# Bothell Museum Sentinel

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# **Spring Membership Meeting**

Please come to the our Spring Membership Meeting. It is Saturday, March 25th at 1:00 p.m. at the Lytle House, which is across the way from the Hannan House. Our special guest speaker will be Karin Poage, owner of the Yakima Fruit Market. Board members will share information about projects accomplished this last winter and more improvements that are planned. You may sign up to be a docent for our April opening of the museum buildings and let us know if you'd like to participate in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade. Other volunteer opportunities will also be available. Refreshments will be served.

## Museum Opening, Spring Cleaning, Docent Training

The Museum will be opening on time this season! Our first Sunday will be April 2<sup>nd</sup> for the usual hours of 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Docents will be needed for each building: the Beckstrom Cabin, the Schoolhouse and the Hannan House.

We will be "refreshing" the buildings before reopening. The Spring Cleaning Party will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 28<sup>h</sup>. You are welcome to come to help any time between 9:00 and noon that day. Beverages and snacks will be provided.

A Docent information meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 30<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. in the Hannan House.

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## **President's Message**

The museum has a full schedule planned for this year which will start with a Spring Membership Meeting and the annual Petals on The River celebration.

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 and scheduled in the spring. We will open the first Sunday of April. We continue to offer private tours by appointment.

#### **Current Board Members**

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Lead Van Program—Mary Evans

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Board and Committee members can be contacted by email to BothellMuseum@gmail.com or by phone number which can be found in the Membership Directory. The window displays in the parlor of the Hannan House continue to change. They are still generating much community interest in visiting the museum. Be sure to look in if you are passing by.

We are still looking for a Membership committee chair, newsletter editor, and pioneer article writer. If you are interested in any of these roles, please contact the museum at <a href="mailto:BothellMuseum@gmail.com">BothellMuseum@gmail.com</a>

Interested in being a docent? Signing up for one or more 3-hour Sunday shifts between April and November? Contact Jill at jillk@bothellhistoricalmuseum.org

# **Petals on the River**



The annual Petals on the River memorial event will be held on Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, the day before Memorial Day at 12:30 p.m. on the bridge over the river at the Park at Bothell Landing. This special occasion is when we honor departed friends and family members in whose names monetary donations have made to the museum this last year. After reading those names, flower petals, some donated by the Bothell Florist, others brought by participants, are dropped into the water where they float towards Lake Washington. Everyone is invited. Mark you calendars for this heartfelt event.

## Michael Lemeshko

I have lived in the Bothell area for the past 38 years where my wife and I raised our family. After completing my B.A. at the University of Washington in 1981 (History Major) I accepted employment at King County Metro where I was employed in many distinct positions over the course of a 33-year career. My last position was to manage the safety function in the transit department after which I retired.

I have been active at the Columbia Pacific Heritage Museum in Ilwaco WA for the last 10 years. Among several projects I took on was the development and implementation of a 2-hour historic walking tour of Ilwaco which sold out all seven times that it was offered last year. Another activity involved researching, writing and publishing a local history book, *The Cantankerous Farmer vs the Ilwaco Railway and Navigation Company.* I am currently working on a 2<sup>nd</sup> book entitled *The Ilwaco Salmon King*. Other pursuits at the Ilwaco Museum included lectures on local research and regional history talks.

I became interested in the Bothell Historical Museum after deciding I needed to find something a bit closer to home associated with local history, so I volunteered as a docent at the Beckstrom Cabin last year. It was very rewarding, as folks were so interested in the cabin and its history. The opportunity to serve on the Board came up, so here I am learning the ropes and hoping to contribute to this special museum's success.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions, suggestions or concerns about the Museum. I can be reached at MichaelL@BothellHistoricalMuseum.org.

## **Bob Beckstrom**

I was born and raised in Bothell, and graduated from Bothell Senior High School. Upon graduation, I served a period of four years in the Air Force. I then attended Black Hills State University where I obtained a degree in Sociology. I worked at Rapid City Regional Hospital, in charge of safety, security and communications, and served as an EMT.

I moved back to the Pacific Northwest and started my second career at Pike Place Market as Senior Capital Projects Manager, in charge of restoration of 14 building in the Historical District.

I also served on the Bothell Landmark Commission for a period of five years. My grandfather, Rudy J. Beckstrom is the son of Andrew and Augusta Beckstrom, who were among the first settlers in Bothell, and their cabin is a historic Bothell landmark, located at the Park at Bothell Landing.

## **Pioneer Sketch**

2023 is the 130th anniversary of the construction of the Hannan House which is one of our three museum buildings. We intended this to be an article about the family, the house, and how it became part of the Bothell Historical Museum. There is too much information for one newsletter. This edition will feature information on the Hannan family and their role in the community. The next edition will provide a history of how the house came to be part of the Bothell Historical Museum.

## **Publicity** by Mary Evans

Many venues are used to share information on the activities and needs of the Bothell Museum. Currently, I submit information to the Bothell Kenmore Chamber website, the Seattle Times and Facebook pages for Bothell Community, You Know you are from Bothell, and BHMS, and Information is also available on the Historical Museum Bothell website through individual announcements handed out by community partners.

A goal for 2023 is to share information on the Bothell Museum through the resources of the Bothell Kenmore Chamber that are available to as a member of the Bothell Kenmore Chamber. Any comments or suggestions for publicity can be shared with Mary Evans at please call Mary Evans at her number in the membership directory or email

marye@BothellHistoricalMuseum.org.

## **School and Youth Tours**

Planning for the school and youth tours is an ongoing process. For schools, Mary Anne Gibbons starts this process by delivering booklets, used mainly by second graders, to the NSC district offices for distribution. Mary Evans is currently doing the follow up; scheduling tours, contacting schools, and checking with docents to lead tours. Mary Anne follows up on the Treasure Box program and working with schools wishing to take part in this—current suggested donation is \$10 per Treasure Box. Mary Anne can be contacted at

maryanneg@BothellHistoricalMuseum.org.

The van program is offered through the Metro Van Pool Program. These trips are available to museum members and guests. 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.

**Van Museum Tours** 

Mary Evans, our Van Program coordinator, puts together a program of museum offerings. These are available on the first Thursdays of February, March, October & November in 2023.

The February trip was to the Duwamish Longhouse and Cultural Center. The March trip was to Edmonds and included a stop at the Edmonds Senior Center Thrift Store, lunch at the Bistro at Edmonds Waterfront Center. The Edmonds Historical Museum did not open as scheduled. Instead we had a history lesson and conversation about Edmonds history at the Visitors Information Center in the Log Cabin next to the museum. Planning for the trips in October and November is underway. Suggestions are welcome.

Offerings are subject to cancellation based on weather or other factors. Reservation are required; there is a limit is 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 at

marye@BothellHistoricalMuseum.org

School tours are set up with schools and youth groups throughout our area. All tours must be booked and confirmed so that sufficient docents can be scheduled to meet the school needs and questions regarding tours can be addressed at that time. There is a suggested donation of \$1 per youth. Our busy season is underway now. If you would like to participate in the School Tours as a docent, please call Mary Evans at her number in the membership directory or email at marye@BothellHistoricalMuseum.org

## **Hannan Family**

William Almon Hannan was born 6 Apr 1853 in Pennsylvania. He was the son of Thomas Hannan (b. 20 Mar 1820 in Ireland) and Sarah "Sally" Fuller (b. 7 Dec 1826 in New York, United States).

William went to public schools in Michigan and learned carpentry in construction and in logging camps. He came to Seattle around 1886. Once there, he filed for a 160 acre homestead land claim at Turner's corner, about 1 ½ miles north of Grace. He built a log cabin to live in while he proved up his homestead. William Hannan Homestead Map

In 1889 William (or "Billy" as his friends called him) started doing carpentry work and working in the logging camps in Bothell. On April 8<sup>th</sup> of 1890, he bought a small lot in the Windsor addition from Alfred Pearson and built a small house. Sometime in 1890, he proposed marriage to Jamima "Mima" Campbell. She said she would not live in a cabin and insisted on a proper house with running water.

In June of 1890, Billy Hannan bought a lot from David C. Bothell on Main Street and started construct-

William Almon Hannan



ing the "proper house water" with running Log cabin at Turners Corner which was finished in 1893. It was built in the late Queen Anne/ Victorian style. Billy and Mima were married on 24

Compiled from Overlay Historic Maps of Snohomish County made available by the Granite Falls Historical Society

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Dec 1894 in Bothell at her parent's home.

Mima was the daughter of Robert Campbell and Mary "Dot" Bothell. Dot's father was David C. Bothell. She was born in Iowa

on 25 Jan 1873. moved with her parents to Seattle. In 1885 David bought 80 acres from George Brackett on land

which Brackett had logged.

By 1893 Billy bought a two-story building on the corner of Main Street and First Avenue from George Burdick and Elmer Ross where he opened a general store. He had the post office in the store from 30 Sep 1894 until 30 Jun 1898. The store burned down in 1908 and was replaced soon after with a brick-and-



**Hannan House on Main Street** 1907

## **Hannan Family - Continued**

mortar building which became known as the Hannan Block. After a few years, he sold the store and purchased some land on the Woodinville Road from John Keener where he grew raspberries and strawberries.

Billy was active in the community where he served as a councilman when the city incorporated, the first mayor elected as a Democrat, on the school board, an investor in the Cooperative Shingle Mill, Vice-President of the first bank in Bothell, and was involved in many other organizations. He also owned the first gas filling station in Bothell.





**Hannan Original Store** 

In 1948 Mima 76 years of age was lassoed by Joe Ryan while at her daughter's house and

#### **Hannan Block**



taken to his residence. In July of 1949, Mrs. Hannan informed the Prosecutor through her son that Ryan settled the matter financially with her but she did not make a court appearance to make a formal request for dismissal. Mima passed away 02 Aug 1949 in Bothell at the age of 76. Billy passed away 19 Mar 1930 at age 76 in Sedro-Woolley.

The Hannans had two children who were both born in Bothell: Gladys (b. 28 Oct 1889) and Almon Denzil "Dick" (b. 22 Sep 1895).

After Gladys graduated from Bothell High School in

1916 she went to Bellingham Normal School (now Western Washington University) where she became a teacher. Her first assignment was near the Columbia River where she was in charge of a school with three other teachers. After one year she returned to teach in Carnation and Bothell. Gladys married Ross E. Worley, a WWI veteran, on 15 Jul 1922 in Bothell. They had two children; Roberta (b. 28 Jul 1925) and Ross (b. 30 Jan 1928). Gladys taught school until she had children. Gladys was very active in the community and was one of the founders of the Bothell Museum. She passed away 27 Apr 1996 and Ross passed away 28 Sep 1980.

Dick served in WWI from November 1917 to September 1919. Dick married Margaret Pierce in Vancouver, Washington on 05 Jul 1934. Like his father, he was very active in the community. Dick was a postmaster from 7 Sep 1935 until his death, 16 Feb 1954. His wife was also active in the community. She passed away 12 Oct 1980. In the 1940 census, they were listed as 44 and 42 years old with a 19 year old daughter, Margaret L.

The next issue of this newsletter will explore how the Hannan House became the Bothell Historical Museum and was relocated to the Park at Bothell Landing.

# 2023 Membership Form {for those currently not members}



50 years of service to the Bothell Community

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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Individual - \$ 25	Yes No	
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