

# Bothell Museum Sentinel

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## Bothell Historical Museum

*Celebrating the History of Bothell and Northshore*

### Fourth of July

The Bothell Museum will not have an entry in Bothell’s Fourth of July parade this year due to lack of participants. But we invite members to dress in period costumes and participate in the Pancake Breakfast at the Park at Bothell Landing from 8:30 to 10:30 AM. You would stroll the grounds and help to monitor visitors in the three museum buildings. The MANY visitors make it impossible to provide docent tours; it is, rather, answering questions and ensuring that the displays are not mishandled.

If you wish to partake of the free pancake breakfast, arrive at the Lytle House just before 8:30 AM so that you are near the head of the line, which eventually winds all the way up to and along the highway!

I hope many of you will participate in this opportunity for the community to see you and our museum buildings. Please let Jill know if you are planning to attend at [JillK@BothellHistoricalMuseum.org](mailto:JillK@BothellHistoricalMuseum.org).



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Connect with us! Got a question? Want to support the Museum by joining? Email [BothellMuseum@gmail.com](mailto:BothellMuseum@gmail.com) with your questions or to get an application form.



### Window Displays

The windows in the parlor provide a peak into the Museum. During the pandemic, it was a way to connect with the public and continues to this day, changing almost monthly with a variety of themes that pull from the Museum’s collections, photos, and documents. Would you like to be one

of its creators? Let us know: [BothellMuseum@gmail.com](mailto:BothellMuseum@gmail.com)



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## President's Message

Hello Summer, and welcome to this issue of the Bothell Museum Sentinel. The volunteers at the Museum are currently involved in many projects, from work on the collections to volunteering for school tours to volunteering on Sundays at our three buildings...and the list and work is ongoing. In July we will partner with the YMCA to offer a seniors tour of our buildings. Facilities continues to pursue upgrades to the physical needs of the interiors of our buildings.

Your continued support, whether as a donor, docent or volunteer, is always needed and welcomed. More information on opportunities can be found by request to [BothellMuseum@gmail.com](mailto:BothellMuseum@gmail.com).

We continue to work with the city on the proposed lease extension for 2025. Along with this, the city has plans underway for an updated Park at Bothell Landing. Our museum buildings are part of the proposed plan. As always, each one of you can keep in touch with the City of Bothell to see plans, comment on them, and continue to bring our museum work to the attention of city officials. Help us by staying in touch and providing comments to the city either via email or letter-writing to city officials, or attendance at city council meetings.

You are the Bothell Historical Museum. Help us to continue to Open the Doors to Bothell's Past.



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## Vote for the Bothell Historical Museum

The Seattle Times is asking you to choose your favorite businesses and organizations during the month of June.

Vote by 5 PM on June 28<sup>th</sup> to have your voice heard. You can vote from any platform at [www.VoteThePNW.com](http://www.VoteThePNW.com).

#BestinthePNW



### Wish List ...

...a source for the use of a Braille typewriter.  
 We'd like to produce self-guided tours for the visually impaired in our museum buildings.

...a volunteer to create window displays.

## In the Beckstrom Cabin...the hog-scalding tub

The primary purpose for the cast iron tub was to scald butchered hogs, boar-size in those days, to soften the skin in order for the hair to be removed. A fire was built under the tub. The water temperature had to be within a range of 150° to 190° to avoid “setting” the hair, thereby making it difficult to remove.

The tub was also used to boil the “remnants” of the hog. The fat adhering to the skin was skimmed; the resulting lard was stored in a metal or wooden tub or a jar...a precursor to the can of Crisco.

Because the pig leather could stand up to wear and tear, footballs were made of it and “pigskin” has come to mean the ball. Pig leather, though thin, is one of the most durable leathers and has found many uses such as in jackets, shoes, gloves, wallets, and purse linings.

The secondary use of the tub was for bathing. This may not have been a weekly event...some sources suggest maybe only a few times a year! But it was typical for a family to bathe in the same water, with the most senior family member taking the first bath and the youngest being the last. One can imagine the condition of the water at the end, and it is said that a phrase was derived from this practice...“don’t throw the baby out with the bathwater”. It first appeared in 1512 in a German proverb.



Thomas Murner, 1512



For both uses, the tub needed to be filled with water. An item in the Beckstrom cabin came in handy if one had to fetch it from a stream. The yoke, slung across one’s shoulders, made toting buckets easier. The Beckstroms would, in all likelihood, have gotten their water from a tributary to Horse Creek, which is now visible adjacent to McMenamins and along

98<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE from Pop Keeney to the slough.



And perhaps the reward for such labor from the children might have been POPCORN!



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# The Bothell Museum and your Contributions

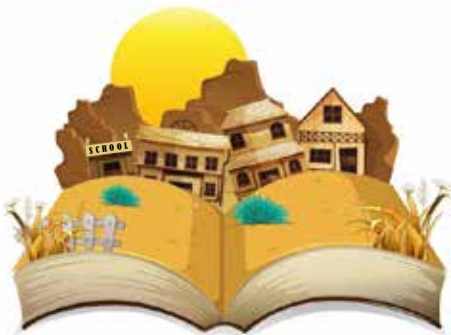
by Mary Evans, President

During 2024, the Bothell Museum is operating under a one-year extension of our lease with the City of Bothell. Under the terms of this lease, the City is responsible for maintaining the exterior of the three museum buildings while the Bothell Museum Society is responsible for their interiors. Did you know that this includes items such as repairs to the windows, maintaining the crawl spaces, updating the attic insulation, ensuring adequate insurance coverage, paying for electricity (in some months, this is almost \$1,000), and much more? In figuring up what we need to maintain the museum, the total comes to almost \$12,000 annually in order to keep our doors open. To help with our expenses, we receive an operating grant from 4Culture. And we have been fortunate to receive some generous donations. Our goal is to spend our funds in the best, most cost-effective way.

Your contributions ensure that we can maintain our buildings and expand our scope and influence in the community. The City of Bothell Parks Depart-

ment and Public Works Department maintain the park. Inside our buildings, we conduct school tours, private tours, join with the Northshore Senior Center to provide a historical presentation, partner with McMenamins Anderson School for their monthly pub talks, work with the YMCA to provide tours for seniors, and operate on Sunday hours from the first Sunday in April through the last Sunday in October. Contributions include time as well as money. Volunteers are always needed to help with educational opportunities as well as working behind the scenes on the computer, collections, scrapbooking, and other projects. Your input on funding and volunteerism is welcome.

Please contribute as much as you can in as many ways as you can. We welcome you to the Bothell Historical Museum and look forward to hearing from you. Together we can continue our community-wide efforts to reach out to the Bothell community and beyond.



## Meet a Docent

*New docents have recently come on board. If you are interested in trying on this role, there is training by reading brief documents, then jumping in and learning on the job. There are new discoveries with each shift. Docents are needed for Sundays and specialty tours. Are you in?*

*In this issue, please meet new docent Kirk, in his own words...*

### Kirk Fullmer

I published the book “Washington Connections” history text book for 4<sup>th</sup> grade in 2008. I helped write it with my author Gerald White. This led to the Bothell Museum through a hiker friend at the Northshore Senior Center.

I started hiking with this group in early 2023, and started talking with Jill. We had a mutual interest in Washington history and our local history in this community. I started with donating some of my books to the Bothell Museum and conversing with Jill. After

attending one of the membership meetings, I thought it would be good for me to join the Museum and contribute somehow to our area. I’ve learned so much about our area and the Puget Sound in this past 1½ years.

I began my “docent career” in the Schoolhouse because I came from a smaller schoolhouse environment in the 1960s. It seems to fit and I felt I could relate to what went on in that beginning time period.

# AYPE Threads

## Thread #1:

In March, the topic of the McMenamins Anderson School History Pub Talk was a comparison of the 1909 Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition to the 1962 Seattle World's Fair by Dr. McConaghy. As part of the Museum's partnership with McMenamins, we distribute posters and handbills to businesses and apartments in downtown Bothell as well as to the library and at the Museum itself.

An out-of-town visitor saw this promotion, which resulted in a donation to the Museum. Kari, from Medford, OR, wrote:

Dear Bothell Historical Society  
and Dr. Lorraine McConaghy,  
Hello! I was up visiting my cousin in Lynnwood a few weeks ago. I noticed your ad for this upcoming presentation. Well, I thought you might be able to use this 1909 Alaska Yukon Exposition book that my aunt gave me (one of those small world moments!).

I hope this will be something Dr. McConaghy would enjoy! Or, maybe add it to your historical society library. Thank you for your important work!

Warmly,  
Kari

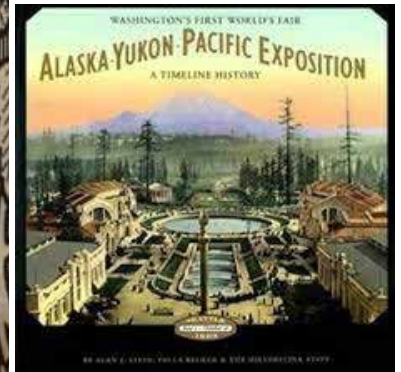
Dr. McConaghy was downsizing, and the Museum was the beneficiary! Thank you, Kari.



## Thread #2:

Miss Helen DeVoe, 29, was Bothell's first school teacher.

The photo is copied from Miss DeVoe's "passport" that admitted her to the 1909 AYPE at age 53. The booklet contained a packet of individual tickets which she apparently used during the Expo's duration, June 1 to October 31.

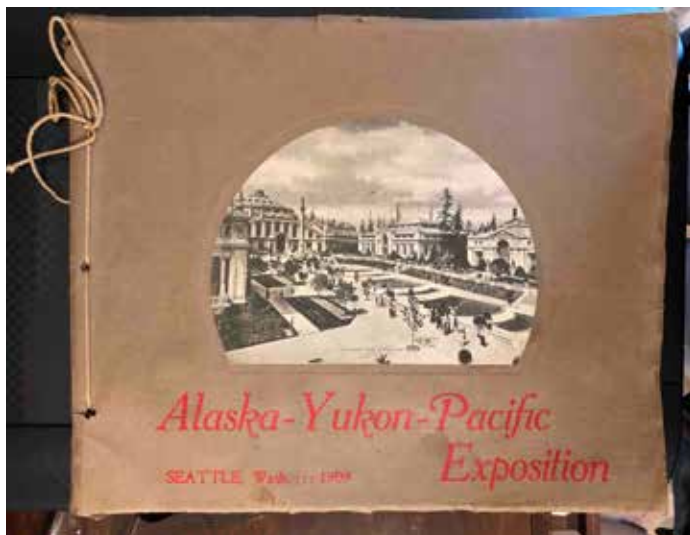


## Thread #3:

This Viking ship was built in Bothell by a group of local citizens led by Gerhard Ericksen, Jacob Mohn, and Alpert Ness, each contributing \$200 to the construction costs. Launched August 15, 1909, it traveled down the Sammamish Slough to Kirkland before crossing Lake Washington to the Expo. Research determined that the ship was later sold to San Francisco for its Pan-Pacific Expo in 1915, and ultimately burned in San Diego.



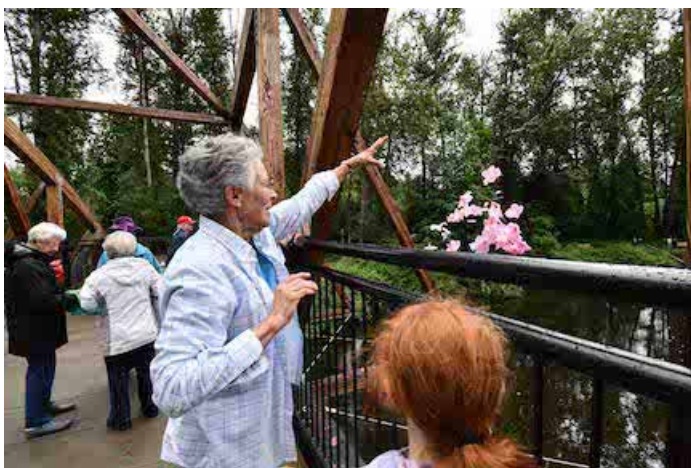
Both views show the 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue bridge (now 102<sup>nd</sup>) with spectators celebrating its launch. Top view also shows a viewing platform.



## Petals on the River

by Jill Keeney

The recent Petals on the River memorial event on Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, was attended by nearly 40 people this year. Many brought flower petals to add to the rose petals donated by The Bothell Florist, which were cast into the Sammamish River from the bridge at the Park at Bothell Landing. Jill Keeney described the tradition to the attendees, then read the names of the people in whose names monetary donations had been made this last year. We appreciated that the rain held off for the length of the event as we watched the beautiful petals float down the river.



Emmy and Bill Carlyon, Caron Carlyon (Bill and Caron are great grandchildren of William and Mima Hannan, grandchildren of Ross and Gladys Hannan Worley, children of Roberta Carlyon).

The girls are Bill and Emmy's grandchildren, Mira, Evelyn and Camille, oldest to youngest. Their parents are Bill and Emmy's daughter Melanie and husband Tommy McCracken.



Photos by Thiviya Ganesharaja

# Action Items?

## Park @ Bothell Landing

Even the name represents history! Bothell Landing existed when the banks of the Sammamish River extended to about today's SR-522. The ferry **land-ing** was not too far from Main Street at approximately 101<sup>st</sup> Avenue NE.

The City has a new vision for the park. Three concepts were provided for consideration by the City Council. Further public comment is being solicited. Please make your voices heard. Note that two of the three initial concepts requires moving the Beckstrom Cabin.

### How to Get Involved

Our ask from the community is - help us create a conceptual design that reflects a collective community vision for this cherished Bothell park! How will we gather feedback and input? Through surveys, public engagement, meetings, open houses, and other interactive activities.

Engagement Opportunity	Date/Time/Location
Community Survey	COMING SOON - June 2024
Open House	June 13, 2024   6 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.   Park at Bothell Landing Learn More: <a href="http://cityeventcalendar">cityeventcalendar</a>

## McMenamins History Pub Talks

McMenamins has partnered with the Museum to consider topics for the monthly talks (last Tuesday of most months) and to promote these through social and print media.

*How Whiskey Won Western Washington* will be presented on June 25<sup>th</sup>, [McMenamins.com/history](http://McMenamins.com/history)  
Seafair theme in July?

OPTION 1



OPTION 2



OPTION 3



## Odd Fellows – A Community-Centric Organization

On Memorial Day, the Odd Fellows honored those interred at Bothell's Pioneer Cemetery who gave their lives for our country. Museum members were there and we all agree, alongside the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), that the cemetery could use a little more TLC (tender loving care). We'll keep you posted on ways that you might be able to help.

As a result of conversations that day, Penny Curtis of the Odd Fellows provided the following (edited for length):

Odd Fellows have been the social heart of communities across America for over 200 years. Bothell Lodge #124, the longest continuously operating organization in Bothell, has been holding meetings for over 130 years. Clover Leaf Rebekah Lodge

#54 was chartered in 1893 so that the wives and daughters of Odd Fellows, and others in the community, could become a part of the Odd Fellows organization. Bothell Odd Fellows owned the Bothell Pioneer Cemetery before its transfer to the City of Bothell and is looking for community members to join to assist the city in its upkeep. For more information contact Penny Curtis, Secretary, [BothellOddFellows@gmail.com](mailto:BothellOddFellows@gmail.com).

On Tuesday, June 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm, Bothell Odd Fellows will present an evening of music to benefit World Central Kitchen. PRAN will be performing an evening of East Indian Music. Donations are \$10 at the door. The performance will be at the Clover Leaf Rebekah Hall located at 10116 NE 185<sup>th</sup> St, Bothell.

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