

Welcome to Skagit County Historical Museum’s fourth Historic Home Tour.

This tour is designed as a walking tour so please park and enjoy beautiful Edison.
Parking is available at Edison school. A shuttle will run continuously throughout the day.

HISTORY OF EDISON - The town of Edison was founded in 1869 when several settlers took up residence on the tide-swept flats and began reclaiming them from the bay. All traveling was done in canoes, rowboats, and flatboats, as the land was very swampy and full of sloughs. Ben Sampson settled the first claim on the site where the town itself was later platted. A year later, Edward McTaggart settled on an adjoining claim. In 1876, as more settlers came, McTaggart and 46 other settlers petitioned for a post office. He suggested the post office be named in honor of Thomas Edison. After this came a trading post to fill the needs of the increasing settlers, followed by a hotel, churches, a school, and other buildings. Finally, in 1886, Colonel Granville Haller came into possession of Sampson’s claim and platted the original Edison townsite.

EDISON WOMEN’S CLUB – is a nonprofit organization founded in 1910 for the purpose of the betterment of their community and funding the street lights in Edison. Lanterns were used to light the streets until 1917 when streetlights were installed. The responsibility of maintaining the lights has been the Club’s since their inception. Call 766-8603 for more information about the Edison’s Women’s Club.

After the home tour, stay in Edison to enjoy the monthly Skagit Art Escape Gallery tour from 5 to 8 PM

Show your ticket at the following restaurants for special deals the day of the tour:

- Chuckanut Manor
- Edison Café
- Edison Inn
- Longhorn
- Oyster Creek Inn

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Tickets available at Christianson’s
Nursery, The Farmhouse, Gretchens,
Smith & Vallee Gallery, Stowe’s, at the
Museum, or by downloading a form at
www.skagitcounty.net/museum. For
more info, call 360-466-3365.

Due to the historic nature of these
structures, many parts of the tour
will not be handicap accessible. We
apologize for the inconvenience.

For lodging, stay in the convenient
City of Burlington.
www.burlington-chamber.com

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Skagit County Historical Museum
Presents

Historic Home Tour

AN ECLECTIC MIX OF HOMES AND STRUCTURES IN HISTORIC EDISON



Saturday, April 5, 2014 10 – 5

This fundraising event is sponsored by and benefits the Skagit County Historical Museum.
Thank you to the Edison Women’s Club for their partnership in this event.

Skagit County Historical Museum
501 S. 4th Street
at the top of the hill in historic La Conner WA



Open Tuesday - Sunday, 11 to 5
360.466.3365
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A Ken Deering and Marianna DeHart
St. Mary's Catholic Church (1890)
14129 Doser St., Edison

St. Mary's was the first church built on the Samish flats and continued to hold services until 1970. It sat empty until it was rented to a preschool group. It became a private home which makes beautiful use of the original structure.



C Wayne and Molly Williams
Cain Home (1906)
14064 MacTaggart Ave., Edison

Deborah Cain bought this property in 1904 and the house was built in 1906. Two additions followed. After falling into disrepair the current owners have restored it since buying it in 2002.



E Simon Family Estate
John Simon residence & studio (2005)
5800 Ewing, Edison

Built in 2005 by Skagit artist John Simon, this studio and living space was also used by other Skagit Valley artists including the late Joel Brock. The home was covered in cedar shakes to blend in with the studio. A fish pond graces the back yard.



B Tom Skinner & Chris Wardenburg Skinner
Oddfellows Hall (1895)
14118 MacTaggart Ave., Edison

Built in 1895, this structure housed the Oddfellows fraternal order and served as a meeting place for Socialists and other special events. Today it is an eclectic private home.



D Sara and Wes Smith
Butler Home (1905)
14050 MacTaggart Ave., Edison

This 1905 Victorian Craftsman home has undergone several remodels since its early years, but retains its original "craftsman" feel. This site was the location of an organization known as the Junior Order United American Mechanics.



F Linda and John Robbins
Edison's Blacksmith shop (1910)
14091 MacTaggart St., Edison

This site is believed to be the location of Edison's former blacksmith shop. In later years it became the town's Standard Oil Station. Today it is a general woodworking and cabinetry workspace plus an artist's studio.



G Andrew and Andrea Vallee
SMITH AND VALLEE GALLERY
Edison School "Boy's Workshop" (1903)
5742 Gilkey Ave., Edison

The Boy's Workshop building was moved from the Edison School grounds in the 1950s to its present location. Today it is a beautiful art gallery with a unique living space.



I Tom Skinner & Chris Wardenberg Skinner
Edison Telephone Exchange (1936)
5787 Cains Court, Edison

Once the Edison Telephone Exchange, which operated from 1936 to 1967, it was restored in 1995. The building features Art Deco styling. Stop here for information or to purchase tickets.



K Members of the Chamberlain extended family
Edison Granary (1930s)
Gilmore Ave., Edison

This farm was established prior to statehood. The granary itself was built in the 1930s to store farm products. Later the structure was used to sell antiques and collectibles and during the Home Tour will showcase historic photos.



H Toni Ann Rust
EDISON EYE GALLERY/TWEETS
Gilmore Bros. Mercantile (1902)
5800 Cains Court, Edison

The former Gilmore Bros. Mercantile has also served as a hardware store and auction venue, seafood company, appliance repair shop, and finally today's Edison Eye art gallery, as well as the owner's private residence.



J Eric and Jill Bailey
Brown Farmhouse (1904-1907)
5927 Farm-To-Market Rd., Edison

This early 1900s farmhouse is a wonderful mix of old and new. The fir floors and the stately staircase are original, accented by the large new addition, the landscaping, and glass-enclosed back porch.



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PARKING – Available at Edison School, 5801 Main Ave, Edison, WA. A free shuttle will be running continuously throughout the day.

RESTROOMS – There are no public restrooms in the town of Edison. Please be respectful of business owners and only access their facilities when you are a customer. Portable facilities will be available at Stop I and in the school parking lot.

Additional historical information will be provided at each house. Proceeds benefit the Skagit County Historical Museum.