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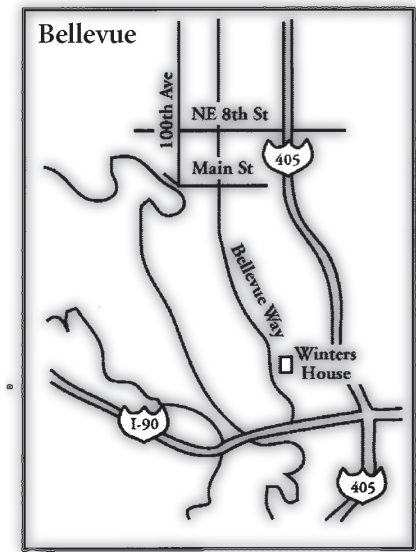
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EHC Research Office Hours:  
Tuesdays, 10:00AM – 4:00PM

Winters House Visiting Hours:

Monday to Wednesday, 10:00AM to 4:00PM  
Thursday to Saturday, 10:00AM to 2:00PM  
Closed Sunday



DIRECTIONS - WINTERS HOUSE:

*From I-90, either direction, take the Bellevue Way exit. Merge onto Bellevue Way SE and drive .6 miles to the Winters House which will be on the right.*

## 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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## Joy to the World! – Santa Claus has come to town!

*by Carly Jo Ryan*

In addition to our annual Magic Season celebrations this year, the Eastside Heritage Center is delighted to bring a little extra holiday cheer with exhibits that include one of our newest donations: Joy Golliver's Santa Collection.

This collection of over 900 Santas was started by Bellevue resident, Joy Golliver. The collection began with just one Santa doll which Joy's mother made as a Christmas gift to Joy's eldest son on his first Christmas back in 1958. Each year her mother sent more Santas and when her mother died she began to buy Santas of her own. The collection expanded rapidly over the years and grew to include Santas which range from the sublime (including a beautiful Russian Santa and even a very special Washington State Santa) to the ridiculous (such as the Santa made from a tennis ball and a silly Goey Duck Santa).

The large collection soon became famous and people would drive from all around for a special tour from "the Santa Lady." The collection was even featured in several KOMO news stories and on the nationally syndicated TV program "Real People."



*Two Northwest Santas – The beautiful Washington State Santa, on the left, carries salmon and apples and stands with one foot in Western Washington and one in Eastern Washington. The silly Santa to the right is a large clam from the Pacific Northwest called the Goey Duck wearing a little Santa hat.*

Whenever Joy is asked why she decided to collect Santas, she has always replied, "There is a lot we can learn from Santa...he reminds us that love and kindness are the greatest gift of all...Santa Claus proved that one person can make a difference" and we should all strive to make such a positive impact on the world.

Joy feels that a belief in Santa makes the world just a little brighter and that when opening our Christmas presents this year we should pause and remember that it is not what is in the presents that matter but the spirit of love behind them.

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The Santa that started it all  
– This is the Santa that Joy's  
mother made her son on his first

If you wish share in the magic of Joy's collection a large part of it will be on display at the Seattle Center's Center House, in downtown Seattle as a part of the Winterfest Celebrations. This exhibit will include a look at the history of Santa Claus, a look at how Santa is portrayed in other cultures as well as a focus on Northwest Santas and the local Christmas institution that was Fredrick & Nelson.

There will also be Santas at the Winters House this year as part of our annual Magic Season celebration, a great opportunity to bring the entire family to learn about Christmas in Bellevue in years past and to even make a Santa of your own!

## Recent Accessions:

- **VIRGINIA ENGLISH:** Thirteen books, including seven volumes of the Ruth Fielding series.
- **LUKE DOUBRAVSKY:** Eight large watercolor paintings of Bellevue landmarks.
- **BILL BROOKS AND KEMPER DEVELOPMENT COMPANY:** Donated nine and deposited seven images of Bellevue landscapes and cityscapes.
- **THE BELLEVUE SCHOOL DISTRICT:** Over 200 images of Bellevue schools under construction in the 1950s and 1960s.

## EHC Wish List:

### For The Collection

- Egg scale, also called an egg grader
- Egg candler
- Chicken incubator thermometer
- **Crossroads Area:** Historical information, photos, memorabilia etc. of farms, homes and early businesses.
- **Lake Hills Skating Rink:** Photos, memorabilia of the skating rink and of the dances held there and the bands.
- **Bellevue Ice Plaza:** photos, memorabilia, etc.
- **Yearbooks:** - Newport High School, Interlake High School, Bellevue Junior High, Highland Junior High Yearbooks and memorabilia, Sammamish High Yearbooks and memorabilia
- Lake Washington Reflectors from the 1930's
- Bottle of Lehuquet Extracts (empty or full)
- Child's Wooden Ironing board for Fraser Cabin programs
- A useable Spinning Wheel for education programs

- **NIKKI WELLS:** Another large collection of clothing from the 1920s – 1940s.

- **BILL DAMM:** Sprayer, fruit picker, film splicer, and some various bottles and tins.

- **WARREN TAYLOR:** Set of inkwells that go with our letter press.

- **MARY ELLEN PIRO:** 1980s Girl Scout sash.



Barrow Sprayer donated by Bill Damm

## MEMBERSHIP

What is new in EHC Membership? Several things! You may have noticed some of them in the Membership Application Form on this page. These result from several changes in policy by the Board of Trustees, and they reflect industry trends around the country.

The "Organization" membership level has been designed especially for schools, scout troops, and other groups. For annual dues of \$100.00, each group receives not only the Newsletter, invitations to exhibits and programs, and the 10% discount on books and gift shop items, which members at all levels receive, but also fee waivers on the use of our Treasure Boxes and Access to Archives, as well as discounts for field trips and classroom presentations, making it a bargain for those that use these services. After much deliberation, the Board also decided to combine the "Senior" membership level with the "Individual" membership level, at \$25.00.

Membership revenue is essential to support the EHC's increased heritage programming and services throughout the community, so we thank you for your understanding of these changes and for your continuing support of the Eastside Heritage Center.

Another change is that, by popular request of members, dues and donations may now be made by credit card.

Please notice, too, the section about Company Match near the bottom of the Form. Under IRS rules, "dues" to EHC [a 501 (c)(3) charitable organization] qualify as Donations. Many companies, such as Microsoft, will contribute an equal amount to what their employees give to EHC. Boeing retirees are matched at 50%. In addition, Microsoft, Puget Sound E, and other businesses that encourage their people to participate in the local community, contribute dollars to match the volunteer hours donated by employees and retirees. Check with your company to find out how you can increase the gifts of time and money you are already making to EHC.

Finally, as the calendar is moving on into the winter holiday season, please consider including gifts of EHC Membership in your holiday plans. Such a gift is easy to make, appreciated in many ways, and keeps on giving throughout the year.

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

### Eastside Heritage Center MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

MEMBERSHIP LEVEL:

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

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

MEMBER'S NAME

ADDRESS

CITY/STATE/ZIP CODE

PHONE

EMAIL

*This membership is a gift from:*

PAYMENT INFORMATION:

- ☐ Check (make checks payable to the Eastside Heritage Center)  
☐ Credit Card  
☐ Visa ☐ Master Card ☐ American Express

NAME ON CARD

CARD #

EXP. DATE V-CODE (last 3 digits on back of Visa/MC)

SIGNATURE

Additional Contribution: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

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**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 field 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



## Getting to Know the New Logo (Part 1 of 4)



*Phyllis Hill and Ted McCreary swimming in Meydenbauer Bay at Rogers Beach*

In the September issue, we unveiled the new EHC logo, which features four Eastside photos from the 1920s to present. This article is the first in a 4-part series telling the story of each of the photos we've chosen to represent EHC.

This picture, chosen as EHC's signature logo photo, features Phyllis Hill and Ted McCreary swimming in Meydenbauer Bay at Rogers Beach located at about 96th Ave. NE, west of Eitel Beach, in 1920. The Leschi Ferry is visible in the background. During the early days, beaches along Meydenbauer Bay were named for families who lived near the lake.

This photo is only one of many in EHC's large Fenwick Family photo collection that illustrates one family's life during the early days of Bellevue and the Eastside. Most of the photos were taken by Phyllis's mother Grace Cruse Hill. Phyllis Hill Fenwick was a lifelong Bellevue resident. She passed away in 2004 at the age of 91. More than 100 of the Fenwick photos can be viewed on [www.kcsnapshots.org](http://www.kcsnapshots.org), including some taken in 1909 at the Alaska Yukon Pacific Expo (AYPE).

## Volunteer of the Year: Nancy Sheets

*By Karen Klet*



*Volunteer of the Year Nancy Sheets*

Here at the Eastside Heritage Center, whether you're looking for paper clips or a baby dress for use in an exhibit, just ask Nancy Sheets – she always knows where everything is! Nancy joined the EHC volunteer staff in 2002, just in time to apply

her amazing organizational skills to the packing and listing of 30,000 artifacts as they were prepared for storage. She has since become the indispensable resource for everything at the McDowell House, sometimes accumulating as many as 86 volunteer hours per month. During the time when the EHC had no archivist or curator, she fulfilled both roles, learning to create photo and artifact displays for both the Winters House and Meydenbauer Center. On Tuesdays, she can be found assisting with research at the Winters House, and on Wednesdays & Thursdays she's at the McDowell House, always with her characteristic "What can I do to help you?"

attitude. On top of all this, she is also a Winters House Host once-a-month! As her son, Kevin, says, "she is a constant source of generosity and loyalty, and we are inspired by her quiet confidence and strength of character." For all of these reasons, Nancy is heartily recognized as the EHC 2006 Volunteer of the Year!

## Volunteer Changes: Thank You Patti Simpson Ward

EHC would like to thank newsletter graphic designer/layout artist Patti Simpson Ward for all of her hard work over the years. Since 2002, Patti has spent countless volunteer hours turning our stories and photos into a wonderful newsletter. The demand for Patti's artistic talents has increased over the last several months, but she will continue to provide graphics assistance to EHC as needed. We would like to welcome Louie Medina as our new designer. This is his second issue, and he brings with him a great deal of art and event experience. He will work with editor-in-chief and EHC Board Member Lynn Sherk.

## Director's Message

*by Heather Trescases*



It was a pleasure to see many of you at our Annual Meeting in November. This past year has been full of accomplishments, including the growing popularity of our Fraser Cabin Heritage Saturdays, a record attendance of 35,000 people at the Strawberry

Festival, the introduction of our Senior Heritage Program, the publication of our new book, *Lake Washington: The East Side*, and an increased community presence through outreach programming, photo displays and temporary exhibits.

One of our greatest accomplishments is the opening of our Mini-Museum at Key Center in downtown Bellevue. The EHC has turned approximately 1,600 square feet of retail space, generously donated by Equity Office, into an enlightening, educational and entertaining heritage museum. For the first time since the closure of Marymoor Museum in 2002, the EHC has an opportunity to bring many of the larger items in the collection out of storage and into the community, with more elaborate exhibits and displays than possible in most other temporary locations.

Phase I of the Mini-Museum is now open for visitors! In it, you will discover a plethora of intriguing artifacts, including a harness horse, cultivators, an early 1900s washing machine, logging equipment, blacksmith tools, and an electric permanent wave machine, to name a few. An audio-visual corner showcases a sampling of EHC's extensive collection of historic photographs and documentary videos of local history. Our feature exhibit is a turn of the century one-room schoolhouse, complete with wooden desks, a stove, chalkboard, and various early classroom treasures.

We are currently seeking sponsors for the Mini-Museum. Sponsorships assist in program development and construction of new exhibits and displays, while providing the opportunity for charitable giving, increased recognition and

involvement in the EHC and the community we serve. If you would like to know more about the variety of sponsorship opportunities available, please contact us at 425-450-1049 or by email at [director@eastsideheritagecenter.org](mailto:director@eastsideheritagecenter.org). Join us in making connections for yesterday, today and tomorrow!

## Thank You!

The Eastside Heritage Center recently received notification that it will be receiving a van through King County's van donation program. A big thank you to EHC Trustee, King County Councilmember Reagan Dunn, and his staff for all of their assistance in the application process and in securing a much needed asset for the Eastside Heritage Center. The van will help to ensure that EHC is able to continue to reach the larger Eastside community with its programming, by enabling the organization to transport its artifacts, exhibits and activities to and from various sites more efficiently and more securely.

## Planned Giving

Be a part of Eastside history ... Leave a legacy and make a planned gift to the Eastside Heritage Center.

You can ensure that the history of the Eastside is preserved for future generations by including a bequest to the Eastside Heritage Center in your will. The wording of your bequest can be as simple as:

*"I bequest to the Eastside Heritage Center a gift of \$\_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ % of my estate."*

Please remember to include our federal tax identification number, which is 91-1124636. A bequest can also take the form of stocks, bonds, mutual funds, annuities, or real estate.

A planned gift requires careful consideration and is best made with the guidance of your own financial or legal advisors. If you have included the Eastside Heritage Center in your will, or would like information on making a planned gift, please contact the EHC's Executive Director at 425-450-1049.



# Turning Point: The Cant Hook and the Peavey

By Ralph Pinkerton



The cant hook and the peavey

This issue, we are featuring two artifacts from our lumbering tools collection: the cant hook and the peavey. These two are often confused, because they not only look similar, but are used in similar ways. Their differences are evident in the photo.

The cant hook ends with a flat or slightly rounded metal cap; the peavey with a metal point allowing it to penetrate the bark of the log, thereby providing greater stability and increased purchase. The cant hook has been around for centuries. The peavey was invented by Joseph Peavey, a blacksmith in Maine, about 150 years ago.

Both tools were used in much the same way. By driving the lower end on or into the bark and allowing the hook to settle on the log, it could be

rolled over. Rolling might be needed to get the logs lined up and in position where the team could be hitched up, or if the weight of the log forced it into the ground between the skid logs and the blunt ends, knocking the skids out of position.

The solution was to “snub” the upper surface of the end of the log. An angular slice was cut from the leading end of the log, which was then rolled over 180 degrees. This snubbing would allow it to ride over the skid logs without dislodging them.

The cant hook was used more often in the saw mills. Since tree trunks are cylindrical and lumber is rectangular, several slabs had to be cut from one side of the log which was then rolled a quarter of the way over and cut again, and so on. Until mechanization took over, this was a job for the cant hook. The peavey couldn't be used here as its point would damage the surface of the lumber.

Should you feel a need to be the proud owner of either or both of these tools, you're in luck. The Peavey Manufacturing Co. is still in business in Eddington, Maine and is still specializing in hand tools for logging.

## In Memoriam...

Doug Babcock

September 8, 1923-August 27, 2006

Doug moved to a five acre Bellevue farm with his family in 1934. At Bellevue High School, he played football for three years, which included the 1942 championship team. Doug and his wife Pat were married in the old First Baptist Church Building in 1958, which now serves as the Bellevue teen center. The Eastside Heritage Center will forever remember Doug for all of the Bellevue Historical Society program tapes that he and Pat made copies of and for the historical information that he always shared at these programs. Also, for all of the church history booklets that he researched, wrote, and compiled, which are now included in EHC's library collection.

Ward Russell

August 23, 1919 – November 9, 2006

Ward Russell was a long time Bellevue businessman and resident. In 1947, Ward purchased the Bellevue Barber Shop on Main Street in Old Bellevue. Ward and his brother, Norman built the Mustard Seed Tavern behind the Barber Shop in 1963. Both businesses became popular gathering spots for generations of Bellevue residents. Several years ago, Ward donated a portion of his Bellevue High School Yearbook collection to the Eastside Heritage Center. Also, in the collection is an oral history interview with Ward that was recorded in 1999.

# Winters House Programs

## Magic Season Fireside Storytelling Event

When: Saturday, December 9, 2006, 11:00 am to 3:00 pm  
Where: Winters House, 2102 Bellevue Way SE



Gather around the fireside at the historic Winters House and listen to long-time residents of Bellevue bring the history of the Eastside to life as they tell their stories about growing up in the area. Historic and modern toys will be on display along with a special “Santa Collection" recently donated to the Eastside Heritage Center. Visitors can make a craft to take home and join an Eastside Heritage Center docent for a tour of the Winters House and grounds. Presented in partnership with the Bellevue Parks & Community Services. For more information, call the Eastside Heritage Center at 425-450-1049.

## Eastside Railroad History

When: Thursday, February 15, 2007, 7:00 PM  
Where: Winters House, 2102 Bellevue Way SE

The Eastside Heritage Center welcomes railroad historian, J. Clark McAbee, Project Manager of the Morton Historic Train Depot Restoration Project and co-author of “Rails to Paradise, The History of the Tacoma Eastern Railroad 1890-1919”. Mr. McAbee will present the history of railroads on the Eastside, with a particular focus on the Hewitt-Lea Lumber Company and the importance of the landmark Wilburton Trestle.

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