastside Heritage Center to work, by making "connections for yesterday, today and tomorrow."

Volunteer Corner

Make a difference: The Starfish Story



In the living room of the Winters House, host Norma Kidney, relates the history of the house to a tour group.

Karen Klett
Volunteer Coord.

A young man was walking on the beach one day when he noticed thousands of starfish were washed up during a storm. He tried to save the starfish by picking them up, one at a time and tossing them into the ocean. When someone told him he couldn't save all those starfish, he replied, "Well, I made a difference to that one!"

You can make a difference at the EHC by joining our Volunteer 'Stars', giving as few as 4 hours a month of your time as a Winters House Host. Hosts greet visitors and give house tours, making an amazing contribution to the EHC's mission and work. Four hours is not an ocean full of starfish, but it definitely makes a difference! Please consider being a part of this team on a Thursday, Friday or Saturday, from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm.

Contact EHC and get involved today.

Karen Klett
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Volunteer Coordinator
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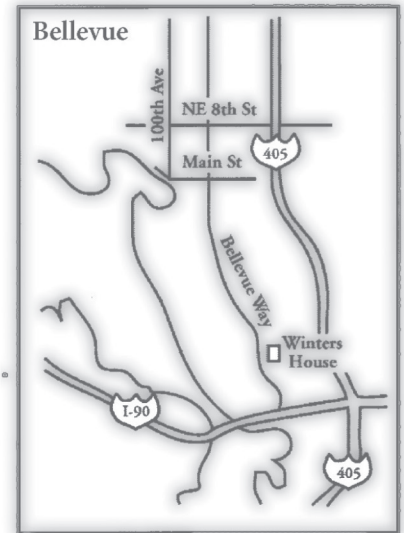
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