

# Bothell Museum Sentinel

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## Bothell Historical Museum

*Celebrating the History of Bothell*



## Fall Membership Meeting

Please come to the Annual Membership meeting on November 5th from 1 pm to 2:30 pm in McMenamins Anderson School's Thorndike Room. Facemasks are recommended. The board will review projects and activities from the last year. Richard Heisler will share successful social media options available to the museum to increase our presence in those areas. Board elections will also be held. These people are up for re-election: Bob Gerrish, Mary Anne Gibbons, Carol Haynes, Pat Pierce and Don Sparling. Refreshments will be served.

## Christmas Tea

After two years without it, we are having our Christmas Tea on Sunday, the 4th of December, from 1 pm to 4 pm in the Hannan House. We will be decorating the week before the tea. If you would like to help decorate the house and/or bake cookies for the tea and/or help set up, serve or clean up, you will be able to sign up at the membership meeting on Nov. 5th. The more help the merrier for this always-popular event! We also want to have both the cabin and the schoolhouse open for viewing so we hope some of you might be willing to take a shift in those buildings. Contact Jill at [jillk@bothellhistoricalmuseum.org](mailto:jillk@bothellhistoricalmuseum.org) or at her number in the

membership directory.

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**BOTHELL MUSEUM**  
*Opening Doors To Bothell's Past*



The museum has been open since mid June and we have had many eager visitors. Even though the Mask Mandate for Washington State has long been expired, most of the museum's docents are in the high risk group so we are still requiring face masks be worn in the museum. We have disposable face masks for guests available at the doors to the Hannan House and the Schoolhouse and a supply of KN95 facemasks for our docents.

The museum had several school tours in the late winter through spring for the first time since the pandemic started. We opened the first Sunday of June. We continue to offer private tours by appointment.

The window displays in the parlor windows of the Hannan House continue to change. The displays with the shades open have increased community interest in visiting the museum.

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**Now and Then**

Did you see the photo of the Bothell Museum members in the Seattle Times Pacific NW magazine's Now and Then feature on July 31st? A BIG thanks to the 23 of you who participated in the special photo shoot. We had six descendants of William and Mima Hannan including their great grandson, great, great granddaughter and three young great, great, great granddaughters as well as a great, great grandniece! Most of you participants even dressed in costumes like the 1908 photo of the Women's Relief Corps we were replicating. If you didn't get to see the feature, come to the upcoming membership meeting to view some copies,





## Bothell 4th of July Activities

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The Bothell 4th of July parade resumed this year and we had 2 vehicles with 4 passengers and 7 walkers in the parade. The cars were courtesy of Brooks Biddle Automotive. Photos contributed by Greg Nelson, Bob Beckstrom, Bob Gerrish, Karen Potter, and Kurt Volkle.

The City had the 4th of July Pancake Breakfast in the Lytle House and requested that we open the museum during which we had over 250 visitors between 8:30 am and 10:30 am.



### Story Writer & Editor Wanted

We would like to start writing a quarterly newsletter to keep you informed and tell some tales you may not have heard. To facilitate this, we need some help.

The story / article writer would need to be good at research to prepare our Bothell Pioneer sketches.

The newsletter is currently done in Microsoft Publisher and we have a template so if anyone is familiar with Publisher and would like to take on this task, please contact us at [BothellMuseum@gmail.com](mailto:BothellMuseum@gmail.com)

### Pioneer Sketch

This edition of the newsletter will feature information on the Beckstrom family and their cabin. The family is mentioned in histories of the area and Andrew was a prominent member of the Bothell Community. We have their original hand hewn log cabin as one of our museum buildings but there were questions regarding how many people lived in it and other information that we did not know. We have done a lot of research since we opened the cabin to walk through visitors and will share our new knowledge.

### Van Program

The van program is offered through the Metro Van Pool Program. These trips are available to museum members and guests. Mary Evans, our Van Program coordinator, has put together a program of museum offerings currently available on the first Thursdays of February, March, April, October & November 2023. Our driver is a volunteer who picks up the van and meets us at Bothell City Hall, promptly leaving at 9:30 am for our outing. We return at approximately 3 pm. You have one cost to use the van. Museum offerings are free. Venues chosen either offer in place dining or a nearby restaurant where you pay for your own meal. Proposed offerings for 2023 include Burke Museum, Edmonds Museum & then the Edmonds Waterfront / Senior Center, MOHAI, Duwamish Longhouse & Cultural Center, Everett Schack Art Center for a glass blowing demonstration and exhibit viewing. More venues are being researched. Suggestions are welcome. Offerings are subject to cancellation based on weather or other factors. Reservations are required as we are limited to 11 people on the van. For information or to make a reservation, please call Mary Evans at her number in the membership directory or email [marye@BothellHistoricalMuseum.org](mailto:marye@BothellHistoricalMuseum.org)

### Publicity

by Mary Evans

During the past year, I have shared activities and programs held by Bothell Historical Museum volunteers with the public. Announcements for museum opening, activities, private tours have been placed on the Bothell Kenmore Chamber website so that the community can be aware and take part in our activities. Activities have also been shared on the Bothell Community and the Museum's Facebook group page. An upcoming event on November 8th from 1:30 pm to 2 pm, Bothell and the Civil War, is being presented by Richard Heisler in conjunction with Northshore Senior Center. This event has been advertised in the Senior Center Program Guide as well as shared to program participants.

A goal for 2023 is for the Museum to be part of the Chamber Ambassador program which will result in a video posted to the Chamber website. Our activities continue to be posted on the Museum website and Facebook group page. Please share any suggestions or comments for publicity with Mary Evans at her number in the membership directory or email [marye@BothellHistoricalMuseum.org](mailto:marye@BothellHistoricalMuseum.org)

### Docents

We were finally able to open the museum buildings to the public in June thanks to 25 willing volunteers. And seven of those were new docents: Chris and Tom Gaines, Susan Gardner, Richard Heisler, Carol King, Michael Lemeshko, and Ruth O'Brien. Without these new docents we would not have been able to open all three buildings. We also had three high school volunteers: Sofia, Logan and Naren. The restaged Beckstrom Cabin was staffed this summer and it's been very popular with the visitors. Many of our early summer visitors had been regular viewers of our changing parlor display and expressed their delight at being able to step inside of the Hannan House. Let our docent coordinator, Jill, know if you would like to be on the docent list for next year when we will hopefully be able to open much earlier in the spring. Contact Jill at [jillk@bothellhistoricalmuseum.org](mailto:jillk@bothellhistoricalmuseum.org) or at her number in the membership directory.



## Beckstrom Family and Cabin

We knew some about the Beckstrom family and their cabin but were missing many details which we have recently uncovered. Much was taken from Nana's Book which was compiled by a niece from her aunt Selma (Beckstrom) Webb's writing-in-progress.

Their story begins in southwest Sweden in the early 1800s. Olaf, who was the grandfather (Farfar in Swedish) when the family arrived in Bothell, was born in Southwestern Sweden in 1811 and his wife Anna Catharina Lindstrom was born in the same region in 1813. They were married and had three sons; Frances (b. 1841), Carl (Uncle Charlie b. 1844), and Anders (Andrew b. 1852), all in Sweden. They immigrated to America and finally settled in Topeka, Kansas. Topeka is where in 1879 Andrew met and married Augusta Josephina Nelson (b. in Sweden in 1869). Andrew and Augusta's first two children, Francis (b. 1880) and Anna (b. 1881) were born in Kansas. Unfortunately, Francis died at age 1 1/2 in 1882.

In April 1883 Andrew, Augusta, Anna, along with Farfar joined Peter and Charlotte Quartman to head to the Seattle area. They shipped their household items by wagon but their journey was on an emigrant train from Topeka to San Francisco and then to Seattle on a ship. Housing was scarce in Seattle but the men found a shack near the edge of Lake Washington to rent. It was there that Andrew and Augusta's son Carl was born on July 4th, 1883. They applied for donation Land Claims for two adjoining 160 acre tracks in May of 1883 in the place that was then known as Brackett's Landing. The women, children, and Farfar remained in the shack while the

### Beckstrom Family - 1887



Augusta
Andrew  
Andrew
Carl
John
Anna

men purchased a rowboat and traveled to Brackett's Landing to work on clearing the land to build cabins for their families. In mid 1883 an abandoned lumberman's cabin became available on the Blythe property and the men moved their families there using the rowboat which was outfitted with a sail. "Their rowboat journey took parts of two days. . . . what was carried was reduced to a minimum, consisting chiefly of a few tools, firearms, plain clothing and bedding, a cook stove and a few kitchen utensils and a sewing machine." All their other large belongings were collected by the junk man. When they arrived in Brackett's Landing the men went to the homestead site and returned on the weekends. By December 1883 the cabin was habitable and the rest of the family moved into it just in time for Christmas. "Crude tables, chairs, beds, and even chests of drawers were made from shakes split from the timber." John Beckstrom was the first white child born in Brackett's Landing in the cabin on April 18, 1885.

1. Spencer, Lloyd, editor-in-chief, A History of The State of Washington—Volume IV, New York, 1937

**Beckstrom Family and Cabin - Continued**

To obtain the deed to the homestead it was required to spend a minimum of 5 years to “Prove Up” a homestead. In 1889 the Beckstrom homestead was ready and according to the documents they submitted, the cabin was 14 x 18 feet and had two 10 x 18 foot “boxes” attached. These boxes are what we refer to as the lean-tos. There were 7 windows and 7 doors for four rooms and a pantry. (It will probably remain a mystery how these were arranged and where the additional doors and windows were placed.)



**Cabin Interior with one of our new docents, Michael Lemeshko and visitors**

We noted in the 1892 Territorial census Uncle Charlie was listed as living on the homestead but further research revealed that he had his own house, a short distance from the cabin.



Olof (Farfar) Anna Christina Inga Marie Selma Ulrika Julia Josephina Olaf holding Julia Josephina August Carl Edward John August Andrew Ulrich Uncle Charlie

By 1895, when this photo was taken, there were 3 adults and 8 or 9 children living in the cabin. The question about the number of children arises because it is not known if the Tina was born before or after they moved into the house. Farfar died in 1895.

This 1895 photo shows one of the box “lean-tos” on the right side of the cabin and the new house that was being built up the hill from the cabin on the left.

The Beckstroms had a total of 16 children, 13 of whom survived to adulthood.

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**Bothell Historical Museum membership fees cover Jan 1 to Dec 31, 2023. Your support makes it possible for us to care for the museum buildings, to showcase Bothell's rich history for the public, and to provide resources and research for our community. You are an important part of our mission.**

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Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

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Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

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