

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 Hands, Feet & Heart of EHC Thank You Volunteers!

For most nonprofit organizations, volunteers are the momentum and power that moves the organization forward. This is certainly the case for Eastside Heritage Center. With a staff of only four, volunteers and board members are fundamental to our success and growth.

There are three individuals whose passion for EHC and years of support we would like to honor as they transition off the Board, but continue to dedicate their time and energy.

Karen Klett

Karen's passion for preserving the history of this community started long before EHC was a reality. Her involvement dates back to the earliest days of the Bellevue Historical Society,

and it was her drive and commitment that led to the creation of Eastside Heritage Center in 2001. Karen has continued to be the guardian of EHC's vision to have a state-of-the-art heritage facility in Bellevue, and she has diligently worked behind the scenes with so many vital functions that keep the organization running.



Tim Johnson and Kim Radcliffe at the Benefit Dinner.

In addition to her early support with grant writing and preparing newsletters, Karen has served as EHC's Volunteer Coordinator longer than

anyone can remember! She has also given a significant amount of time in support of the Winters House, ensuring that it stays open to the public. Karen has also served as the Chair of the Board Development Committee, helping us to grow our Board and engage our Endorsers.

In recognition of Karen's many years of service, EHC is dedicating its Volunteer of the Year Award in her name, so that future generations of volunteers and the community at large may remember her astounding contributions.

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Karen Klett & Mary Ellen Piro

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Kim Radcliffe

Kim's presence has been a guiding light at EHC since she joined the Board in 2007. Her genuine care for the people who make up EHC can be felt at all times. In her first year on the Board, she jumped in feet first, helping with the Strawberry Festival as it moved to Crossroads Park.

Kim has dedicated a great deal of time assisting with the community outreach events that demonstrate EHC's mission for sharing the history of the Eastside. From the Strawberry Festival, to hands-on history activities at the Fraser Cabin and KidsQuest Children's Museum, hosting the Winters House, and being our constant presence at the Crossroads Farmers Market, her program support has been invaluable.

Kim served as Board President for three years, and shepherded EHC's professional standards growth by updating our Board policies. She has been instrumental in the planning and success of our annual Heritage Benefit Dinner for the past 8 years, and she took a leading role in the Catalyst fundraising program that EHC recently completed through 501 Commons.

Not afraid to get her hands dirty, Kim is a core member of the collections team, and was part of the group that moved our entire collection of 60,000+ artifacts to our new storage facility in Totem Lake. She spent countless hours

with no complaints, loading box after box!

Kim continues to inspire us all with her creative ideas and passion for EHC's mission.

Tim Johnson

Fondly referred to as 'the man with the truck,' Tim is imperative to our ability to serve the community through public programming. Rain or shine, you can always count on Tim to be there for the more strenuous loading, and at times dirty jobs. For years he has hauled our heritage programming activities to Kelsey Creek Farm and KidsQuest Children's Museum, and he was there for every step of our collections storage move.

Tim is also the first to volunteer to help with exhibit installations - from the Smithsonian *Journey Stories* to *Living in Style* at Bellevue Square or Redmond's Centennial exhibit at the Town Center, not to mention annual displays at Crossroads Shopping Center and the Mini-Museum at the Strawberry Festival. With his love of classic cars, Tim has also coordinated the Classic Auto Show at the Strawberry Festival each year.

Over the years Tim's creativity for heritage educational programming has blossomed. He single handedly built our interactive chicken coop and Miss Daisy Belle, our imitation milking cow. He is

also EHC's 'Mr. Fix It' for everything mechanical. We would not have a working water pump or canning machine if not for him!

Tim served 10 years on the EHC board, and it is through his leadership that we have included a Youth Board Member position. Tim continues in his role as Chair of the Programs

Committee, and his knowledge of all things antique and collectible has been invaluable to our collections efforts.

It is impossible to capture in this one newsletter story all of Karen, Kim and Tim's contributions to EHC, but we hope to have offered a glimpse into their years of commitment to steward Eastside history. We are so grateful to each of them!

Recent Accessions

Thank you for your donations to the collection:

Lyn Balint – Edison phonograph, small home electronics, chairs, toys, materials used by the Nelson-Dundee family.

Jeanne Arnold – Vietnam GI letter to Bellevue girl.

George Bean – Eastside newspapers & magazines featuring his work.

Lillian Ziegler – 2005 Redmond Bicycle Derby photos.

Jane Morton – Bellevue High School jacket, sweatshirt, toys from the 1970's/1980's.

Sharon Linton – Bellevue First Congregational Church program, Christmas Eve service.

Scotty Arnowitz – Photos of 2015 downtown Bellevue construction and development.

Stu Vander Hoek – Welcome to Old Bellevue sign.

Jane Paige – 1950's toys and misc. documents.

Carol Whipple – Materials on Northup properties.

Susan Treharne – Joel Evans scrapbook, related to Bellevue Boys Club activities.

City of Bellevue – "Clearly Bellevue" framed print, 1970's photos of the Mercer Slough.

Rosalie Whyel – "Samantha" American Girl doll.

Joanne Matsumura – Delkin Bulb Farm letter.

Richard Sherrill – Roller Skates, used at the Vasa Park rink, c. 1946.



Above: Thomas Edison Standard Phonograph, c. 1903. This is an exciting addition to our collection, as it is our only phonograph with an intact horn. #2016.008.006

Collections Corner

Sarah Frederick
Collections Manager

Exhibits

Our newest exhibit at the Winters House is *Scouting on the Eastside*. Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Campfire Girls, and Indian Guides are only a few of the scouting groups that had (and continue to have) an active presence on the Eastside. Kirkland was home to one of the earliest Cub Scout packs in the country, started in 1923. This exhibit will be up until mid-May.



Above: Girl Scouts Michele and JoEllyn Gilman and Boy Scout, Steve Pederson, and Cub Scout, Doug Hendel, receive materials from Mrs. Harold Klein on how to prevent heart disease. In February 1966, Bellevue Scouts helped to spread the word about the Washington State Heart Association as part of a community service project. 2006.046.001, excerpt.

Internships

Springtime is one of our busiest times of the year in regard to interns and student volunteers. For the 2015-2016 schoolyear, our collections department worked with Interlake High School senior, Michelle Wen, and

International High School senior, Jessica Jacobs.

Jessica's internship will be culminating with an exhibit at Crossroads Mall, to be installed the week of April 24 and remain up until May 13. Her exhibit will compare the Eastside immigration experience of the first part of the twentieth century with the contemporary immigration experience.

While Michelle has been interning at EHC, she has completed a variety of projects, including

developing a second catalog of 33 interviews from the EHC Oral History collection (watch for it on our website and in our finding aids soon),

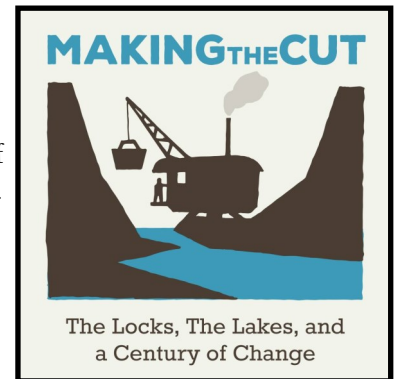
digitizing scrapbooks from the Bellevue Chamber of Commerce collection,

cataloging artifacts, inventorying boxes and assisting with exhibit and event prep.

Both students have been a huge help this year. We wish them well after graduation and hope they continue on into the museum world!

Lowering of Lake Washington Project

County-wide planning for the centennial celebration of the opening of the Hiram M. Chittenden Locks and the Lowering of Lake Washington is underway. Eastside Heritage Center is excited to be part of the steering committee for the Making the Cut group. On July 4, 1917 the Locks officially opened, connecting Lake Washington and Lake Union to Puget Sound. As part of the construction of the Ship Canal, Lake Washington was lowered to be level with Lake Union. Lake Washington dropped up to 8.8 feet in places, seriously impacting those



living and working around the lake. Watch our Facebook page and website for exciting announcements about upcoming centennial events. If you are interested in getting involved with this project or would like more information, please contact EHC's Collection Manager, Sarah Frederick at collections@eastsideheritagecenter.org or 425-450-1049.

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.
- Archival scrapbooks, at least 14" x 14" x 3" in size.

For the Collection

- Materials from 1910-1920 related to lowering of Lake Washington and Eastside communities affected.
- Issues of the *Overlake Outlook* newspaper.

- Lake Hills Roller Rink or Skate King photos or ephemera.

- Materials from the Crossroads and Eastgate neighborhoods, any era.

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.
- 2 Desktop Computers (2010 or newer) for use by EHC Volunteers.

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President's Message



Betina Finley
Board President

Thank you to those who joined us at the Eastside Heritage Benefit Dinner! Our event is only as successful as those who attend, contribute and return each year. This year's Benefit Dinner was our best yet, with record-breaking attendance and contributions.

Our annual dinner allows EHC the opportunity to share with the community a glimpse of the many items we have in storage, reflecting our history and growing collection.

Without the generous support of our wonderful sponsors and table captains we could not put this event on. A special shout-out to them! Furthermore, our dedicated staff: Heather, Lexi, Sarah and Jane, made this year a record success.

Additional gratitude goes to our many volunteers who donated hours making centerpieces, stuffing nametag badges, setting up historical displays, checking in guests...the list goes on!

Our recently retired board member, Tim Johnson, built the Bel-Vue Theater replica sign that graced the entrance to our event. Thank you!

Current board member, Trisha Nerney, engaged on-air personality Pat O'Day from Seattle's KJR 950, to be our guest speaker, and entertain guests with his personal stories of Bellevue's Concert West, which set the platform for today's concert industry.

As Bellevue and the whole Eastside grows, now more than ever our area begs to have a physical location that tells the stories of our pioneers, connects us to our present businesses and residents, and inspires future generations of Eastsiders.

What would our local map look like without PACCAR, T-Mobile, Microsoft, Costco, Intelius, Coinstar, Eddie Bauer, Valve, Kemper Development, ModPizza? This highly-talented sector of our state – of our country – inspires innovative, successful businesses – and those are just a few of the many.

Sharing these valuable histories and artifacts shines a light on the path ahead for the next generation of Eastside leaders!

If that excites you as much as it does me, then reach out and connect with us. We welcome your involvement – whether it's joining our board, sharing your personal history story with us, donating photos, artifacts, or property.

Thank you for making our special Eastside heritage a part of your generous giving!

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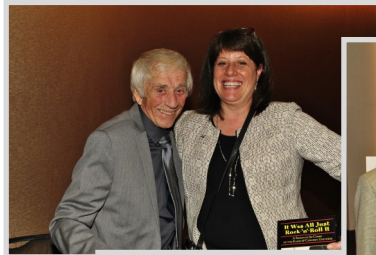
A warm thank you to all those who supported the 9th Annual Heritage Benefit Dinner on March 2, 2016 at the Meydenbauer Center. Your generosity raised over \$105,000 towards the stewardship of Eastside history.

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The evening included a silent auction, heritage displays, and a live program.

To see photos from the event visit: www.teamphotogenic.com/26661

Spring Programs

HANDS-ON HISTORY: EASTSIDE FARM LIFE

Date & Time: Thursday, April 21, 2016
5:00-8:00PM

Location: KidsQuest Children's Museum
4091 Factoria Square Mall SE, Bellevue, 98006

Admission: \$1.00

Experience farming history with the use of a corn shelling machine and corn grinders. You will also have a chance to collect eggs from a chicken coop, weigh them, and see how much they were worth in the late 1880s. What could you buy with a dozen eggs?

Presented in partnership with KidsQuest Children's Museum.

FRASER CABIN HERITAGE PROGRAMS

Date & Time: Third Saturdays May through Sept.
11:00AM-3:00PM

Special Event: Sheep Shearing, Saturday, April 30
11:00AM-4:00PM

Location: Kelsey Creek Farm Park
410 130th Pl SE, Bellevue, 98005

Eastside Heritage Center's Fraser Cabin Heritage Programming kicks off at the Kelsey Creek Farm Sheep Shearing event, where visitors can enjoy sheep shearing demos, tractor-pull hay rides, pony rides and more!

At the historic 1888 Fraser Cabin, Eastside Heritage Center staff and volunteers will be presenting activities and interpreting the cabin that was built by the Fraser family over 100 years ago! Activities include agriculture, dairy, household tasks, log cabin construction, games and a scavenger hunt.

Presented in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services.

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

Dates & Times: Saturday, June 25, 2016 10:00AM-8:00PM
Sunday, June 26, 2016 10:00AM-6:00PM

Location: Crossroads Park
NE 8th & 164th Ave NE, Bellevue

Join Eastside Heritage Center for the Annual Bellevue Strawberry Festival, presented by BECU. This fun filled event will feature live entertainment from the main stage, food for all tastes, vendor booths, hands-on history displays, a family fun area with carnival games, pony rides and more! The Festival also features a touch-a-truck and vintage jeep show on Saturday, a classic auto show on Sunday and of course fresh strawberry shortcake!

Free parking and shuttles from Highland Middle School and Interlake High School.

Get Involved!

Sponsor

Sponsorships range from \$250 to \$4,000 and will provide your company with valuable exposure, while supporting this community event and EHC.

Volunteer

To help with every aspect of the Festival. Each volunteer receives a t-shirt and complimentary strawberry shortcake.

Have a Vendor Booth

To reach the community with your goods and services.

Enter your Classic Car

Participate in the annual Classic Auto Show, with prizes for Owner's Choice, Youth's Choice, Best Un-Restored Original, Oldest at Show, and more!

To get involved: Contact 425-450-1049 or email

info@bellevuestrawberryfestival.org

www.BellevueStrawberryFestival.org



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Volunteer Corner

Volunteers are not paid - not because they are worthless, but because they are PRICELESS. - Anonymous

Karen Klett
Volunteer Coordinator

Yes, spring is here, and that means our Summer-Volunteer-Intensive season is coming!! This is our time to **SHINE** in the community, as we present numerous programs from April through October. Here are some opportunities for you to participate in:

Saturdays at Fraser Cabin begins with Sheep Shearing on April 30th and continues on the third Saturday of the month until Farm Fair on October 1st. You can help any of these days from 11:00am – 3:00pm, and 11:00am-4:00pm on Sheep Shearing and Farm Fair.



Above: The Historic 1888 Fraser Cabin at Kelsey Creek Farm.

The Crossroads Farmers Market starts in June and is a wonderful opportunity to meet people and share the EHC story. The Market is every Tuesday from 12:00pm-6:00pm at Crossroads Shopping Center, June through September. EHC has a booth once a month.

The **STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL** at Crossroads Park is June 25 & 26 this year. Talk about **FUN** – this is it! Lots and lots of opportunities for both adults and kids! Jobs include, manning the Strawberry Shortcake booth, answering questions at the information booth and helping to run the Family Fun Area.

So bring your **PRICELESS** talents, and love of Eastside history to any of these events and help us **SHINE** this summer. Contact:

karenklett@eastsideheritagecenter.org

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