Bothell Historical Museum

In the Park at Bothell Landing

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The first settlers came to Bothell, Washington in the early 1870’s seeking homesteads along the marshy Squak Slough, or Sammamish River. Logging quickly became an integral part of life in Bothell and a community developed. The town was platted in 1889, the year Washington became a state, and George Bothell served in the first State Legislature. Incorporation in 1909 put Bothell on the map.

The Bothell Historical Museum is housed in the 1893 William Hannan house. The museum was opened in July, 1969 and the building, donated to the City of Bothell by the original Northshore Bank, was moved from its Main Street site to the Park at Bothell Landing in 1978.

Each room in the two-story house has been restored and furnished with turn-of-the-century items. Bothell’s First Schoolhouse, located just behind the house, is a typical one-room school for grades 1-8. A belltower is nearby.

The Beckstrom Log Cabin, adjacent to the museum, was built in 1885, with hand-hewn logs and housed a pioneer family of ten. Exhibits of early logging, farming and pioneer life are on display.

The buildings complement the many historic amenities in the park, such as the gazebo, arched foot bridge and walkways. The Sammamish River, with its stage and amphitheater seating, flows through the park creating an ideal setting for family picnics and activities.

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The Bothell Historical Society was formed in 1967 and is made up of all volunteer members who support a non-profit, local effort to preserve the history of the Northshore area. The Society operates and maintains the museum in the areas of acquisitions, cataloging, tours and displays. The museum research collection includes volumes of early newspapers, photograph displays and changing exhibits.

The history book, “Squak Slough 1870-1920,” a fascinating story of the Northshore area (270 pages full of interesting details, including 198 photographs) is available for sale at the museum.

Also available for purchase: “Slough of Memories” which covers the Bothell area from 1920-1960 and “Bothell Then & Now, 1909-2009.”

The Society welcomes donations to its Memorial Fund. Gifts from individuals in memory of loved ones have been received in the past with our deepest appreciation.

Our “Treasure Boxes” are available for loan to classrooms and youth groups. Each box of hands-on learning contains turn-of-the-century household items, such as a cheese grater, wash board, mechanical bank, butter-churn, chalkboard, clothing and soap saver. For further information, call (425) 488-8408 or (425) 486-0541 or e-mail us, bothellmuseum@gmail.com

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The American Hotel built in 1889. Burned down in 1926. In 1938, city hall was built at this site.