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Bothell Historical Museum

Celebrating the History of Bothell and Northshore

...focusing on Then and Now

Halloween on Main Street: 1929

Halloween in Bothell traditionally drew numerous pranks, including littering Main Street with objects brought from elsewhere. Bothell History Museum (BHM) Facebook posts in 2015 and 2017 questioned the details. Research for a presentation at the 2018 membership meeting answered the date and noted that it was a one-time occurrence. A 2018 post: “This article appeared on the front page days after Halloween [Ed. note: *grainy business ads from earlier Sentinel newspaper*]. If you enjoy this type of detective work, we’d love to have you join our museum as a member and/or volunteer.”



...now



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President's Message

Welcome to our Fall/Winter season in the Northwest. This has been a busy year for the Bothell Historical Museum. We welcomed five new volunteers—docents, clothing and window display people, Board member—all multi-talented and continuing to guide the way to opening the doors to Bothell history. We had our first in-house session with two city staff who gave us updates on construction, facilities projects, and plans related to the Museum buildings going into 2025-2026. We hope to continue meeting with city representatives on a regular basis in order to receive updates and share concerns. Lease negotiations continue to be a work in progress with our concerns noted.

The museum has engaged in many outside activities such as McMenamins monthly History Pub Talks, SummerFest, and the Bothell High School alumni picnic. Private tours have been given to Northshore District schools, private schools, UW Bothell students and administrators, YMCA (also known as the Y). We continue to honor requests for private tours by people contacting us through our website or Gmail account. Speaking as the representative of the Board, please join us in sharing the work of our museum either through your talents or via monetary contributions. You are welcome to be part of the Bothell Historical Museum.



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BHM's Kitchen Items on Display

A very soggy SummerFest was produced by the Bothell-Kenmore Chamber and we had a table at it. To promote the McMenamins History Pub talk on Very, Very Old Food, we displayed various items from the kitchen that included a variety of irons (that were heated on the stove). These caught the eye of many visitors and three groups in a row said they used them as door stops!

An entire table was devoted to all things kitchen at McMenamins and attracted a lot of attention. In fact, we closed down Haynes Hall, being the last to pack up and leave.



Wish List ...

- ...docent lead (schedules volunteers for various activities)
- ...data entry volunteers using Past Perfect, a historical database [Google it to provide additional info]
- ...a volunteer to create window displays
- ...board members
- ...researchers!

Mark Your Calendars

Matt McCauley: the SS Pacific, October 8
1-2 PM, Northshore Senior Center. In partnership with BHM, Matt updates a talk he gave at a McMenamings History Pub night. Carrying gold-laden miners from British Columbia, the steamship sank off the coast of Cape Flattery. Learn more about the Pacific's story, history, passengers, events of the night, and efforts of the Northwest Shipwreck Alliance to recover her cargo and artifacts.

Fall Membership Meeting, November 2

1: 00 PM, Lytle House at the Park @ Bothell Landing. Our guest speaker will be our own local celebrity author, Margaret Turcott, who will tell us about George Wilson, first resident of Bothell well before the area even had a name. Margaret wrote the *Images of America* book about Bothell, on sale at the Museum and at McMenamings' monthly history lectures, and at this meeting. Voting will also take place for some of your board members whose two-year terms are up. Members will have a chance to sign up to help with decorating and serving at the Christmas Tea (see below).

Decorating for the Holiday Tea, Nov. 22

Starting at 9 AM, help fellow volunteers prepare the Museum for the season and the annual tea. Evergreen contributions from your yard welcomed!



Old Fashioned Holiday Tea, December 1

1-4 PM, Museum buildings, with the tea in the Hannan House. If you would like to help decorate, bake cookies, and/or help set up, serve or cleanup, you will be able to sign up at the membership meeting. The more help the merrier for this always-popular event. In order to also have both the cabin and schoolhouse open, we hope some of you might be willing to take a short shift in those buildings. Contact Jill at JillK@BothellHistoricalMuseum.org or at her phone number in the membership directory.

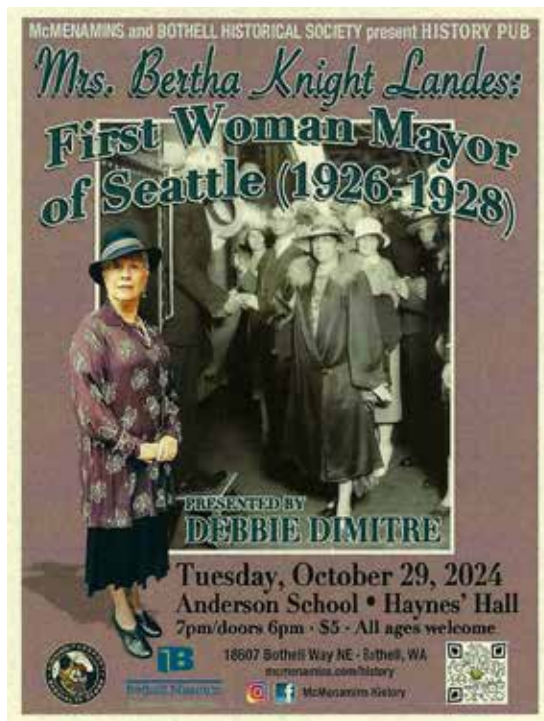
McMenamins History Pub Talks

BHM partners with McMenamings to present the pub talks. Several members met with McMenamings' historian in late September to brainstorm about 2025 presenters. We were updated on forthcoming talks.

November 26: Margaret Redsteer - indigenous practices, historic land use, climate history (from UWB)

January 28: Brad Holden – Prohibition in Seattle/ Washington state

February 25: Ursula Valdez – Wetlands, Birds (from UWB)



Park @ Bothell Landing* Open House for Final Concept

October 17, 6-7:30 PM, City Hall

Nothing is published online about the final concept as of the print date for this newsletter. Two of three plans moved the Beckstrom Cabin and only one seemed to provide adequate parking...always an issue in downtown given the massive apartment construction and charging tenants for onsite parking.

Please attend this event to view the final concept as it relates to the Museum specifically, and meets expectations to benefit our City more generally.

* What's in a name? Do you know or want to guess as to why the park is so named? (*See page 7*)



Meet a Docent

New docents have recently come on board. If you are interested in trying on this role, training consists of 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 Sally, in her own words...

Sally Delvecchio

I became a docent this Spring, 2024, after attending a membership meeting. My good friend, Jill Keeney, gave me great information and good tips on what is required of a docent. I agree that it is an immersive experience. I graduated from Bothell High School and also worked in the City of Bothell for many years. I met many residents who were from pioneer families or knew Bothell history. I was fortunate to know Amy Stickney, my English teacher and author of “Squak Slough”. This gave me a sense of connection and becoming a docent seemed “right”.



...then and now

Docent Encounters

by Susan Gardner

There are so many moments to treasure as a docent. Here are a few...

While stationed at the Beckstrom cabin, four girls came in and knew a bit about it because they had been on one of the fourth-grade tours in the spring. Two returned for an extended time and we had a very fun exchange about so many of the items in the cabin. One asked if I knew what P.O.V. meant and I asked her to tell me what her version of it was. “Point of view” was the reply. She then interpreted some of what she was seeing in the cabin as past and present P.O.V.s. Brilliant. Their Girl Scout leader had to “pull” them away from this entertaining moment.

On that same day, we were visited by the Bothells from Pennsylvania. They had last visited when the park amphitheater was under construction and the museum was closed. They were curious about potential connections and planned to do further research when they returned home. I did direct them our Research & Collections committee as well as local civil war historian Richard Heisler, who has presented on the Bothell Bothells’ connection to Pennsylvania. Aside from that discussion, we chatted for quite a

while about the cabin and Bothell history in general.

And a couple of Hannan House experiences. One Sunday, Alex walked in with a plate of cookies. She had been so inspired by her visit the previous week, that she baked “historical” cinnamon jumbles for the docents, hoping they would be repeating their shift, which wasn’t the case. Some of these treats were shared with visitors, but most were handed off to Sally (see above) who was one of the docents the previous Sunday. Delving into the history of the cookies, I learned that a mystery writer stumbled upon them in her research and Betty Crocker declared them the best “cookery” of 1890-1900. [See the online version of the newsletter that expands on those notes.]

Possibly the same day, I was with a visitor as we closely inspected a couple of items on the shelf of the upstairs bathroom. These were tins/compacts of products to be applied to one’s face and head. We read the small print as to how they were to be used. The visitor went further and did a Google Lens search to find more details. You could say that she and I were going down a rabbit hole...which happens frequently at the Museum!

Early History Notes

1870 ~ George Wilson paddles up the Squak, bringing a clock that is in the Museum, and claims land in Bothell. *Come to the Membership Meeting to learn much more!*

1876/77 ~ George Brackett buys land and becomes Bothell's first logger.

1881 ~ George Bothell arrives in the Pacific NW, becoming a foreman on a crew cutting a channel between Lake Washington and Lake Union to move logs to the Lake Union mills, including those from Bothell. ❶

Other Bothell family members followed, including parents David & Mary Ann, and logged near Lake Union.

1884 ~ David and two sons cleared a trail for oxen to make their way to the Sammamish River area.

David Bothell buys 80 acres from Brackett and creates the first plat a year later. (The Bothells had seven children and took in orphaned 13-year-old John Keener, who eventually married Rachel Bothell.)

1887 ~ First sawmill constructed and the earlier place name of Brackett's Landing becomes Winsor Town after an owner of the Huron lumber operation.

1889 ~ David Bothell sells his first lot to Mrs. [Dorothea Christina] Gerhard Erickson, where the First and Main Design Market is currently located, and is still owned by Ericksen descendants. After several business ventures, Gerhard Ericksen built a seven-mile flume. Enabling cedar from adjacent properties to make its way to Bothell mills and other markets, the flume enhanced Bothell's prosperity and permanence.

1903 ~ Gerhard Ericksen, a state legislator sponsored "good road" laws, that surfaced the wagon trail from Seattle to Lake Forest Park with macadam (asphalt and gravel) in 1909. In 1913/14, the graded route from Lake Forest Park to Bothell was surfaced with bricks made in Renton. ❷

1908 ~ Bothell is incorporated.

(see Sources, next page)

❶ Moving logs to the mills...

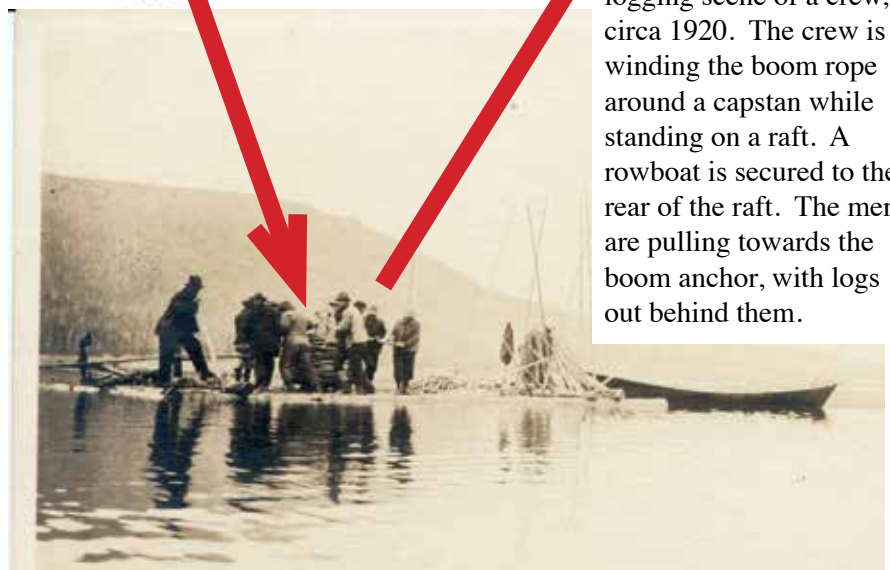
Initially, logs felled in the Bothell area needed to make their way to Lake Union. While the current in the Squak (Sammamish) River/Slough assisted that movement, lakes were more challenging, particularly before steamboats.

Where the logs entered the lake, booms were built, typically by a specialized crew. The ends of the "string" of logs may have been attached to piers, but leaving a gap through which logs were directed. When the boom was filled, the ends were connected to encircle the logs and their journey to the mill got underway.

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Capstan (but made from a log)



A photograph of a logging scene of a crew, circa 1920. The crew is winding the boom rope around a capstan while standing on a raft. A rowboat is secured to the rear of the raft. The men are pulling towards the boom anchor, with logs out behind them.

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The booms were towed using a “headworks” — a heavy raft, on which was mounted a capstan—crudely constructed from a log with holes for bars, an anchor, a rowboat, and a long cable. It required up to a dozen strong men for the required manual labor.

The anchor was rowed out ahead to the length of the booming cable and dropped overboard. The raft with the capstan—connected to the log boom—would then be “reeled” up to the anchor as the men worked the capstan bars. The anchor was lifted, and the process was repeated. Two or three miles were all that could be covered in twelve hours of effort. They may have towed all night. Upon delivery to the mill, the raft, rowboat, and boom would return to collect another load of logs

Sources:

Little History of Bothell, Washington, Jack R. Evans, SCW Publications, 1988.

The Great Northern Paper Company, Chapter 04: The Long Log Days, John E. McLeod

The University of Maine, DigitalCommons@UMaine
Great Northern Paper Company Records Manuscripts, 1978



The boom heads (which had giant holes drilled in them to facilitate linking the booms together) have washed up on many beaches and are a common sight on beach walks.

<http://truestitches.blogspot.com/2010/09/boom-heads.html>



② Red Brick Road

A small segment of this historical road is now preserved in a tiny park just south of SR-522’s Wayne Curve.

During the recent Wayne Curve road project, bricks from the Red Brick Road were exposed, excavated, and piled alongside the project. Businessman Richard Olson and others rescued some of those bricks. Olson then reached out to McMenamins as they were creating their Anderson School location. McMenamins is all about history and gladly accepted the bricks which line the courtyard walkways, although draped in most places with vegetation.



...Then and Now



From the Past to the Present: Treasure Boxes Teach Us About the Past

The Bothell Museum has three containers, each holding objects from the Past, and available to schools, students, and other community groups. These objects tell and teach us about living in earlier days. Each container has pages that identify each object.

Our boxes are filled with hands-on objects that were important in earlier days. These objects can be used as props in skits to tell about pioneer life from toys to household items. These objects help connect you with earlier times. Try identifying each object before looking at the handout telling what it is and for what it might have been used.

Our three containers can be explored for a week for a charge of \$10.00 per loan period. Arrangements for the containers can be made by contacting Mary Anne Gibbons via the Museum's email: BothellMuseum@gmail.com.



The Bothell branch of Washington Federal Bank initiated an opportunity to showcase businesses and organizations in its lobby. It selected the Bothell Historical Museum as its first Business of the Month in September. We displayed posters, newsletters, and photo albums covering many years of Bothell's history. Thank you, WaFd Bank!

* *What's in a name? Park at Bothell Landing*

See 1876/77, page 5: Logs from Bothell entered the Slough at the foot of what is now Main Street and 101st Avenue NE. It was called Brackett's Landing. Later, this was one of several stops for boat traffic on the Sammamish River and renamed Bothell Landing. (The slough was much wider and higher than it is today.)

What's Old Is Now New

A visitor to the Hannan House remarked that the toaster on the stove's top shelf was essentially identical to what REI offers for its one-burner stoves.

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An online search of the cookie led to a historic mystery writer Kathleen Ernst, the historic baking Mill City Museum, and a Betty Crocker best “cookery” declaration.



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CINNAMON JUMBLES

½ cup shortening (part butter or margarine)	2 cups Gold Medal Flour
1 cup sugar	½ tsp. soda
1 egg	½ tsp. salt
¾ cup buttermilk	¼ cup sugar
1 tsp. vanilla	1 tsp. cinnamon


Mix shortening, 1 cup sugar, and egg thoroughly. Stir in buttermilk and vanilla. Measure flour by dipping method (p. 5) or by sifting. Blend together flour, soda and salt; stir in. Chill dough.

Heat oven to 400° (mod. hot). Drop rounded teaspoonfuls of dough about 2" apart on lightly greased baking sheet. Sprinkle with mixture of ¼ cup sugar and cinnamon. Bake 8 to 10 min., or until set but not brown. *Makes about 4 doz. 2" cookies.*

Note: If you use Gold Medal Self-Rising Flour, omit soda and salt.

NOTES ON BUTTERMILK

After Grandmother churned the butter, a delicious and digestible liquid remained in the churn—called buttermilk. It was popular both for drinking and cooking. Though today's buttermilk is cultured from skim milk, it is just as nutritious and just as well liked as an ingredient in tender pancakes and cookies. It's best to store buttermilk in glass, paper, or china because its lactic acid reacts with other materials.



Historical Highlights

- 1890—Reporter Nelly Bly circled the globe alone in 72 days.
- 1892—The first practical automobile driven in Springfield, Mass.
- 1896—A Chinese chef in New York concocted the first chop suey.

<https://spiceworld.omeka.net/items/show/4>

Old-Time Cinnamon Jumbles

Like Chloe Ellefson, protagonist of my historic sites mysteries, I love to bake. Historic foodways are most fun of all. *Tradition of Deceit* sees Chloe visiting the site destined to become the Mill City Museum in Minneapolis, which is all about historic baking. Since I'm an experiential kind of author, I've been busy in the kitchen.

<https://sitesandstories.wordpress.com/2014/11/12/old-time-cinnamon-jumbles/> which has a reprint of that recipe card.

The Mill City Museum is located in the former A Mill of the Washburn Crosby Company. Washburn Crosby Company began publishing cookbooks in the 1890s. In the 1920s-1930s, the Gold Medal Home Services Department made recipe boxes filled with cards available as premiums to home bakers. The cards were wildly popular.

I purchased a set online, and after thumbing through, this is the recipe I wanted to try first.