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"Washington Schoolhouses"



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Message from the Museum Director,
Dr. Peter Bojakowski

Dear Members,

Winter 2014-2015 was a busy season for the museum. We not only had a great Christmas exhibit, "Toys of Yesteryear," which I hope you all had a chance to see, but also a wonderful "Toys for Tots" event, a toy drive for less fortunate kids, and the Tree Lighting celebration with museum-sponsored popcorn.

We started 2015 with our Annual Membership Meeting and Book Signing, which also coincided with the opening of the new exhibit "Washington Schoolhouses." This panel exhibit, developed by the Washington State Historical Society, opened in January but will continue until Tuesday, April 14th, 2015. I would like to encourage all of you stop by and experience it for yourself.

As part of the Membership Meeting, the authors, Sara McGibbon DuBois and Ray E. DuBois, came to the museum to announce their new book: "Images of America: Edmonds 1850s - 1950s." If you were unable to attend the signing event but would like to purchase a signed copy of the book, please let us know as we have a limited number of signed copies available at the gift shop!

Dr. Peter Bojakowski, *Executive Director*

President's Message

2015 has started with gusto at your Museum and Historical Society. I hope that you as members and Friends of the Museum are continuing to experience interest in and appreciation for our programs and projects.

A shared sense of history is essential to a vital community. We were pleased to present a new pictorial history in February, "Edmonds 1850s-1950s" at a book signing event with the authors, Sara McGibbon DuBois and Ray E. DuBois. The book is available at the Museum gift shop at a reduced price for members. The authors will return later in the year for another book signing.

August 11, 2015 will be the 125th birthday of the founding of Edmonds. We are participating with other organizations in the planning of this milestone and I encourage you and your children to get involved. Construction will begin soon on the new Museum Plaza in front and south of the building as we celebrate this milestone. Your past and future financial contributions and suggestions are appreciated as we create and expand the historic core of our community.

We welcome new Historical Society Board members: Dean Larson; Barb Fahey; and Greg Jorgenson. We deeply appreciate the essential contributions of our Board, and the many volunteers in our projects and activities. Of course there is always a place for you and your friends to join in, meet new people, and work together to help make this community even more special.

Be sure and check out information on our new, improved web site: www.historicedmonds.org. See you soon at the Museum and our Markets.

William E. Lambert, *President*



Have you considered putting Edmonds Historical Museum in your will?

Including a charitable bequest in your will or living trust is very impactful. You can leave a legacy by supporting the mission of the museum that will have a lasting impact for generations to come. It is a simple step to take and since the gift will not happen during your lifetime, it does not impact your financial resources today. In fact, if your estate is subject to estate tax, your gift may be entitled for an estate tax charitable deduction. A bequest in your will for the Edmonds Historical Museum will make a lasting impact on the museum and the community.

Consider what you want your legacy to be and then take the necessary steps in 2015 to include the museum in your estate plan.

Research Corner

by Jim Underhill and Peter Bojakowski

There are many great trails in American history. One of the most celebrated is, of course, the Oregon Trail that stretched for about 2,000 miles over six different states with its numerous cutoffs and extensions, including one heading north to what later would become Washington State.



Oregon Trail pioneers pass through the sand hills, painting by William Henry Jackson

From Saint Louis to Kansas City, Missouri, the Oregon Trail followed the general route of what was known as the “Old Trail.” From Kansas City, the route followed the jointed Santa Fe and Oregon trails to the State line of Nebraska. Then, it followed the most practical route along the Platte River. Once the river was crossed, usually at the junction of the north and south forks; the trail followed the North Platte River to the State line of Wyoming, then to Idaho, and Oregon. Once there, it climbed over the Blue Mountains to the city of Dalles, Oregon and through the Columbia River Gap to Vancouver on the right bank of the Columbia. Later, the trail was also extended north reaching the city of Olympia, Washington; an extension that was add only much later in the history of the American West. Even though the arrival of transcontinental railroad in 1868-9 provided the ultimate demise to the “Old Trail,” the memory of thousands of people traveling the route lives on.

Trails Through

Our family (Jim Underhill’s) grew up in north Portland, a few blocks from Lombard Street. Lombard is part of Route 30 going east and west. Along the street are signs that include two strange looking men wearing buckskin clothing, large hats, and pointing westward. For the longest time, we thought it was Daniel Boone, Davy Crockett, or some other Disney movie characters.

What we did not realized was that this sign showed a duo of Lewis & Clark, and that we actually lived in the vicinity of the famous Lewis & Clark Trail (Lewis & Clark Expedition 1804-06). Some time later, east of Portland, we also found the end of the Oregon Trail, now well-developed for its many visitors and tourists alike.

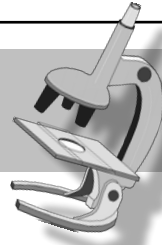
Other historic trails I have encountered include the Santa Fe Trail, Natchez Trace Trail with its 10,000 years of history, El Camino Real, and other less renowned trails, roads, or landmarks. A good trail is a wonderful



Lewis & Clark Trial Logo

thing, and so it happens that we also have a no less fascinating and historically significant trail going through Edmonds.

A careful reading of our city’s history shows that the Bracketts, Holmes and other early Pioneer families arrived to a thickly forested area, with well-developed Native American trails going in many directions. We should keep in mind that the history of Edmonds did not start in 1890s and that these first white settlers were not the only inhabitants here. What we know today as Edmonds was a home to numerous different



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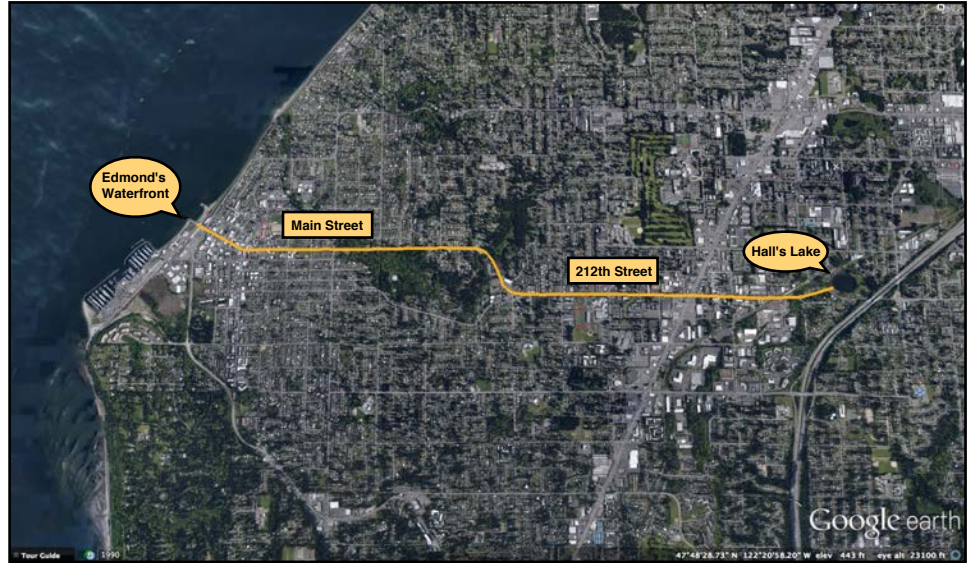
Native American groups for generations prior. These groups used the trails to get to their winter camping spots, for hunting, trading, and meeting with other Native groups.

In “Edmonds, the Gem of Puget Sound,” Ray Cloud noted that very early on mail was delivered to Edmonds through the forest by following well-established Native American trails. One can only assume that prior to the advent of roads, other aspects of life and commerce used the same system of existing trails to move about early Edmonds.

A September 1905 article in the “Edmonds Review” cited Etta Brackett as providing a first-person description of a major trail through Edmonds. She noted that the trail began right at the dock. From there, it followed natural terrain eastward, and then it ended at what is currently known as Hall’s Lake. Today, we could say that it began in the vicinity of the ferry dock and went up Main Street, then along the 212th Street until it came to Hall’s Lake. Look at



View on the dirt trail that became Main Street



Overview of the proposed Native American Trail between the waterfront and Hall's Lake (image from google earth)

the 2015 Historic Edmonds Calendar, for the month of July, and note the reference to Main Street. You see a well-used dirt trail coming from the waterfront and going directly east.

Local Native American tribes traveled mostly by water and only short distances on foot, so a less than a four-mile long trek from the Edmond’s waterfront to the Hall’s Lake fits with the pattern.

The trail along the Main Street and the 212th Street to Hall’s Lake was not an exception. Local research indicates that some of our other major roads, for example the 196th Street, began as Indian trails as well, making the development of modern roads in Edmonds a bit easier for all.

So the next time you are out walking around town, or out along other historic or scenic trails, give some thought about who walked there before us. Chances are that it has been many people for a long, long time.

Announcements and Updates

Museum Plaza Renovation

After weeks of meetings, planning and design development alterations, the Museum’s plaza renovation project is gaining momentum.

Our plans have been approved by the Edmonds Historical Commission, a key endorsement. Design drawings have been submitted to the City for review and approval. We are optimistic this important step will be realized in the near future. In the meantime, a contractor for the



new bell tower and display panels has been identified, and construction steel ordered. Additionally, we have two bids pending from local contractors for the essential site work. Our Summer Market begins June 20, and we are using it as the firm date for completion. of the south plaza portion of our renovation.

NEW! Museum Rental

Are you looking for a unique location for a meeting or special event?

The upper floor of the Edmonds Historical Museum will be available for rent by mid-April and with a discount for all Museum members. With occupancy capacity of 49 and handicap accessibility and elevator, this is a great space for receptions, business meetings, presentations, birthday parties, and lectures. And all surrounded with Edmonds history in photos, books and artifacts.

The facility will be available for morning, noon, and evening (after 4:00 pm – 10:00 pm) functions. Preferred Edmonds caterers will provide liquor licenses so hosts can focus on other aspects to make the occasion special.

For more information or to book your event, please contact Valerie Claypool at 206-335-9665.

Museum Sponsored: **Travel to China**



Oct. 24th – Nov. 2nd, 2015

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2015 Membership News

Thanks to all of you who have been museum members! 2015 Membership renewals are now due. If you have not sent your 2015 renewal, please do so right away, as prior memberships will be deleted on Tuesday, March 31st, and this will be the last correspondence you receive from us. If you have any questions, please contact us. Your continued support is important to the success of our Museum. Thank you!

In Memoriam

The following memorial donations were received since January 1, 2015 in memory of:

Mary VanMeter

Donated by Stephen Bowman

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"Trails Through Edmonds"

by Jim Underhill and Peter Bojakowski

Did you know that we have a fascinating and historically significant Native American trail going through Edmonds? Learn more about it by reading our new research article on pages 4-5



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