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Bothell Historical Museum

Celebrating the History of Bothell and Northshore

Celebrating Jeanette Backstrom

Jeanette Backstrom, a key player in the development of the Museum Society, recently passed away. She served for 35 years at the Museum as a volunteer, board member and treasurer. She was involved in the moving of the Hannan House, Beckstrom Log Cabin, and the School House to the Park at Bothell Landing.

Join us at 12:30 PM in the Lytle House after the May 25th Petals on the River event, which was conceived by Jeanette.

Stories of Jeanette abound. We'd love to showcase these at the celebration and preserve them as a part of the Museum's history. Please share your photos and memories...

...by email, BothellMuseum@gmail.com

...or sending to

Bothell History Museum, c/o Jill Keeney
P.O. Box 313
Bothell, WA 98041

On May 16, 1982, Jeanette joined other Museum friends to celebrate National Museum Day by demonstrating pioneer skills including use of the crosscut saw.



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President's Message

[Note: We thank Mary Evans, who served as President until very recently, and wish her all the best.]

As we head into Spring, we celebrate our past with the Bothell Museum and look forward to the coming season. Spring is a time of anticipation. With spring, comes the first part-- **tilling the soil**. This means getting the museum ready for the Sunday openings as well as taking care of ongoing business. It means a continued evaluation of our physical structures. Let's **plant some seeds** next. Docent training will take place on April 3—come learn about being a docent to open the doors to Bothell's past. Are you aware that along with Sunday's docent help, we have needs for private tours and school tours? **Anticipating growth**. We continue to grow as a museum in partnership with the City of Bothell. Our archive and collection volunteers continue to work and share Bothell's rich history. As a non-profit museum with many needs and a volunteer operation that drives us, we are always in need of volunteers to help with operations. This can be a docent role, computer help, staging of displays, help with publicity, and other needs. Contact the museum through BothellMuseum@gmail.com if you would like to become involved. **Sharing the bounty**. We continue to share Bothell history with people throughout the world. We share with schools, both private and public. Requests for information are responded to. We continue to evaluate donations to our collections and contributions needed to help with running the museum. Private tours are available upon request.

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Our Board and volunteers look forward to serving the public, working on issues and opening the doors to Bothell's past. Come grow with us. Help us plant the seeds and appreciate the bounty that is the Bothell Museum.



Wish List ...

The Museum relies exclusively on volunteers to function in all of its capacities. Love of history? Enjoy engaging with people? Handy with databases? One of these positions is right up your alley.



- ...docent lead (schedules volunteers for various activities)
- ...data entry volunteers using Past Perfect, a historical database [Google it to provide additional info]
- ...coordinator for school tours
- ...facilitator for the van program
- ...a volunteer to assist with window displays
- ...board members
- ...researchers!

Mark Your Calendars

Spring Meeting, March 22 (Saturday)

1:00 PM, Lytle House at the Park @ Bothell Landing. Our guest speaker will be Ron Nardone, a 1961 grad of Bothell High, with a deep love for all things '50s in Bothell.

Docent Training, April 3 (Thursday)

10:00 AM at the Hannan House. Would you like to know more about the Museum's three buildings, then share that knowledge with the public? Being a docent is a learning experience that never stops. Visitors come from near and far, curious about the buildings and their content that reflect days gone by. Be a part of that! *All docents, experienced and novices, are encouraged to attend* to get updated information and share new ideas.

Opening Day, April 6 (Sunday)

1:00 - 4:00 PM. The Museum is open most Sunday's from April through October.

Petals on the River, May 25 (Sunday)

12:30 PM, Park at Bothell Landing bridge. Details this page.

Celebrating Jeanette Backstrom May 25 (Sunday)

Following the event above. Details on Page 1.



McMenamins History Pub Talks

BHM partners with McMenamins to present the pub talks. Several members meet and communicate with McMenamins' historian to explore topics on an on-going basis. The talks are on the last Tuesday of the month at 7 PM.

March 25: "Science Pub": Professor Marc J. Dupuis, Ph.D., a cybersecurity researcher, will speak on *Cybersecurity: Is Fear Counterproductive?*

April 29: Richard Heisler – Memorial Day celebrations...these emerged after the Civil War as a way to honor those who died in service to the nation. Many of Bothell's founders were Civil War veterans and Richard has played an important part in ensuring that these connections are recognized.



Spring Meeting with Ron Nardone

At the Museum's annual Spring Meeting, we'll bring you up to date on the happenings at the Museum. Enjoy refreshments as you learn about volunteer opportunities.

Then share Bothell memories of the 1950s with lifelong Northshore resident Ron Nardone. Ron started collecting memorabilia then with a focus on gas stations. Over time, his collection grew and expanded in subject matter. He was saving history...Bothell's history.

What is your role in the meeting? Think '50s...here's your chance to roll back the clock...wear the styles that prevailed (cigarettes rolled up in a T-shirt sleeve? poodle dog skirt?). Maybe you have a toy from that era to display!

Over the years, Ron has been very committed to community and particularly Bothell schools and athletics programs. With stories to share, surely it will be an entertaining afternoon. You might even learn something!



Petals on the River

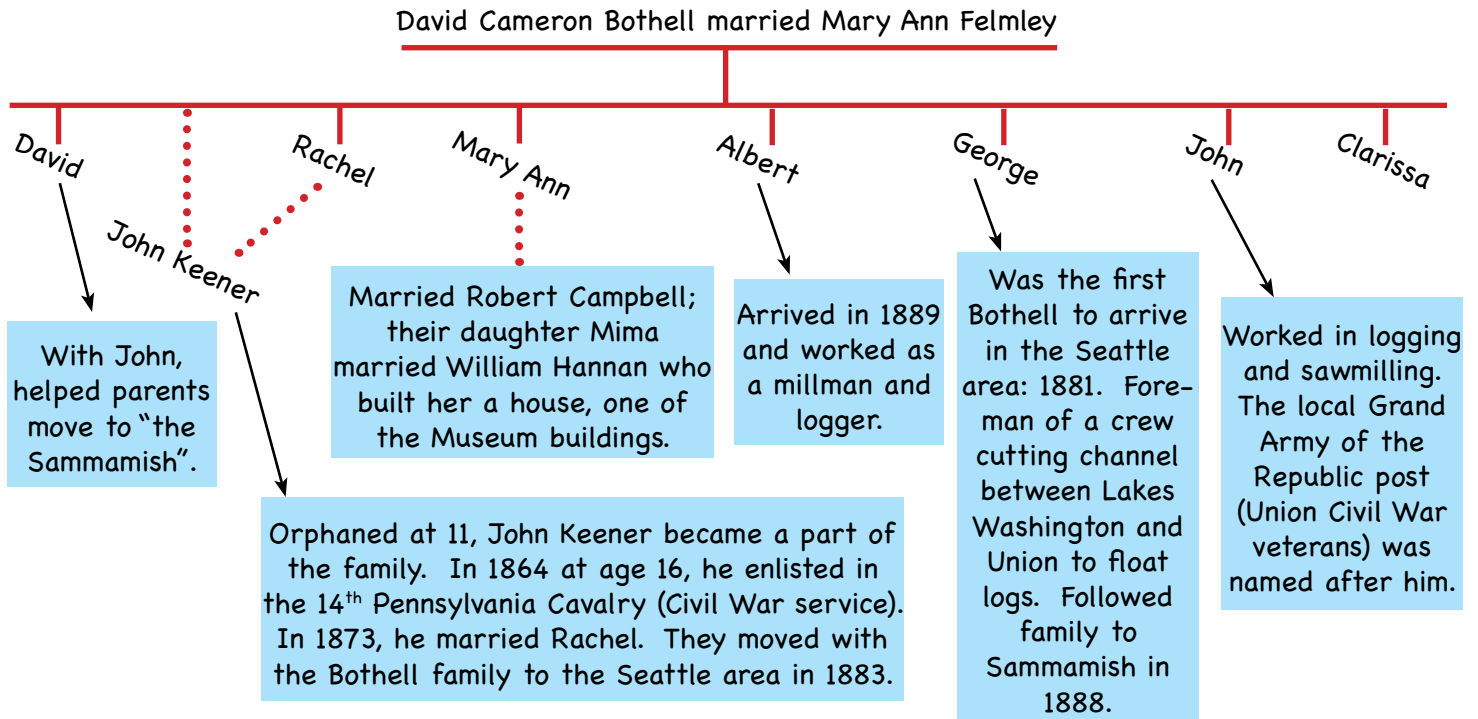
The annual Petals on the River event will be held on Sunday of Memorial Day weekend at 12:30 PM at the Park at Bothell Landing. Departed friends and memorial donations to the Museum in the past year are honored in this ceremony. Flower petals from participants and the Bothell Florist are released from the bridge onto the river and float towards Lake Washington. Everyone is invited. Jeanette Backstrom's celebration at the Lytle House will follow.

The Bothell Family in Bothell

Members of the Bothell family were some of the earliest settlers in Bothell. The patriarch, David C. Bothell, served in a Pennsylvania calvary company during the Civil War. Several sons were also Civil War veterans, each with their own story..

In fact, Bothell was first settled, in large part, by Civil War veterans who gradually made their way west, looking for opportunities to thrive. At least 20 veterans' graves can be found in Bothell's Pioneer Cemetery. (During the Civil War, units were known by their state names and people identified strongly with their home states. It was after the war that an American identity emerged.)

What's in a name? Gerhard Ericksen became the local postmaster on May 25, 1888. When asked what the post office should be called, Ericksen said, "There are so many Bothells in town and that's a good name, so let's call it Bothell".



Mary Ann and David Bothell were beloved by the community and known as Granny and Grandpap. Their grandchildren included:

- Rachel & John Keener: 3
- Robert & Mary Ann Campbell: 8
- Albert & Arabella: 8
- George & Alice: 5
- John & Ruth: 8
- unknown for David & Clarissa

The Bothells, cont.

George Brackett was an early homesteader on the Sammamish River and sold 80 acres of timberland to David Bothell in 1884. The next year, Bothell and his sons John and George built a home and shingle mill on the property. In 1885, he purchased 40 acres from Augustus W. Brown and built a boarding house.

The town of Bothell was platted by David Bothell in 1889 and was incorporated as a city on April 14, 1909.

The Bothell home in the background of numerous relatives and friends (1887 or 1888).



David Bothell's boardinghouse built in 1885. It is thought that the 23 men in the photo worked at the Bothell Brothers shingle mill or as loggers. It burned down in 1895.

Sources:

Squak Slough 1870-1920, Amy Eunice Stickney & Lucile McDonald. [This very informative book can be purchased at the Museum.]

Bothell – Thumbnail History, David Wilma <https://www.historylink.org/file/4190>

Bothell, Washington; https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bothell,_Washington

Archival information and photos from the Bothell History Museum.



George Bothell was a state legislator at the time Washington became a state. The top hat that he wore for the occasion is in the Hannan House. On April 6, 1909, he was elected as Bothell's first mayor. At the time, the town had a population of 599 residents, a bank, four general stores, and three saloons.

His wife Alice organized the first Methodist Sunday school and, with her in-laws, established the Methodist Episcopal Church on two lots donated by David Bothell.

The Bothells, cont.

The boardinghouse was replaced by the Bothell Hotel at First & Main. The Keeners operated the hotel beginning in 1902.

The back of the postcard of the hotel reads:

~1911; new Bothell, Wash. hotel built by David Bothell [Jr.] & John & Rachel Keener. Note Bothell Band on balcony



1903 photograph of family members...

L-R 1st row: Pearl Campbell Ball, Veulah Ball, William Ball

2nd row: Mary Ann, David, Mrs. Williams

3rd row: Rachel Bothell Keener, Mary Ann Bothell Campbell, Robert Campbell

Rearrange these for the names in the photo above left. Note the difference in the photos/arrangements given the same sitting.



Family group in front of W.A. Hannan's store

Front, L-R: Rachel Bothell Keener, unknown, Jane Johnston, John Keener, Mary Ann Bothell Campbell

Back: David Bothell, unknown, Bill Johnston, Robert Campbell

Found in the Beckstrom Cabin: a Bread-Maker

by Susan Gardner, docent+

The Beckstrom Cabin is home to many objects that invite further inquiry. One of these is the No. 4 “Universal” Bread Maker. As someone who spends time in the kitchen and used to bake weekly loaves of a variety of breads found in Sunset’s Bread Cookbook, I was intrigued. I made mine the old-fashioned way, mixing and kneading by hand before I bought a KitchenAid mixer with dough hook. But the early pioneers had already figured out the easier “three-minute” way to make up to four loaves!

On December 11, 1900, Messrs. Landers, Frary & Clark, of New Britain, Connecticut, U.S.A. were granted a patent for a ‘Universal Three Minute Bread Maker.’ It went on to be awarded a gold medal at the St. Louis Exposition in 1904, which is embossed inside a large circle on the side along with the product name and manufacturing information.



The Old Foodie
<http://www.theoldfoodie.com/2015/11/the-universal-three-minute-bread-maker.html>

Besides its simplicity, the instructions for use are actually printed on the lid!



Put in all liquids first then flour |
 Turn 3 minutes |
 Raise in pail |
 Cover with this [the lid] when raising |
 After raising | Turn until dough forms a ball |
 Take off cross piece lift out dough with kneader



Baking Bread using a Vintage Universal Bread Bucket, The Vintage Farm Wife,
<https://vintagefarmliving.com/2017/02/12/baking-bread-using-a-vintage-universal-bread-bucket/>

This antique is still in use today. Online descriptions call for first rinsing the pail with warm water to assist with raising the dough. I’m not sure that our model still has the vise that was typically included and used to attach the pail to a solid surface (table or counter) to keep it from moving during the kneading process. Who knows? Maybe the smell of freshly baked bread will some day emanate from the Museum!



Historic New England
<https://www.historicnewengland.org/explore/collections-access/capobject/?ref=EP001.01.045.01.04.033>

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Below is the text on the back of the photo at left which states that it was taken in 1887 or 1888 of the David C. Bothell home on the south side of Main Street.

DAVID C. (GRANDPAP) BOTHELL

PHOTO TAKEN 1887 OR 1888 at Bothell Wash. D.C. HOME located at the present site main street So side center (JUNE 11-44)

Left to right as follows

#1- Ambros Long	(Background)
2- Dave Bothell	# 1 X
3- X	# 2 Bothell CURT
4- Grany Bothell	
5 - John Keener	
6 - Adolph Larsen	
7 - X	
8 - X	
9 - Rachel Keener	
10 - Molly Keener	
11 - Babe Keener	
12 - Fred Smith	
13 - Mrs Wisinger (Lida)	
14 - Bill Keener	
15 - John W. Greenleaf (old) { "Hill eyes" }	
16 - Francis Helemey (Felmey)	
17 - X	
18 - John Bothell	
19 - John Helemey (Felmey)	
20 - Abby Bothell (Be's ally) (Allie)	

David C. (GRANDPAP) Bothell photo is the founder of Bothell is not in this photograph

N.E. of James Oliver House
See Chas Beardsley for exact location

(see Bothell)
Data by Mrs W. B. Young June 11-1944 P. D.



1890 family gathering at home of John Keener, Sr., per historian Amy Stickney.

Two "methods" of identification are included with the photo collection as illustrated below.

Old
 Babe Keener's Home on the Homestead
 Front row left to right
 J. B. Keener (who became Bothell first Marshall after incorporation in 1909)
 William Keener
 Kurt Bothell
 Jim Duvall
 Alice Bothell
 2 row
 Ambrose Long
 John Bothell, senior. *Founder of Bothell*
 John Fhalimy
 "Granny" David Bothell
 Rachel Keener
 Molly Keener became wife of pioneer teacher Charles V. Beardsley
 3 row
 Tom Nassary
 David Bothell, jr.
 Bob Duvall
 Helen Wisinger *May be a grandmother of the Johns and Wingers boys.*
 Francis Fhalimy
 George Olds
 Adolph Larson
 4 row
 Fred Smith - 1st telegraph operator
 Pete Pearson *office went to Columbus, Ohio*
 John Keener, senior *Union Boone greenleaf*
the valley first settlers

1890 Bothell Museum
 Early settlers in front of Keener's
 Keener's
 J. B. Keener
 Wm Keener
 Curt Bothell
 Jim Duvall
 Sitting
 Ambrose Long
 John Birdell Sr.
 John Fhalimy
 Beamy Birdell
 Rachel Keener
 Alice Bothell
 Standing
 David Birdell Jr.
 Bob Duvall
 Helen Wisinger
 Francis Fhalimy
 George Olds
 Molly Keener
 Adolph Larson
 Rear
 Tom Nassary
 Fred Smith
 Pete Pearson
 John Keener Sr.
 Marion Boone
 C. Greenleaf
 Amy Stickney