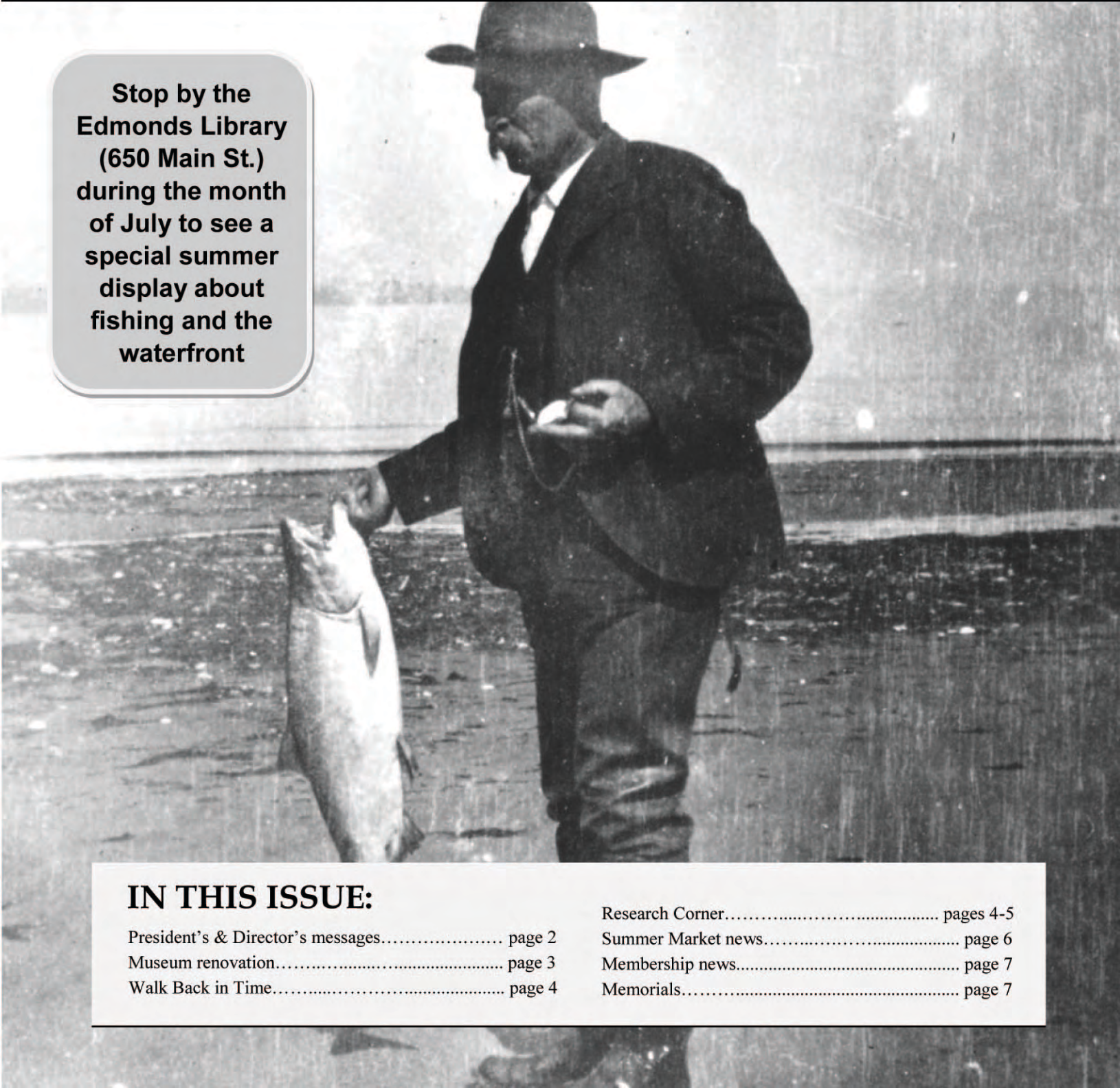


The **MUSEUM** *Light*

Edmonds-South Snohomish County Historical Society and Museum

**Stop by the
Edmonds Library
(650 Main St.)
during the month
of July to see a
special summer
display about
fishing and the
waterfront**



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The Museum Light is a publication of the Edmonds-South Snohomish County Historical Society, whose mission is as follows: "We are dedicated to sharing the history of our community. We will achieve this by research, collection and preservation of historical documents, artifacts, memories and events, and by utilizing interpretive displays and engaging in creative public educational programming."

Message from Board President, Bill Lambert

This is a time of renovation and renewal for the Historical Society and Museum. At the Museum, Director Tarin Erickson and many volunteers have transformed the downstairs with new exhibits and improved displays, building and expanding on improvements made last year. Attendance this past month has been an all time high.

Upstairs, a new exhibit, *Growing Season: Farming in Snohomish County*, served as the kick-off for the museum's markets. We welcomed a new Market Manager, Christina Martin. The markets feature many returning vendors, as well as a sold-out schedule of participants. Weekly highlights are publicized on myedmondsnews.com, and will include weekly displays of the Edmonds antique fire engine, periodic presentations by costumed historic figures, and revised payment options.

The annual white elephant sales at the Summer Market will resume on June 29. Thanks to the many donations, there will be some really special deals. Many volunteers will be working to make this process even better this year. Come see for yourself. And don't forget to come and see our float in the July 4 parade.

August 3, 2013 is the 40th anniversary of the founding of the Historical Society and Museum. In addition to further improvements to the building and grounds, we are preparing:

1. A fall exhibit, *40 for 40: Forty years of artifacts from the museum's collection.*
2. A Heritage Days celebration, in collaboration with Downtown Edmonds Merchants and the Chamber of Commerce
3. Return of the Haunted Museum on October 31
4. SAVE THE DAY: November 8. A new and improved special fundraising celebration will conclude our Heritage Days activities with a gala event at the Holy Rosary Community Center

A lot of exciting things are happening. Come join with us and be a supportive member: It is a great value.

Bill Lambert

Message from Museum Director

Whew- what a couple of months it's been! We have successfully reopened the museum after some remodeling and updating of the exhibit spaces both upstairs and downstairs. If you haven't been by to see the changes yet, I encourage you to do that soon. We definitely could not have accomplished this task without the help of so many amazing volunteers and supporters.

We are hopeful that these changes will bring more people in our doors. If you are looking for a meaningful way to give back to the museum and your community, please consider volunteering with us either as a docent, at the summer market or at any of our special events. This is an exciting time, and we'd love for you to be involved!

- Tarin

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Lower Level renovation and 'spring cleaning' complete

The month of April brought many changes to the museum! Some of these changes include the addition of a beautiful Victorian dollhouse and new school history exhibit on the lower level, and the opening of our summer farming exhibit (complete with farm kitchen) on the upper level. If you haven't seen the remodeled museum yet, please stop by soon... and bring your friends!



Lower level entry wall



New dollhouse acquisition



New school exhibit

Walk Back in Time

Cemetery hosts tour July 18



Photo courtesy myedmondsnews.com

Founded in 1891, the Edmonds Memorial Cemetery & Columbarium began on four acres of land donated to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows Lodge No. 96 by Thomas E. White, an early settler. In 1972 the Edmonds Memorial Cemetery was placed on the Washington State Register of Historic Places. There are presently 14 former Edmonds mayors, 400 veterans of six different wars and many Edmonds pioneers buried in the cemetery.

We invite you to take “A Walk Back in Time” tour at the Cemetery on July 18, 2013 at 1pm, 820 15th St. SW. St. SW. Meet some of the ‘ghosts’ of Edmonds early pioneers. You will learn about murder, intrigue and other interesting tidbits of local gossip.

For more information call Cliff Edwards, Cemetery Sexton, at 425-771-4741. The tour is free and refreshments will be served.

Looking to the P

It all started with a book. A book that was Ray & Fanny Cloud’s history of Edmonds: The Gem of Puget Sound. Cloud’s book provided a look at the very beginning of Edmonds, 1870, and continued documenting people and events through the 1950’s. Douglas Egan, a man who called Edmonds home and possessed a passion for history, thought Edmonds’ history was worth sharing and so the idea of a local museum highlighting that history was born.

Well, we all know that it’s one thing to have an idea and quite another to figure out the implementation of that idea. Mr. Egan was up to the task. His first priority was to obtain funding and Al Kincaid, then president of Chamber of Commerce, requested the organization make a donation of \$100 and it was approved. Next step was to find a location for the museum. Mayor Harve Harrison offered a building that had been constructed in 1910 and now was in serious disrepair. Mr. Egan with the help of many volunteers didn’t allow the enormity of the task discourage them and the old Carnegie Library was restored. No sooner was the work completed when the citizens of Edmonds soon began to flood the museum with photographs and all matter of historical materials.

Who do we thank for their efforts?

- The steering committee consisted of: Judge Wm. Goulder, Jean and Loren Bartlett, Chester Bennett, Le Roy Middleton, Al Kincaid, Mary Nielsen, Margaret Douglas, and Norma Whaley.
- The first officers of the organization were: Doug Egan, President, LeRoy Middleton, Vice-President, Mary Nielsen, Secretary, and Norma Whaley, Museum Director.
- Loren and Jean Bartlett provided a meeting place at their restaurant, Yesteryears, for the museum group.
- Millie Engels literally scrubbed the library floors on hands and knees removing the remnants of previous pottery classes.

Research Corner

By Kathe Hall



Past with a Vision for the Future

- Dorothy Egan edited the museum newsletter and helped develop the library.
- The Green family built the diorama of Edmonds, 1910.
- Zenna Eulou Cook willed her collection of Victorian furniture to the museum which has been on display.

Of course there were many other people involved in the original development of the museum; all the hard-working volunteers who remain nameless, but who provided the energy and effort to make the concept work. A brief biography of three of the founding members follows:

Douglas S. Egan: Spent his adult life in various aspects of exporting, shipping, and other maritime activities. He served in the Navy during WWII as a Naval Operations officer. In 1945 he returned to Naval Reserve duty as a commander and was appointed to the U.S. Department of Commerce Field Service. In 1957 he was appointed commercial attaché to the U.S. Embassy in Rio de Janeiro. He and his wife Dorothy operated Seawest Yacht Brokers in Edmonds until 1977.

He has authored several articles and books. He also wrote poetry.

Rear Admiral Harold Seaborg: He became fascinated with engineering and graduated from Purdue University with a civil engineering degree. He did land and ocean



Left: Doug Egan standing on steps of museum in 1989; Above: National Historic Register plaque dedication of Carnegie Library, Judge Goulder, Vivian Smith, Leroy Middleton, Loren Bartlett, Mary Nielsen, and Harold Seaborg, June 21, 1974

survey work all over the world revising nautical charts following earthquakes. He taught military personnel, and commanded ships. Moving to Edmonds, he became a charter member of the Edmonds Museum. He drew the plan for the waterfront shingle mill. He designed and built the Edmonds diorama enclosure, and worked on the construction of various other projects. He served as the Maritime Curator for many years.

Chester R. Bennett: Mr. Bennett was an attorney in Edmonds for 30 years and was well qualified to write the constitution and by-laws for the Edmonds South Snohomish County Historical Society. Following a stint in the navy and graduating from law school he used his talents to serve his community. He became Edmonds City attorney, and was a member of the City Council and Planning Board. He was involved in the establishment of the Edmonds Memorial Cemetery and was president of the Hubbard Foundation.

Welcome our new Market Manager Christina Martin

Christina joined us in late January and has been a great addition in helping us set up both the Garden and Summer Markets for our 19th season.



Christina first attended the Edmonds Museum Market as a vendor back in 2006, as Blue Cottage Jams. She began selling for just a few weeks per summer with her son, and then eventually for the full Garden and Summer Market season. Christina came to love the town of Edmonds, its people, history, friendly atmosphere, and especially its market.

As a vendor, Christina has sold at more than 10 farmers markets over the last 10 years. Three years ago, she was asked to step up and become the manager of the Bellevue Crossroads and the Lake Forest Park Farmers Markets, where she continues to manage. She also managed the Kirkland Wednesday Market for the last two years, but decided to withdraw from there and join her friends in Edmonds. Whether vending or managing, Christina brings her love and dedication to farmers and farmers markets.

We are very happy to be working with Christina and her expertise in running farmers markets.

A vertical poster for the Edmonds Museum Summer Market. At the top, it says "The Edmonds Museum" in a green, arched font. Below that is a small illustration of a red radish with green leaves. The words "SUMMER MARKET" are written in large, bold, black capital letters. Underneath is a green banner with the text "Home Grown in Washington" in white. The middle section features a collage of fresh produce: radishes, white onions, and green peas. Overlaid on this collage is a smaller version of the market logo, which includes the text "EDMONDS MUSEUM SUMMER MARKET" and "est. 1994" next to a radish illustration. At the bottom, it says "Saturdays 9 am - 3 pm*" in green, with a smaller note below: "*Except August 10".



Look for our membership table at the market!

2013 Membership News

Thanks to those of you who have renewed your 2013 museum membership. If you have not yet renewed, please send your check to the Museum right away, as our records will soon be updated. Without a current membership, you will no longer receive newsletters, exhibit announcements, or any other correspondence.

If you have changed addresses recently, or have any questions about the status of your membership, please contact us.

In Memoriam

The following memorial donations were received in memory of:

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