

Bothell Museum Sentinel

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Bothell Historical Museum

Celebrating the History of Bothell



Fall Membership Meeting

Come to the annual November Membership meeting on Nov. 4th at 1:00 p.m. at the Lytle House. We will have a short business meeting, which will include the election of board members, and then share photos of the Hannan House's 130th birthday party and two KOMO 4 Eric's Heroes segments. One is of the Bothell Pioneer Cemetery headstone dedications of two Bothell Civil War veterans, and the other is about Museum members and Bothell residents Chris and Tom Gaines. Hot cider and cookies will be served.

Mary Evans, Jill Keeney, and Robert Beckstrom are board members up for reelection. Mike Robison is retiring. There will be two open positions. If anyone is interested, please contact us at BothellMuseum@gmail.com We will be taking nominations at the meeting, as well.

Christmas Tea

Our annual Christmas Tea is on Sunday, the 3rd of December, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. 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 can sign up at the membership meeting on Nov. 4th. 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.

We'll be decorating for the tea on the preceding Thursday, Nov. 30th, starting at 10 a.m. and we hope you can help. Please bring greens: fir, cedar, holly, etc., to decorate the porch railings and inside surfaces. We'll also have a tree to decorate in the parlor. You may sign up for both activities at the Membership Meeting, contact Jill at jillk@bothellhistoricalmuseum.org, or call her by phone, which can be found in the membership directory.

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The museum has been open for the season, and we have had many great events. The Hannan House 130th Birthday celebration and participating in the Bothell SummerFest were both a great success. To continue these successes next year, we need a Docent Coordinator, as Jill Keeney, who has been doing this, has too much on her plate. Jill is also our Event Coordinator and Board Secretary. If you are interested in helping staff the museum next year as the Docent Coordinator, please Contact Jill at jillk@bothellhistoricalmuseum.org

Nancy Valendo has been a great help at the museum, having participated in many roles. Unfortunately, it has been difficult to make the 2-hour commute after her move to Mount Vernon, and she is giving up her roles with us. Nancy was in charge of Fashions and Textiles in our collection, a docent, has been helping set up the window displays, and has done many other roles. Please let the museum know if you are interested in working with the fragile Fashions and Textiles in our collection.

Current Board Members

President	Bob Gerrish
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Treasurer	Don Sparling
At Large	Mary Anne Gibbons
At Large	Pat Pierce
At Large	Bob Beckstrom
At Large	Mike Robison
At Large	

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Display	—	Open
Docents	—	Open
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Membership	—	Susan Gardner
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Susan Gardner

Docent and Membership Chair

I started life in Seattle, have lived in the Puget Sound area most of my life, and resided in Kenmore for the last 24 years. My first degree was from Western, where I majored in French and geology (by accident). After a very eclectic employment history, I returned to the UW to earn a degree in Civil Engineering, my career in the private sector for the next 20 years.

Volunteering has been a way of life since my Camp Fire Girl days. It is enriching and provides a sense of community with people of shared interests. Blanca, from Venezuela, spent a year with our family, and years later, I volunteered to support exchange students and families through the American Field Service (AFS Intercultural Programs). Blanca and her family are still, although distant, a part of our family more than 50 years later. When Halley's Comet made an appearance in 1986, the Pacific Science Center put out a call for volunteers; because of their excellent training, I explained and interpreted numerous exhibits for visitors. Once I retired, I found time to learn about the entertainment world as I put together three seasons of performances for the Northshore Performing Arts Foundation. When Main Street merchants wanted to bring back Bothell's traditional tree lighting festival, I volunteered to organize the Festival and, subsequently, its associated Holiday Market (Chief Elf position).

One of my UW classmates introduced me to the North Seattle Lapidary & Mineral Club. It has become a major part of my life; the subject matter is intriguing and the people are fantastic. My Bothell focus is due to my husband, Richard Olson, a local shop owner, whom I met at

the rock club. The club goes on field trips throughout the western US to collect rocks. In doing so, one bumps into history at every stop; the fascination—and connections—never end.

Volunteering as a docent at the Museum fit my schedule, so I said yes. I am in the Hannan House, which is full of history. Every item on display invites inquiries from visitors and me as to how it was used, what was needed to make it work, how early Bothell residents lived from day to day, what they created, and so much more. Food preparation has always been of interest to me, and the Hannan House kitchen and dining room feed that curiosity. The hand-drawn map of Bothell's early homesteads in the stairwell invites one to look at the bigger Bothell picture. I realize that there is so much more to learn and do in order to share that with a broader audience. Maybe the ease and intrigue of being a docent will attract even more volunteers. "If history were taught in the form of stories, it would never be forgotten." Rudyard Kipling. We have lots of stories to tell!

McMenamin's History Pub

McMenamin's Anderson School resumed its History Pub lecture series, and we are partnering with them as we did before the pandemic. The first was presented in August by Richard Heisler on Civil War Veterans. The second was "A Human and Natural History of Puget Sound" by David B. Williams. The next program will be on October 24th, 7pm-8pm. Cocktail historian Renée Cebula (a former history educator) will cover the rise of American whiskey, early drinking culture in the Pacific Northwest, and the first "golden age" of American cocktails, with a focus on its intersection with the rise of cities like Seattle, Spokane, and Tacoma. The program will explore the many functions of the late 19th-century saloon, from workers' ethnic enclaves to gentlemen's retreats and the controversies surrounding saloon culture. Learn more and get tickets at <https://www.mcmenamins.com/anderson-school/things-to-do/music-events>.

Opportunities to support the museum's work are available in these areas: coordinating docent staffing when we are open, helping prepare mailings and newsletters, decorating, being a docent, and in other roles such as supporting the collections and archives.

We need a Docent Coordinator for the museum's regular open hours who will sign people up for shifts either in person or via phone, remind docents on the week of their scheduled dates, ensure each weekend will have one person with a key who will be responsible for opening and closing the buildings, totaling donations, and filling out the attendance and volunteer hour form.

We have about three to four mailings a year, generally 100 pieces. They are prepared by folding, labeling, and applying stamps. Mailing preparation is an enjoyable group activity.

We also need people interested in putting together the newsletter. Board members write articles about their areas of responsibility. Other members are encouraged to research and write about people and events in Bothell's history.

Preparing for the annual Christmas tea is a significant group event when we bring greens for the Hannan House interior and on the porch railing. A donated tree from the Yakima Fruit Market is also decorated.

We have been offering private museum tours through our website since the pandemic began, and they are still available. Many people have taken advantage of this service. We have shared Bothell's history with families, church groups, and people new to the community on a more personal basis. As a docent, you can choose to give a tour of the Beckstrom Cabin, the Schoolhouse, the Hannan House, or all three buildings. These visitors are especially interested in history and very appreciative of our free tours.

If you enjoy scrapbooking, we have articles and photos about the museum that need to be put into our Bothell Museum scrapbooks. This is a fun way to gather with others and work on a worthwhile project.

If you are interested in supporting any of these roles, please email BothellMuseum@gmail.com

Civil War Headstone Dedication

August 13th was a busy day for the Bothell Museum Historical Society. In the morning we participated with Richard Heisler to conduct a headstone dedication ceremony for Civil War veterans Robert Campbell and John Rhea. Robert Campbell's headstone had been damaged by vandals in the 1970s and John Rhea's grave plot had been overgrown and forgotten. Richard obtained new headstones for both veterans through the Veterans Administration. In the afternoon, it was followed with a celebration of the 130th anniversary of the completion of the Hannan House.

Hannan House 130th Birthday

Over 100 people visited our three historic buildings to celebrate the 130th birthday of the Hannan House. It was an especially warm day but that didn't stop children AND adults from playing old fashioned games such as hopscotch, jump rope, Tic Tac Toe and Quits and learning to juggle from museum member Tom Gaines. Popcorn and many cupcakes were consumed. Twenty docents/museum members and a dozen Bothell high school students were on hand to help with all the activities. Much fun was had by all.



Robert Campbell

by Richard Heisler

The name Robert Campbell has been heard frequently in conversations around the topic of Bothell history this year. Although he may not be the most well-known name among the early Bothell pioneers, Robert Campbell and his family were a significant part of Bothell's early development.

It is fitting that Robert is identified with early Bothell's pioneer era. The pioneering spirit was very much in his DNA. Robert was born in 1838 in Indiana County, Pennsylvania. His father was born in Ireland but brought to Pennsylvania as a child by his grandfather around 1815. By the mid-1820s, Robert's grandfather, Alexander, carved out a new home for his family from the western Pennsylvania woods by felling trees and building a rough cabin. Robert was born the 4th child of 12. He was raised in western Indiana County surrounded by neighbors of the Bothell and Johnston families that his life would be so closely tied to, even in western Washington.

Like most of the men of Bothell's namesake family, Robert served in the United States Army during the Civil War. As a member of a Pennsylvania Artillery Battery, he fought for three years in the war. He was a part of battles such as Second Manassas and Gettysburg before being discharged after his term of service ended in 1864. On September 19, 1865, Robert married Miss Ruth Anne Bothell. Their family began in Pennsylvania with the birth of daughter Mary in early 1866.



**Robert Campbell
in his Civil War Uniform**

Later, in 1866, Robert, with his young wife and infant daughter, were among a large number of Bothell, Johnston, and Campbell families that moved westward. They migrated from western Pennsylvania to Iowa, and there they settled together in the northeast part of the state. Most established farms and trades, and the younger among them started families. Over the next 20 years, Robert worked as a blacksmith as he and Ruth Ann welcomed eight more children into their family.

Robert moved his family again in 1887. After 21 years in Iowa, the Campbells pulled up roots and headed further west. Robert, Ruth Ann, and their large family moved to Seattle. Not long after arriving in the city, they relocated to Bothell. The Campbells were naturally drawn to the tiny community, following the families of David Bothell and his sons George and John and other relatives. His wife, Ruth Ann, was a daughter of David Bothell, and his sister, Ruth, was married

Robert Campbell—continued

to John Bothell. The extended Bothell family, including Bothells, Campbells, Keeners, Felmlys, and Johnstons set about setting down the roots of the town that eventually came to bear their name.

Robert Campbell's large family and that of his Bothell family relations were all important citizens in early Bothell, with many familiar names that were influential in the city's history for decades after the original Pennsylvania-born generation of Bothell settlers had passed on. It is the original 1893 home of Robert's daughter Jemima, which is now the home of the Bothell Historical Museum. Gladys Worley, a founder of the Bothell Historical Society, undoubtedly spent memorable times in the house with her mother, Jemima, and her grandfather, Robert Campbell.

Robert Campbell's descendants are still numerous in the area, and their efforts to obtain a Civil War veteran grave marker for him earlier this year has brought his name into conversation so much this summer.

Robert and Ruth Ann were buried together



Robert Campbell

in a prominent location in the Bothell Pioneer cemetery af-

ter their deaths in 1919 and 1931, respectively. Unfortunately, the monument on their gravesite was severely damaged by vandals in the 1970s and had remained unrepaired or replaced. For decades, it had been a wish of multiple generations of Campbell descendants to obtain a headstone that properly recognized Robert and his Civil War service for all to see. In the summer of 2023, that wish was fulfilled when a Civil War veteran's headstone was delivered by the Veterans Administration and placed at his grave. In August, the Bothell Historical Museum joined with the Campbell descendant families to conduct a fitting dedication ceremony that honored Robert's Civil War service and his important legacy as a founding father of Bothell.



Bothell Family, 1903

Back Row:

Rachel (Bothell) Keener, Mary Ann (Bothell) Campbell, Robert Campbell

Middle Row:

Mary Ann (Flemley) Bothell, David C. Bothell, Mrs. Williams (related to William Ball)

Front Row:

Pearl (Campbell) Ball, Veulah Ball, William Ball

If you wish to become a new member
or renew your membership for 2024, please use this form

2024 Membership Form



Bothell Historical Museum membership fees cover Jan 1, 2024 to Dec 31, 2024. 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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