

Historic Everett

Dedicated to Preserving our Architectural Heritage

5th Annual Historic Homes Tour needs more homes

Do you own an older home that you've restored or maintained?

Do you have a friend or neighbor who owns a great old house?

Is there a home that you've always wanted to see inside or know more about?

Saturday, September 13th, 10am-4pm



This is the fifth year that Historic Everett will present our most popular annual event, the HISTORIC HOMES OF EVERETT TOUR. This summer, we'll be canvassing the historic neighborhoods, looking for homes to put on the tour. Some wonderful properties have already been secured, but we're still looking for a few more well-preserved

examples of the varied architectural styles that populate Everett's historic neighborhoods. This is an opportunity to showcase the unique architecture of your home, share restoration and decorating tips, and celebrate the history of your home with other old home enthusiasts and history buffs. Please contact us with suggestions for homes or to volunteer your home for the tour. You can reach Tour Coordinator Patti Lohse at (425)303-0733, or contact Historic Everett at info@historiceverett.org.

Don't own an old home, but still want to participate? We're looking for volunteers to help out on the day of the event. If you or someone you know would be interested in acting as a host/hostess in one of the homes, we'd love to hear from you.

If you own a well maintained home in one of Everett's historic neighborhoods, don't be surprised to find a representative of Historic Everett knocking on your door some time this summer!

Downtown PRESERVATION Plan Moves Forward

At the June meeting of the Everett Historical Commission consultants Julie Koler and Mildred Andrews presented a PowerPoint of buildings built in the 1920s and 1930s. The properties were rated for historical significance by the Historical Commission.

The Medical Dental Building rates high for patterns of history. It is the one 1950s building we have downtown. A 1950s addition that was built over a first story building, it was designed by architect Harold Hall. Hull's pharmacy was located in the building.

A final plan is expected this summer.

Restoration Materials to Support Group

Historic Everett is looking for a storefront and/or storage facilities, for our new salvage operation. The "Restoration Station" will be all donation, all volunteer operated salvage store. The project stems from members input to the board for lack of local materials and resources available for local home and building working on renovation projects.

"There is clearly a need for a local outlet to provide these items at a competitive value to home remodelers" says Jason Smith. "Now people can donate these items others will use and keep out of the landfill".

Do you have or know someone who has some old house items from a completed restoration, tear down or about to be modernized house? How about those old doors, knobs, windows, columns, pedestal sinks, claw foot tubs, mantels or built-ins that are just taking up space. Donate them to Historic Everett and help keep these salvaged treasures local. To help in keeping some guidelines we are looking for 1800's-early 1940's items. For more information about donations and potential facilities please contact:

Jason Smith 425.259.6707 or
Patti Lohse 425.303.0733.

RISE & FALL OF THE MONTE CRISTO MINES

By Aileen M. Langhans

FEATURE



Building the Everett-Monte Cristo Railway, Stillaguamish Canyon, 1892 (LEFT) G.A.R. Excursioners in front of Kyes' Mercantile Store. Monte Cristo. 06/02 (RIGHT)

T There were many colorful individuals who creatively planted the seeds of Everett's greater community, including the Rucker Brothers, Henry Hewitt, John D. Rockefeller, and Colgate Hoyt. The adventures of these forward-thinking entrepreneurs, their interactions and dealings, their foresightedness and shortcomings, their dreams and their pragmatism, all created for us many fascinating and inspiring tales. No local story could be more intriguing than the saga of the Monte Cristo mines.

The Monte Cristo area received its name from the famous novel by Alexander Dumas, in high hopes that the town and the vicinity would also produce fabulous wealth.

In 1889, prospector Joe Pearsall set out from Mineral City northeast of Index and climbed to the top of 6000-foot Hubbard Peak. His first clue to the possibility of mineral wealth was the presence of red streaks in the rock galena. On July 4th, 1889, the first claim was staked in Monte Cristo, starting a sensational gold rush; the glint of minerals around Monte Cristo sparked speculative investments to tap the promising sources of gold and silver. Charles Colby and Hoyt realized the need, and the potential profit, of building a railroad track from Everett to the mining camp. With railroad fever everywhere in the

northwest, both gentlemen realized that these trains brought growth and opportunities galore—where the tracks went, so did the population, the businesses, and therefore the economic developments. Puget Sound Reduction Company even relocated its headquarters from Seattle to Everett in 1892 and began construction of the smelter on September 29th of that same year. In December, the plant, which was situated above the Snohomish River delta and downwind from Everett, received the sidings for the Everett & Monte Cristo Railway terminus. This railroad, which was crucial to the mining operations, was to enable the smelter to refine 250 tons of arsenic and sulfur-contaminated ore daily within its three blast furnaces.

Hoyt convinced his friend, John D. Rockefeller, to finance the Everett and Monte Cristo Railway (E&MCR), which was incorporated on March 11, 1892. However, even with this great wealth, financing still was an issue, because of the nationwide panic of 1893. The sale of Everett Land Company bonds did provide the remaining capital in the end. As construction was almost immediate, the railroad surveyors ignored repeated warnings of the sudden and violent flooding of the river, dismissing it as a "little trout stream". After the three bridges and six tunnels in Robe Canyon were almost completed in November of 1892, they met up with the largest storm in 20 years.

The fury of nature washed out the grade in many locations and covered other locations with landslides. Again, the railroad Board of Directors minimized the concerns. This led to a chronic, frustrating, and futile series of reconstructions, which would last for the next 40 years.

For a time, the railroad prospered from the freight revenue, as it transported miners, supplies, and machinery to the mining camps. In turn, it carried the ore concentrates from the mines to smelters in Everett. Logging operations also added business, as the logs were transported to the various mills along its path. And, a surprising use of this line was as a popular tourist destination.

On February 24, 1893, the Monte Cristo Mining Company filed a plat in Cleveland, Ohio, for the town of Monte Cristo, and the corporate headquarters for this syndicate were located at 36 Wall Street in New York City. (In actuality, the Monte Cristo Mining Company was part of the Everett Land Company syndicate. ¹⁰) Ten days later, a second plat was filed in Washington State, by a separate group of men, resulting in several years of legal confrontations and ending in two separate sections to the town of Monte Cristo. Most miners stayed all week at the bunkhouses near their work, as the mines all entailed long and arduous walks up to their mountain-

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Contact Jennifer Meisner, Executive Director, Washington Trust for Historic Preservation
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Want to help restore New Orleans?

The Washington Trust for Historic Preservation is working to help Kevin Daniels, one of our newest Board members, recruit a crew of workers to travel to New Orleans during the second week of October (10/6 to 10/11/2008) to help renovate several Hurricane Katrina-damaged houses in the Ninth Ward. In his capacity as a member of the National Trust for Historic Preservation's Board of Trustees, Kevin assembled a work crew to travel to New Orleans this past January to rehabilitate a house in the Ninth-Ward. As his attached call to action states, New Orleans is still reeling from the devastation caused by Hurricane Katrina, and Kevin is passionate about doing all he can to help, which is where the Washington Trust and Historic Everett come in.

Members and/or friends whom you think would be interested and capable of joining the crew Kevin is assembling for a week-long work session in New Orleans this fall. He is looking for both skilled and unskilled laborers so anyone who is enthusiastic, able to swing a hammer or wield a paint brush, and doesn't mind getting dirty is welcome to participate. The National Trust is working in partnership with New Orleans Preservation Resource Center to organize this trip. Affordable lodging options will be secured and airfares are still relatively inexpensive.

FILL OUT AND MAIL TODAY

NAME _____

COMPANY /
OR OTHER FAMILY MEMBER _____

ADDRESS _____

EMAIL-
FOR EVENTS ONLY _____

PHONE _____ TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

INTERESTS _____

Choose your Annual Membership/Renewal

	1 YEAR	3 YEAR	5 YEAR
Seniors 60+	<input type="checkbox"/> \$12	<input type="checkbox"/> \$30	<input type="checkbox"/> \$45
Students	<input type="checkbox"/> \$12	<input type="checkbox"/> \$30	<input type="checkbox"/> \$45
Individuals	<input type="checkbox"/> \$20	<input type="checkbox"/> \$54	<input type="checkbox"/> \$88
Families	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25	<input type="checkbox"/> \$69	<input type="checkbox"/> \$110
Contributing	<input type="checkbox"/> \$50	<input type="checkbox"/> \$135	<input type="checkbox"/> \$230
<input type="checkbox"/> Business, institution, or professional \$100/YR			
<input type="checkbox"/> Associate members \$250/YR			
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<input type="checkbox"/> Benefactor \$1000+			
<input type="checkbox"/> Other donation			

*Members signing up after October 1 are good through the following year. Membership cards are sent out at the end of each quarter.

Historic Everett, 2625 Colby Avenue #3160, Everett WA 98201

Learn about the wonderful history of the city and it's pioneers. David Dilgard shares a slide show and then guides us for a walk thru the lighthouse and then to the cemetery.
 Sat. August 16, 10:00am
 \$12 public, \$8 Everett & Mukiteo members
 Rose Hill Community Center, Room 102
 304 Lincoln Ave.

Mukiteo History Program & Walk

Out of Town Series:

Wed. July 16, 6:30pm
 Free to public & members
 Everett Public Library auditorium
 This two-part presentation will help owners learn how to find their home or building's history, what resources are available. Then learn what steps to take to list on the Everett Historic Register and the advantages of restoring your property. Bring photos of your house!

Historic Register Workshop

Is Your House Historic?

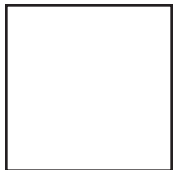


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BONUS!

Silver Lake History Walk

July 12 at 3:00pm

The Silver Lake neighborhood group, SLAC, will hold a history walk starting at Hauge Homestead Park. The free walk is being held in conjunction with their Silver Lake Potluck Picnic which starts at 1:00pm; just bring something tasty to share if you want to join in. See you at the south end park rain or shine—the shelter has been reserved for the event! Free for members.

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BONUS! Silver Lake Walking Tour July 12 at 3pm