



Kenmore Heritage Society

Seventeenth annual

McMaster Heritage Award

presented to

Annette Eaton

*in recognition of outstanding dedication and service
to the Kenmore Community*

Kenmore Founders' Day Celebration

February 7, 2018

Kenmore Community Club



Annette Ross Eaton was born in Woodinville, the daughter of Bill Ross and Olga Swanson, both from early Seattle families. She is named after grandmothers Agnethe Hagen and O'Dell (Della) McCoy.

Growing up in what was then mostly rural countryside, Annette had eight brothers and two sisters, seven of whom survived to adulthood. As a child she spent time riding horses, playing outside, swimming in the creek, and chasing after her brothers. She especially enjoyed school and the family dog Susie, even though the dog often stole her doll.

Soon after graduating from Bothell High School in 1956, she began volunteering, first working with children at the Ryther Child Center in Seattle. She worked in the chart room at Group Health Hospital in Seattle, becoming an assistant supervisor.

In 1963, she married Les "Bud" Eaton, who came from Wilson, NY. They bought a small house in Kenmore where their two children, Shelby and Ross, were brought up. Annette still lives in the home today.

When her children were in school, Annette began working part-time as a bookkeeper and office manager for Ness Construction, a general contractor in Kenmore. She continued her bookkeeping work at Shoreline Mechanical and at Familian Northwest, both plumbing companies.

After retiring, she and Bud spent much of their time volunteering. Other favorite activities included restoring classic convertibles, which they drove to Winnemucca, Nevada each year for the Hot August Nights Car Show.

The family remains close today and gathers regularly for holidays, birthdays, and special events.

Annette's lifelong history of volunteering in the Northshore community

SPORTS—coached a boys' soccer team, the "Bombers," with Kathy Basher; coached a first-year girls' soccer team; coached boys' baseball with Robert Andrews; served as timekeeper for basketball games at Arrowhead Elementary.

SCHOOLS—volunteered as a room mother for many years and as a picture docent, researching and presenting artwork to students and teachers; worked with the PTA at Arrowhead Elementary and Inglemoor High School; helped build a playground

structure at the elementary school; with Dorothy Byers, raised money for carpets for kids to sit on in school; managed the first newspaper drive at any of the Northshore schools; edited the school newsletter, gathering articles and printing and mailing the publication; organized school picnics; worked on carnivals; chaperoned many field trips and music competitions; volunteered at Camp Casey; helped with the senior party for graduating seniors.

AWARD WINNER—received a Golden Acorn Award, an honor bestowed by the PTA recognizing her dedication and service to children and youth.

CAMP FIRE—served as a co-leader with Maxine Rogers (and later others); took groups to many weekend retreats at Camp Sealth; organized and chaperoned numerous field trips; led art projects; worked with kids on candy sales.

BOTHELL HIGH ALUMNI ASSOCIATION—served as secretary and president; volunteered to work at the all-alumni picnics at Blyth Park; helped with several floats in the Bothell Fourth of July Parade.

KENMORE COMMUNITY CLUB—With Kathy and Ed Straw and Annette's husband, Les Eaton, revitalized and reorganized the Kenmore Community Club; helped get the building designated as a historic place; researched restoration of the historic screen.

KENMORE HERITAGE SOCIETY—served as treasurer and president; organized programs; gave historic presentations.

KENMORE HISTORY BOOK--helped publish "Kenmore by the Lake: A Community History."

DAUGHTERS OF THE PIONEERS—presented historic programs; arranged guest speakers; organized and arranged a tea service; provided refreshments for regular programs and meetings.

OTHER—took food and coffee to firefighters at fire scenes.

Proclamation

In recognition of her years of volunteerism and community service,

Annette Eaton

is hereby named recipient of the seventeenth annual

McMaster Heritage Award

Matthew Martin

February 7, 2018

KENMORE HERITAGE SOCIETY

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Annual McMaster Heritage Award

Presentation of the McMaster Heritage Award is a Kenmore Heritage Society tradition recognizing a person in our community who, through his/her commitment and dedication, fulfills the high ideals that the award embodies.

The selection of Annette Eaton as the recipient of the seventeenth annual award was made by nominations received from community citizens and leaders, with the final selection made by the Kenmore Heritage Society board of directors.

John McMaster, for whom the award is named, came to the Northwest from his hometown of Kenmore, Ontario, in 1889, joining his brother in the shingle industry. He operated mills in both Skagit and Snohomish counties before moving his shingle business to this area. On January 1, 1901, he joined Chris Kruse in erecting a mill here, naming it McMaster Shingle Mill. With incorporation of his business there was a need to identify the area, so on January 10, 1901, he named this area Kenmore after his Canadian hometown, which in turn had been named for Kenmore, Scotland.

John and his wife Annie had two sons and four daughters. He was active in many community organizations, was a member of the First Baptist Church for fifty years, and was a trustee for forty years. During his final years he was bestowed the honor of Deacon for Life.

Past McMaster Heritage Award Recipients

The first annual Founder's Day celebration took place January 10, 2001, on the 100th anniversary of the naming of Kenmore.

The first McMaster Heritage Award was presented January 10, 2002.

2002 – Ralph Swanson	2010 – Richard Taylor
2003 – LeRoy Anenson	2011 – L. G. "Bud" Eaton
2004 – Richard Ramsey	2012 – Staci Adman
2005 – Tom Traeger	2013 – Harrold Thompson
2006 – Roland Lindstrom	2014 – Kent Sturgis
2007 – Jo Ann Evans	2015 – Daniel K. Church
2008 – Priscilla Droge	2016 – Ron Gehrke
2009 – David Maehren	2017 – Sara Solum Hayashi