

# 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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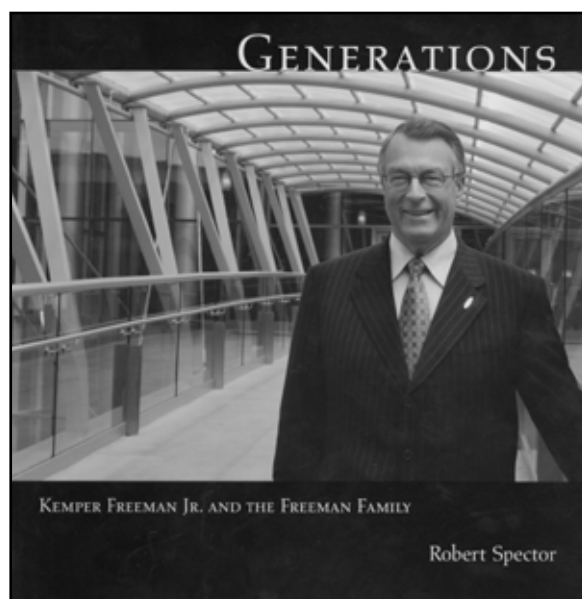
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## Freeman Donates Proceeds from New Book to EHC

L. Lee Maxwell  
*Trustee*

A new family biography, *Generations: Kemper Freeman Jr. and the Freeman Family* by Robert Spector, chronicles the early days of contemporary life on the Eastside as it tells the story of downtown Bellevue's renowned retail industry. Freeman has morphed his father's mid-century suburban shopping center into a vibrant fusion of sophisticated shopping and dining, work and leisure, nightlife and luxury hotels called *The Bellevue Collection* and dubbed the *pulse of the new northwest*.

The book is a must-read for anyone drawn to the enigma of modern Bellevue. While it covers four very different individuals of the Freeman family, they share a common belief in the power of an idea and the potential of their beloved city of Bellevue, according to Spector. The large, hardcover, 230-page volume contains historic photos from the family collection and area heritage archives; and is written with respect for both the historic credibility and pioneer spirit of its story.



Freeman lived at Marymoor Farm as a boy, operated a custom haying business at age 16, ran the family radio station, was elected a state representative, owned a syndicated music company, and spent 14 years on the remake of Bellevue Square before giving birth to Kemper Development Company and its consummate product, *The Bellevue Collection*.

Significantly, the *mind* behind Bellevue retail is also known as the *heart* behind many Eastside civic institutions; and Freeman

has dedicated a portion of the proceeds of book sales to the Eastside Heritage Center.

*Generations* is available for \$42.00 (tax incl.), at [www.EastsideHeritageCenter.org](http://www.EastsideHeritageCenter.org).

Eastside Heritage Center's  
**Strawberry Festival**  
in Bellevue

Sat. June 28 - 10am-8pm  
Sun. June 29 - 10am-5pm

*Crossroads Int'l Park*

# Collections Corner

## Historic Chairs

Carly Jo Jellyman  
*Curator*

Even a folding chair can be an important piece of Eastside history. Sumi Akizuki recently donated two chairs which used to be in the Bellevue Kokaido Japanese Clubhouse. In 1930, the local Japanese community of approximately 300 residents built their clubhouse near 102<sup>nd</sup> Avenue and Northeast 10<sup>th</sup> Street. The clubhouse served as a meeting place for businesses, and was the location for Buddhist and Christian church services, classes, movies, plays and various community activities.

The clubhouse has since closed but these chairs, which were there at the beginning, remain.

They are wooden and have the Japanese characters for Bellevue Japanese People's Clubhouse written on their backs.

These chairs are reminders of the large and vibrant early-Japanese community of farmers and businessmen that helped to shape Bellevue into what it is today; a community which almost disappeared and was never the same after the population's internment during WWII.

*Right:*  
Kokaido Japanese  
Clubhouse Chairs.  
Donated by Sumi Akizuki.



Coldwell Banker Bain is proud to support the Eastside Heritage Center as the exclusive newsletter sponsor.

While not a native to the Pacific Northwest, our family has called the Greater Eastside home

since 1984. Coldwell Banker Bain, and the Bain organization that preceded it have been part of the Eastside since 1972.

I look forward to meeting each of you in person at upcoming EHC events, including the Strawberry Festival on June 28 & 29.

In the interim, please feel free to contact me for more information.



Sincerely,

James Carroll  
*Realtor*  
*With Coldwell Banker Bain*

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### EHC Wish list

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

#### FOR THE COLLECTION:

- ☐ Beaux Arts photos and memorabilia
- ☐ Alaska Yukon Pacific photos, clothes, memorabilia
- ☐ Crabapple restaurant photos, menus and memorabilia
- ☐ Any items or photos relating to Strawberry Farming or the early days of the Strawberry Festival

#### FOR THE OFFICE:

- ☐ Letter-size file cabinets

# Family-Friendly Fun With a Taste of History



The Strawberry Festival returns once again this year to Bellevue's Crossroads International Park, and promises to be bigger than ever!

Join the Eastside Heritage Center in celebrating the region's agricultural heritage, as well as its diverse cultural past, present and future.

Highlights of the 2008 Strawberry Festival include:

## EHC Mini-Museum

Where history comes alive! Photos and artifacts from our collection will be on display, as well as plenty of hands-on activities to keep you busy! You'll have the opportunity to grind corn and even make your own time capsule with a traditional canning machine.

## Historic Agricultural Exhibit

Features running pumps and engines, tractors and a "What Is It?" table.

## Classic Auto Show

(Saturday only)  
Presented by The Summit Office Center. Bringing back the stylish rides that once cruised the Eastside.

## Family Fun Area

Presented by Chinn Construction, featuring carnival games, inflatable bouncers, face painting, clowns, balloons and more!

## Vendor Booths

From curious and crafts to home improvement and fresh produce.

Eastside Heritage Center's

## Strawberry Festival

in Bellevue

**Saturday, June 28 - 10am to 8pm**  
**Sunday, June 29 - 10am to 5pm**

*Crossroads International Park*  
 (NE 8<sup>th</sup> St. & 164<sup>th</sup> Ave. NE, Bellevue)

**[www.bellevuestrawberryfestival.org](http://www.bellevuestrawberryfestival.org)**

*Right:*  
Mini Museum  
Exhibit  
'07 Strawberry  
Festival



*Left:*  
Qwest Main  
Stage  
'07 Strawberry  
Festival

## Food

What would a Festival be without traditional festival fare, including fresh Strawberry Shortcake!

## Entertainment

Presented by Qwest Communications. From Magicians and Clowns to Jazz and Rock 'n Roll! There

will be entertainment for the whole family, including a special appearance by **Seattle Seahawks Quarterback Matt Hasselbeck**, 3-4pm on Sunday at the Qwest tent.

Don't miss the best-tasting history lesson you have ever experienced!

## Recent Accessions

**David Arnold:**

- Photos of Arnold's Mink Farm

**Norman Blye:**

- District 49 school census records

**Maureen Carlisle:**

- 1940s Kroll Map of King County

**Diana Ford:**

- Dishes belonging to a Beaux Arts Village family
- Child's Christmas sleigh
- Child's chair
- Child's tea set
- Hamburger Press
- Jewelry Box
- Small Collection of Jewelry

**Jeanette Forsyth:**

- Two watercolors of downtown Bellevue

**Tom Hitzroth:**

- Objects and ephemera from Puss n' Books Store Redmond

**Lyla Jacobson**

- Painting of an Eastside scene

**Suzanne Knauss:**

- 2 dolls

**Ross McIvor:**

- Marvel Morgan Postcard

**Jane Morton**

- Various gifts from Japan

**Mary Ellen Piro:**

- Boeing hat
- Caboodle make-up case
- Camera
- Hello Kitty pencil
- Red Robin Bellevue menu and apron

**Barbara Reul:**

- Bay-Meslma school book and DVD

**Pat Sandbo:**

- Teacher's certificate

**To donate items:**

Contact EHC at  
 (425) 450-1049 or email  
[curator@eastsideheritagecenter.org](mailto:curator@eastsideheritagecenter.org)

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## From the Executive Director



Heather Trescases  
*Executive Director*

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce the next generation of Bellevue history and Eastside Heritage Center's newest member... Élise Jacqueline Trescases, born March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at 7:27pm. These past few months have been filled with much joy in the Trescases household! And, we have certainly appreciated all the support from our extended EHC family. Little Élise is looking forward to meeting many of you in person at the Strawberry Festival on June 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>!

This spring, some of Bellevue's oldest history was on the move. The 1888 Fraser Cabin at Kelsey Creek Farm Park was moved from its site of over 30 years as part of the City of Bellevue's Kelsey Creek Stream Restoration Project. The cabin is now in a much more suitable environment - out of the wetland and up on the hill, next to the Duey Barns.

The move resulted in some programming adjustments for the EHC, but our ever-popular Fraser Cabin Heritage Programs will be back in full swing this summer.

Finally, I am pleased to announce that in April, EHC's Barb Williams won the Association of King County Historical Organization's Willard Jue Memorial Award. Barb was honored for her outstanding contributions, exceptional leadership, and excellence in duration, quality and spirit of service to the King County heritage community. Congratulations, Barb!



Elise Jacqueline Trescases



Fraser Cabin on wheels.  
April 4, 2008

# Upcoming Programs

## Fraser Cabin Heritage Programs

**Dates:** Saturdays, July 19, August 16, September 20, 2008

**Time:** 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM

**Location:** Fraser Cabin at Kelsey Creek Park in Bellevue

**Information:** 425-450-1049 or [www.eastsideheritagecenter.org](http://www.eastsideheritagecenter.org)

Visitors are invited to participate in hands-on activities that relate to 1880s settler life: agriculture, dairy, household tasks, log cabins, games and eastside history. 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! The log cabin experience is magical and transports visitors back in time. The programs are free to the public and appropriate for people of all ages.

Presented by the Eastside Heritage Center, in partnership with Bellevue Parks and Community Services.



*Above:* Cider Press activity at the Fraser Cabin

## Heritage Series

*Programs Return this Fall*

**Dates:** Thursdays, September 18, October 16, November 20, 2008

**Time:** 7:00 PM

**Location:** Bellevue City Hall (450 110th Ave NE)

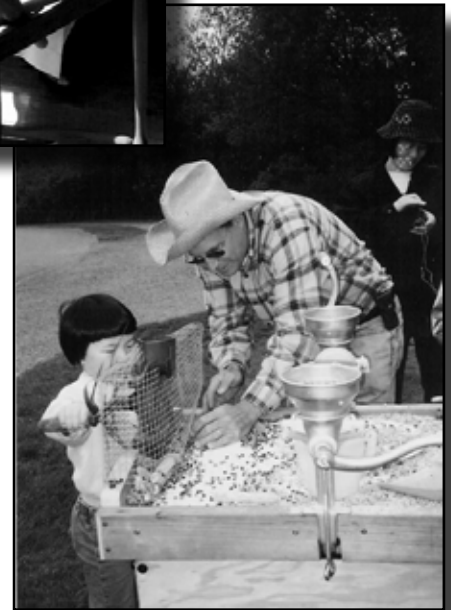
### Program Ideas?

Contact Matthew Porosky at 425-450-1049 or email [matthew@eastsideheritagecenter.org](mailto:matthew@eastsideheritagecenter.org)



*Left:* EHC Education Coordinator, Jane Morton, doing a spinning demonstration at the Fraser Cabin.

*Right:* EHC Volunteer, Mike Intlekofer, assisting a young participant with the Corn Grinding activity at the Fraser Cabin.



## EHC Welcomes New Trustee

### KAREN KLETT

Karen joined the Bellevue Historical Society in 1987, serving four years as president. In 1997, she established the Eastside Heritage Roundtable, which was a vehicle for communication between the numerous heritage organizations on the Eastside. From this increased communication, the plan to merge the Bellevue Historical Society and Marymoor Museum to form the Eastside Heritage Center was created.

Karen has also served eight years on the City of Bellevue Department of Parks & Community Services Park Board, serving as president in 1996. She created a Waterfront Acquisition Task Force which resulted in the purchase of 320 feet of waterfront on Meydenbauer Bay by the City of Bellevue for public parkland. She is past president of AKCHO and currently Volunteer Coordinator for the Eastside Heritage Center.

# Eastside Heritage Connections

## REDMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

### *Redmond history, past & present*

**Date:** Saturday, September 13, 2008

**Time:** 10:30 AM

**Location:** Redmond Library  
15990 NE 85<sup>th</sup> Street, Redmond

### *Redmond Walking Tour*

**Date:** Sunday, September 21, 2008

**Time:** 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM

**Location:** Meet at the Justice White House  
(across from Half Price Books on Leary Way)

**Cost:** \$6 per person (proceeds will go towards  
purchasing a bench for the walking route)

Local historian, Tom Hitzroth, will guide participants along Leary Way and share entertaining stories about some of Redmond's oldest buildings.

To reserve a spot, call 425-885-2919 or email  
Tom Hitzroth at [thitzroth@msn.com](mailto:thitzroth@msn.com)

[www.redmondhistory.org](http://www.redmondhistory.org)

## ISSAQUAH HISTORY MUSEUMS

### *High Point & Preston*

**Date:** Saturday, July 12, 2008

**Time:** 11:00 AM

**Location:** Issaquah Depot  
50 Rainier Blvd. N., Issaquah

Eric Erickson will speak on the history of High Point and Preston, two towns that sprang up as part of the local lumber and logging industry.

[www.issaquahhistory.org](http://www.issaquahhistory.org)

## KIRKLAND HERITAGE SOCIETY

### *Potluck Picnic*

**Date:** Tuesday, July 29, 2008

**Time:** 6:00 PM

**Location:** Heritage Hall, 203 Market St., Kirkland

Potluck Picnic at Heritage Hall on the new back patio. Bring your favorite potluck dish to share & your own non-alcoholic beverage of choice. Bring your summer guests, friends, neighbors, relatives!

### *Blackberry Sundae Social*

**Date:** Tuesday, August 27, 2008

**Time:** 7:00 PM

**Location:** Heritage Hall, 203 Market St., Kirkland

An annual affair of all the ice cream & blackberries you can eat!

### *The History of Woodinville*

**Date:** Tuesday, September 24, 2008

**Time:** 7:00 PM

**Location:** Heritage Hall, 203 Market St., Kirkland

A wonderful & informative presentation by the Krafts of Woodinville Historical Society.

[www.kirklandheritage.org](http://www.kirklandheritage.org)



Above: Central Kirkland, ca. 1940. L90.18.3

# Volunteer Corner

## Together... Each Achieves More!



*Above: Lillian Garland &  
Lillian Ziegler*

**Karen Klett**  
*Volunteer Coordinator*

Volunteering is a team sport; no one can do it all, but everyone can do something! There are many ways to volunteer for the EHC including:

### Collections and Data Entry Assistants.

These tasks are accomplished at the McDowell House by a small group of volunteers who regularly spend few hours a week doing these very focused and sometime

routine jobs. Contributing as many as 15 – 20 hours a month each, Wenche Brinchmann, Lillian Garland and Lillian Ziegler help to make EHC a premier heritage organization. Their attention to detail and consistency are just two of the reasons the EHC TEAM is so successful.

Please consider joining the TEAM with a commitment of as little as four hours a month.

### Contact EHC and get involved today.

Karen Klett  
(425) 450-1049  
Volunteer Coordinator  
[karenklett@eastsideheritagecenter.org](mailto:karenklett@eastsideheritagecenter.org)

### Eastside Heritage Center MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

#### MEMBERSHIP LEVEL:

<input type="checkbox"/> Benefactor	\$1000	<input type="checkbox"/> Contributor	\$100
<input type="checkbox"/> Steward	\$500	<input type="checkbox"/> Family	\$40
<input type="checkbox"/> Supporter	\$250	<input type="checkbox"/> Individual	\$25
<input type="checkbox"/> Organization	\$100	<input type="checkbox"/> Student	\$15

Enroll me as: ☐ New Member ☐ Membership Renewal ☐ Gift

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- ☐ Check (make checks payable to the Eastside Heritage Center)  
☐ Credit Card  
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#### 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

Receives Steward Benefits, plus:  
Honored at Annual Event

##### Steward - \$500

Receives Supporter benefits, plus:  
Special publication  
Curator's Tour of the collection

##### Supporter - \$250

Receives Organization benefits, plus:  
Historic photo reproduction

##### Organization (schools, scout troops, etc) - \$100

Receives Contributor benefits, plus:  
Free Treasure Box rentals  
Discounts on filed trips and classroom presentations

##### Contributor - \$100

Additional benefits include:  
Access to Archives fee waived

##### Family - \$40

##### Individual - \$25

##### Student (under 18 years of age) - \$15

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### McDOWELL HOUSE (EHC Administrative Offices)

Visiting Address: 11660 Main Street, Bellevue, WA 98005  
Tel: 425-450-1049

### WINTERS HOUSE (National Historic Site and EHC Research Services)

Visiting Address: 2102 Bellevue Way SE, Bellevue, WA 98004  
Tel: 425-450-1046 (EHC Research inquiries)  
425-452-2752 (City of Bellevue, Winters House)

Hours of Operation: EHC Research Office Hours      Winters House Public Vising Hours:  
10:00 AM - 4:00 PM      M-W 10:00 AM-4:00 PM ; Th-Sat 10:00 AM-2:00 PM ; Closed Sunday

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