

# EASTSIDE HERITAGE CENTER



*Connections for yesterday, today, and tomorrow.*

## HERITAGE REFLECTOR

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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 Growing Event-The Annual Heritage Benefit Dinner

Each year there are a few events that Eastside Heritage Center participates in and hosts annually. Some examples include: the Bellevue Strawberry Festival in June, Historic Fraser Cabin Days at Kelsey Creek Farm Park between April to October, and the Eastside Heritage Benefit Dinner held at the beginning of the year.

A critical event for Eastside Heritage Center (EHC) is the Eastside Heritage Benefit Dinner. Funds raised from the event directly support the mission, programs and services of EHC, along with support for EHC's operations, staff and many volunteers.

The first Heritage Benefit Dinner was held on January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at Maggiano's Little Italy in Bellevue. The fundraising goal for this event was \$20,000. The following year, the event was held at Meydenbauer Center, which would continue to be the venue for the event to the present day.



Above: The save the date card for the first Eastside Heritage Benefit Dinner. The photo used is of NE 8th St. & Bellevue Way NE, c. 1937.

Since 2008, the Benefit Dinner has grown exponentially. It is through the support of the many Eastside individuals, companies, board members, volunteers and staff that our event has been able to grow to the size it is today. We warmly look back on how the event has grown over time.

#### 2008:

-The first Benefit Dinner was held at Maggiano's Little Italy in Bellevue.

#### 2009:

-The Benefit Dinner moved to Meydenbauer Center, and was held on the fourth floor with 150 attendees.

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## 2010:

- A Silent Auction was added to the event.
- 200 attendees.
- A live heritage program is added, exhibiting pieces of EHC's collection.

## 2011-2013:

- Between \$36,000-\$48,000 is raised toward the stewardship of Eastside history.



Above: At the 2012 Benefit Dinner, guests played an interactive game of Eastside trivia. This photo of Frederick & Nelson in Bellevue Square c. 1969 was one of the photos used for a question, EHC #1998.25.22.

## 2014:

- Over \$65,000 raised.
- Program: the story of the McDowell Candy Shop on Bellevue Way was shared.

## 2015:

- Over \$89,000 raised.
- The event expanded and moved to a larger space at Meydenbauer Center
- Program: the story of Eastside journalist Lucile McDonald and Dr. Way of Redmond were told.

## 2016:

- Over \$105,000 raised.
- Display: 100 years of Childhood Memories.
- Guest Speaker: Pat O'Day, Seattle's favorite on-air personality from KJR 950 and the famous voice of Seafair headlined the live program.

This coming year will mark the 10th year for the annual

Heritage Benefit Dinner, that is scheduled for Wednesday, February 8th, 2017 at the Meydenbauer Center in Bellevue. All are invited to this both fun and important community event. It is through the generosity of our supporters, that we are able to be

the stewards of Eastside history and share this history with the surrounding community. We warmly thank all who have attended and shown their support.

See Page 6 for event details.



Above: 2016 Benefit Dinner, a slide of famous Seattle on-air personality Pat O'Day from KJR 950.

## Short Video Stories created by EHC over time:

- ◆ The Story of James Ditty.
- ◆ The Freeman Family Legacy.
- ◆ The story of Pat Sandbo, a Bellevue school teacher who stayed in touch with two of her Japanese students during WWII.
- ◆ The Vander Hoek Family Legacy.
- ◆ The Schafer Family History-owner of the McDowell Candy Shop.

- ◆ About Eastside Heritage Center.
- ◆ 100 Years of Childhood Memories on the Eastside.

\*All videos listed plus additional Journey Stories videos are available on EHC's YouTube Channel. Click the YouTube icon on EHC's website at [www.EastsideHeritageCenter.org](http://www.EastsideHeritageCenter.org) for a shortcut.



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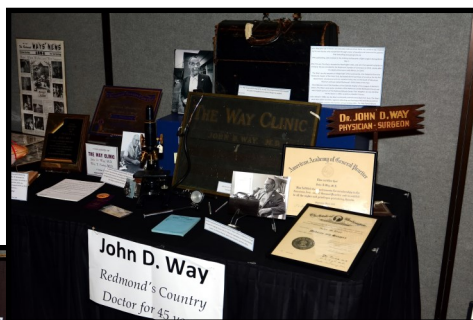
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Above: & Left: 2015 Benefit Dinner exhibit display on Dr. Way of Redmond (above) and Lucile McDonald (left) whose stories were presented.

# Collections Corner

Sarah Frederick  
Collections Manager

## Exhibits

If you're looking for some historical holiday spirit, then don't miss our annual winter exhibit at Crossroads Mall. The exhibit, *Winter Traditions*, will be up from Friday December 2nd through Friday January 9th, 2017.

The exhibit includes photos and artifacts donated by Eastside residents and businesses, of holidays spent on the Eastside.



Above: The Madrona Tree outside the Crabapple Restaurant at Bellevue Square was decorated with lights every holiday season, to the delight of residents and shoppers. The Crabapple opened in 1946, and operated until 1975. #1997BHS.027.008

## Recent Accessions

*Thank you for your donations to the collection:*

Diana Schafer Ford – photos of Bellevue, 1940's-1950's, materials related to the Bellevue High School class of 1956.

Barbara Reul – 1954-1956 issues of the Bellevue High School Barque, senior calling cards from the BHS class of 1956.

Tandy Cook Henning – Ephemera, 1960's Bellevue.

Stu Vander Hoek – Fishing waders used by Paul Vander Hoek.

Diana Moser, Bill Contstans – materials related to Bellevue High School football, 1954-1956.

Gwen Nixon – BHS class of 1956 materials.

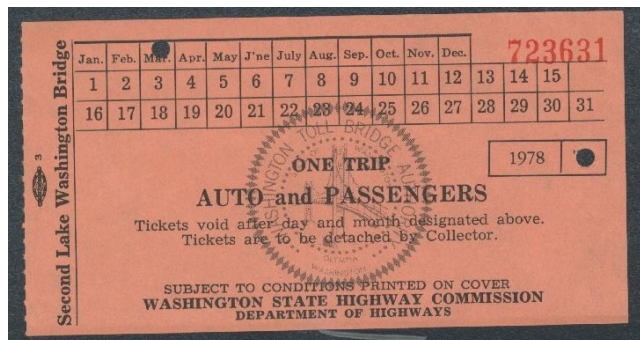
Joyce Grae Meyerand – BHS class of 1956 materials.

Bellevue High School Class of 1956 – materials related to class of '56 activities, collected at 60th reunion.

The Estate of Patricia and Robert Sandbo – Depression glass.

Nancy and Bill Way – Way family videos, 1940-1990's, Glass plate x-ray.

Lillian Ziegler – Lake Washington toll bridge, 1979, tickets.



Above: Toll ticket from the Lake Washington Floating Bridge, 1979, #2016.064.001.

## Wish List

*EHC is seeking the following donations:*

### For Care of the Collection

- HEPA vacuum for cleaning artifacts.
- Rolling garment rack to use when processing or repairing textiles.
- Chest freezer for treating and isolating artifacts.

### For the Collection

- Photos, documents, ephemera from 1910-1920 related to lowering of the Lake Washington and the eastside communities affected.

- Eastside materials from the 1970's to present day.

Materials from the Crossroads and Eastgate neighborhoods, any era, particularly photos.

- Issues of the *Overlake Outlook* newspaper.

- Lake Hills Roller Rink or Skate King photos or ephemera

### For use in the office

- Android or Windows tablet for use in off-site storage and at events.

- Self-healing (PVC) cutting mat for producing labels for exhibit and outreach activities.

To Donate Items:

Call: (425) 450-1049 or

Email: [Collections@](mailto:Collections@eastsideheritagecenter.org)

[eastsideheritagecenter.org](http://eastsideheritagecenter.org)

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## EHC 2016 Accomplishments

This year marked Eastside Heritage Center's 15<sup>th</sup> year since it was established in 2001 through the merger of the Bellevue Historical Society, and the Marymoor Museum of Eastside History in Redmond. We have come a long way since we started a decade and a half ago, and we are proud of the many opportunities we have had to share the history of this region with the surrounding community.

Each year, EHC strives to be better stewards of Eastside history, and offer more educational programming and community outreach than the year before.

Here is a look at some of EHC's accomplishments in 2016:

- ◆ Aided the City of Bellevue in the relocation of the 1883 Burrows Cabin from 112<sup>th</sup> Avenue Northeast to Chism Beach Park, with plans of developing future heritage programming.
- ◆ Developed interpretive signage for the Philbrook House that was located on Main Street in Old Bellevue, incorporating original pieces from the house. The house was built in the 1890's and was home to many businesses, including Mrs. Carter's Boarding House, which served \$0.35 lunches to workers of the American-Pacific Whaling

Company, who overwintered in Meydenbauer Bay.

- ◆ Began an inventory of EHC's 60,000+ piece artifact collection with help from two University of Washington museology graduate student interns.
- ◆ Continued partnerships that provide educational heritage programming for students in the Lake Washington and Bellevue School District, at KidsQuest Children's Museum, the historic 1888 Fraser Cabin at Kelsey Creek Farm Park, the Bellevue Boys & Girls Clubs, and at EHC's signature event the Bellevue Strawberry Festival.

It is through the support of EHC's many volunteers, members, staff, board members, individual donors and businesses that we are able to make these accomplishments. We thank everyone who has supported us since we first began, and who continues to support us today. We cannot wait to see what we will accomplish in 2017!

To make a financial contribution to support EHC's services, programs and collection care, visit: [www.EastsideHeritageCenter.org/Donate](http://www.EastsideHeritageCenter.org/Donate).

# Education Corner

Jane Morton  
Education Coordinator

Last winter, Bellevue College contacted Eastside Heritage Center about their TELOS program, to see if EHC would be interested in teaching a local history course.

The Bellevue College TELOS program, began in 1976, and offers courses for retirees, semi-retirees and active seniors. The classes are designed to focus on learning, growth and fun – not performance.

Requests had been coming in from their students to provide classes about the history of east King County based cities.

EHC teamed up with

historical groups in Redmond, Kirkland and Issaquah to present an eight-week class last Spring. It was successful enough, that EHC was asked to participate in the class once more. A four-week class was then offered for Summer Quarter titled “Stories from the Eastside’s Past”.

The class will be taught again this Winter Quarter, and will be an 8-week long program from January 3rd to February 22nd held on Wednesday mornings. It will chronicle the development of our local communities from the Native American populations that

lived here, to the logging and mining industries, then to the incorporation of the four major Eastside cities: Bellevue, Issaquah, Kirkland, and Redmond.

This course will also include the impact of the lowering of Lake Washington of 1916, and the economic growth of the Eastside.

To find out more about Bellevue College’s TELOS program, visit their website at:



Above: A photo from EHC’s collection used in a TELOS class presentation on logging, taken in 1925.

[www.bellevuecollege.edu/ce/retiree-programs/](http://www.bellevuecollege.edu/ce/retiree-programs/).

Have ideas for program topics?

Contact 425-450-1049 or [Education@eastsideheritagecenter.org](mailto:Education@eastsideheritagecenter.org) to find out how to get involved.

## City of Bellevue Grand Connection Survey

*An opportunity to share your opinion!*

The City of Bellevue is currently working on a project called the Grand Connection, that will be a pedestrian-oriented, non-motorized corridor beginning at Meydenbauer Bay Park and connecting to the Eastside Rail Corridor. Art and culture are a



Above: Interpretive signage for the Sharp Cabin at the Bellevue Botanical Gardens.

foundation of the project.

There are many exciting opportunities for history to be a part of this project. Some examples include interpretive signage, utility boxes wrapped with historic photos, and many other new possibilities.

This is a great opportunity to share your thoughts on the future of Bellevue!

When you’re filling out the survey we encourage you to think about how history and heritage can be incorporated into this project. It is through appreciation of our

city’s history that we can build a strong community identity.

We also ask that you think of the Bellevue Strawberry Festival when filling out cultural events that you have attended in Bellevue. An important part of the Strawberry Festival is telling the story of how it began. Strawberries were abundant in 1925 when the festival began, largely because of the Japanese immigrant farmers who were the primary harvesters of the crop. You can read about the history of the Strawberry Festival



Above: Utility Box on Main Street in Bellevue wrapped with historic photos.

online at: [www.BellevueStrawberryFestival.org](http://www.BellevueStrawberryFestival.org)

To take the City of Bellevue Grand Connection Survey, visit: [www.BellevueGrandConnection.com/art-on-the-grand-connection](http://www.BellevueGrandConnection.com/art-on-the-grand-connection).

## Heritage Corner:

### *Winters of Eastside's Past*

These days we get excited over a few inches of snow, but it wasn't too long ago that our region saw many inches of snow each winter!

earliest schools, that stood on NE 24th between 140th and 148th, was covered in snow c. 1955. The Old Highland School structure

Back in the early 1900's there was one particularly cold winter in February of c. 1916 where it was reported that it snowed

38 inches in Seattle and surrounding areas over a

four day period. It was so cold that portions of Lake Washington froze, and ice chunks could be seen floating in the lake.

On another chilly winter day in the 1950s, it snowed many inches on the Eastside. Buildings and homes were blanketed in snow. One of the snow covered buildings was the Old Highland School, which was of Bellevue's



Above: Lake Washington at Juanita Beach Park c. 1916 at winter. It was so cold frozen pieces of ice floated in the lake. EHC #L88.043.014

was originally built in 1890, and over time was used as a school, private residence, and office space. The building burned down in 2001.

You can find more photos of past Eastside winters, and many other photos relating to the Eastside on EHC's website at: [www.EastsideHeritageCenter.org/Gallery](http://www.EastsideHeritageCenter.org/Gallery) and visiting the KC Snapshots page.



Above: Old Highland School covered in snow c. 1955. EHC #2001.09.01

# You're Invited!

## Eastside Heritage Benefit Dinner

Wednesday, February 8th, 2017

5:30pm-9:00pm

*Meydenbauer Center*

(11100 NE 6th St, Bellevue, WA 98004)

**Tickets \$100/person**

The evening includes a complimentary wine reception with a range of hors d'oeuvres, a Silent Auction and heritage displays, followed by dinner and an interactive program.

This year's theme, *School Memories*, will feature an evening of stories and memories from the Eastside's past.

Gather a group of friends or colleagues for a trip down memory lane!

*Register online today*

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

Contact Lexi for more information on how you can get involved at 425-450-1049 or [Lexi@eastsideheritagecenter.org](mailto:Lexi@eastsideheritagecenter.org)

# In Memoriam

Sumie Akizuki, 1929-2016

An Eastside native and friend of Eastside Heritage Center, Sumie Akizuki passed away on November 22, 2016.

Sumie was born in Bellevue and her parents were immigrants from Japan. She grew up with her six siblings on her family's farm in the Midlakes area of Bellevue, near what today is known as Lake Bellevue.

Her family had purchased the land in 1921, ten acres in whole, which was forested when they acquired it. It took six years for them to clear the land so it could be used for farming, which they did with the help of horses and dynamite. Her family contributed to Bellevue's abundant strawberry crops, and also grew other produce such as tomatoes, cucumbers, and lettuce.

Sumie's family suffered the incarceration of Japanese-Americans during WWII, and was one of the many Japanese-American families who were sent to the incarceration camps. After the war, her family was one of 20 out of 70 Japanese-American families to return to Bellevue.

Her Japanese-American heritage was always very



Above: Sumie with EHC Education Coordinator, Jane Morton at the 2016 Bellevue Strawberry Festival.

important to her. Each year, Sumie would visit the Eastside Heritage Center staff at the annual Bellevue Strawberry Festival, where EHC shares the history of how Japanese immigrants contributed largely to the success of the festival, because they were the primary harvesters of the crop when the festival first began.

She was also proud of the four Japanese cherry trees the City of Bellevue had planted in the downtown park in 1993 in honor of Japanese immigrants. By the trees there is a place marker that reads, "To honor the Bellevue citizens of Japanese ancestry who so enriched our community."

We will miss Sumie very much, but her story will live on in the EHC collection.

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