

Blackberry Preserves

The Journal of the
Kirkland Heritage Society



Juanita's 1950s-60s Maple Grove/Detour Tavern Photos
April Meeting: Tour of Bellevue Historical Society's Winters
House



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PRESIDENT'S LETTER by

Bob Burke

Last month I wrote about the incredible energy of our membership. In the past month it has been absolutely amazing how many of the ideas on which we have been working are coming together.

The photographs in last months *Blackberry Preserves* resulted directly from an oral history interview done by **Christina Brugman**. The contract for the Historic Tour Brochure is ready to be signed by **Amy Hamblin**, the **Kirkland Arts Center's** new Director. In trying to get a June program **Alan Stein** contacted the Virginia V Foundation. It appears that we will not only have an exciting program on its restoration but also the **Virginia V** is working on coming to Kirkland the last weekend in June so the entire community can enjoy going aboard and leaning about this important historic ship. Through **Lynette Friberg** we have arranged to have a Home Tour of the **Marsh Mansion**, tentatively scheduled for Sunday August 4th.

In addition, the North Rose Hill Neighborhood Association has designated **Nancy Stephens**, a new KHS member, to be their coordinator on historical activities. We will be training members of the Planning / Historic Sites Committee later this month with the anticipation that a number of **Community Landmarks** can be identified and designated by KHS this summer. If the home tour makes money, we hope to be able to purchase plaques to install on designated structures.

Look at the list of programs and activities we will be having over the next five months!! It is great! Thanks to everyone who has made them all possible.

See you at the **Winter's House** on the 24th!

GREAT MARCH PROGRAM

Thanks to **Mike Saunders** and **Graham Haslam** for an extremely interesting program on how to research the history of your home as well as the availability of technology through the Center for Puget Sound History and Archeology. We are putting announcements of our monthly programs on their web page. Its address is: <http://ls.ctc.edu/cpsha/>

If you want to contact the Puget Sound Archives regarding your home you can call 439-3785. In order for them to serve you best, please have the Tax number of your property on your tax statement. On properties where photographs were taken in the '30's you can get reprints for a reasonable price!

NEW MEMBERS by **Barbara Loomis**

Welcome to the following new members!!

- **Darby & Scott Johnson**
- **Mike & Kit Seaman**
- **Nancy Stephens**

We now have 85 members, a new high!! We did a mailing last month offering a year end special - **\$5.00** - through the end of our membership year, June 30, 1996. If you know someone who might be interested in finding out about KHS call me for a brochure - 827-7194 and I'll send it to them. Thanks!!

BOARD NOMINATIONS

All of the current members of the Board have expressed a willingness to continue to serve KHS and are hereby nominated for 1996-98:

- **Alan Stein**, Vice President
- **Laura Westlund**, Treasurer
- **Matt McCauley**, Communications Off.

The bylaws provide that additional nominations can be made at the April meeting and from the floor at the time of the election in May. In both cases, the person nominated has to indicate that they are willing to serve. The term of officers begins July 1, 1996.

APRIL 24th PROGRAM

**TOUR
HISTORIC F. W. WINTERS HOUSE
BELLEVUE**

The April Program provides us an opportunity to have a tour of the historic Winters House which includes an Archives. It was restored by the City of Bellevue and is the home of the Bellevue Historical Society. **Mary Ellen Piro**, President, **Karen Klett**, Vice-President and other Members of the Board of the Society will explain the history of the house, discuss the restoration effort and conduct a tour.

**Wednesday, April 24, 1996
7:00 p.m.
F.W. Winters House
2102 Bellevue Way S.E.
Bellevue, WA.**

If you need a ride to this meeting, please call George Harris, 822-7141.

FUTURE KHS MEETINGS

MAY 29

Issaquah's Annual Pioneer Reunion
Members of the Issaquah Historical Society will discuss their successful annual reunion.

JUNE 26

Restoring the Historic Virginia V
Learn about the history of this last remaining ship of the Puget Sound mosquito fleet and the Foundation's efforts to restore it.

JUNE 29 AND 30th

Visit the Virginia V Docked at Marina Park

Unless otherwise noted, meetings are held at 7:00 pm on the last Wednesday of the month at the First Congregational Church.

JULY 13 & 14

Kirkland Arts and Crafts Fair
Help at the KHS Booth!! Call 828-4095.

AUGUST 4th

Marsh Mansion Home Tour
More details coming next month!!

**OTHER HISTORIC PRESERVATION
EVENTS**

HISTORIC SEATTLE

For information on the following events call Historic Seattle, 622-6952.

City Living Rediscovered - 4 Lectures & Tour
April 8, 15, 22, 29; Tour - April 27th.

Garden Lecture - Stuart-Balcomb House
May 16, 7 pm, Queen Anne Christian Church

Port Townsend Greek Revival Architecture
Summer Event - June 8-9.

**NATIONAL PRESERVATION WEEK
MAY 12 - 18**

The theme selected for this year's celebration is *Preserve Community*. For information on events, call State Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation, (360) 753-4011.

AKCHO APRIL 30TH MEETING

The meeting will be held at the Klondike Gold Rush Museum, 117 S. Main St., Seattle for a program by Reed Jarvis, Museum Chair.

VIEWPOINTS

1996 Seattle Architectural Tours
Call 206/667-9186

**The Cover: Juanita's Baseball
Team c. 1918**

Juanita, like the hamlets of Hollywood, Bothell and Redmond, had its own baseball team. The ballfield was located on the Ostberg place, off today's NE 116th at McAuliffe's Nursery. Players are, back row L to R: Hugh Daniels, Ralph Tronstud, Ingwal Tronsrud, Lawrence Nelson, Shirley Daniels. Front row L to R: Ben Cathcart, Ivar Johnson, Phil Duby and Ted Griffiths.

Lakeview PTA Mother's Day Walk

By Alan Stein

For the past three years we have provided a booth to the Lakeview PTA Mother's Day walk, an annual event designed to promote pedestrian safety. Each participant is issued a 'passport' which is rubber stamped at each booth, spread along the walk route. Our participation helps raise awareness of KHS and Kirkland's history generally.

We need a one or two volunteers to help staff the booth this year. It will only take a few hours on the afternoon of Sunday, May 12. Previous walks have been a lot of fun.

If you would like to hang out at Houghton Beach on a sunny (hopefully) spring afternoon, let me know. Call 821-0164.

Tale from the Eastside Journal

By Alan Stein

My apologies for not being able to provide much of an introduction, but I am currently battling the flu, and tomorrow I am flying out of state to see two of my sisters, neither of whom I've had a chance to visit with for eight years.

Fortunately, this article needs little introduction. It originally appeared in the *ESJ* on July 9, 1955. My only question is: does anyone have a copy of *King's Handbook of the United States*? I'd sure like to see the original picture and text. Here's another piece of Kirkland history to add to our list of things to find for the archives.

An artist's conception of the ill-fated Kirkland steel mill of the 1890's has turned up in an old book owned by Elmer Carlberg of Woodinville.

As far as is known, the drawing is the first ever discovered locally. It appears in "King's Handbook of the United States" published in 1891 in Buffalo, N.Y.

In its discussion of Washington State, the book relates how "preparations are now made for the reduction of ore and the manufacture of steel on an extensive scale."

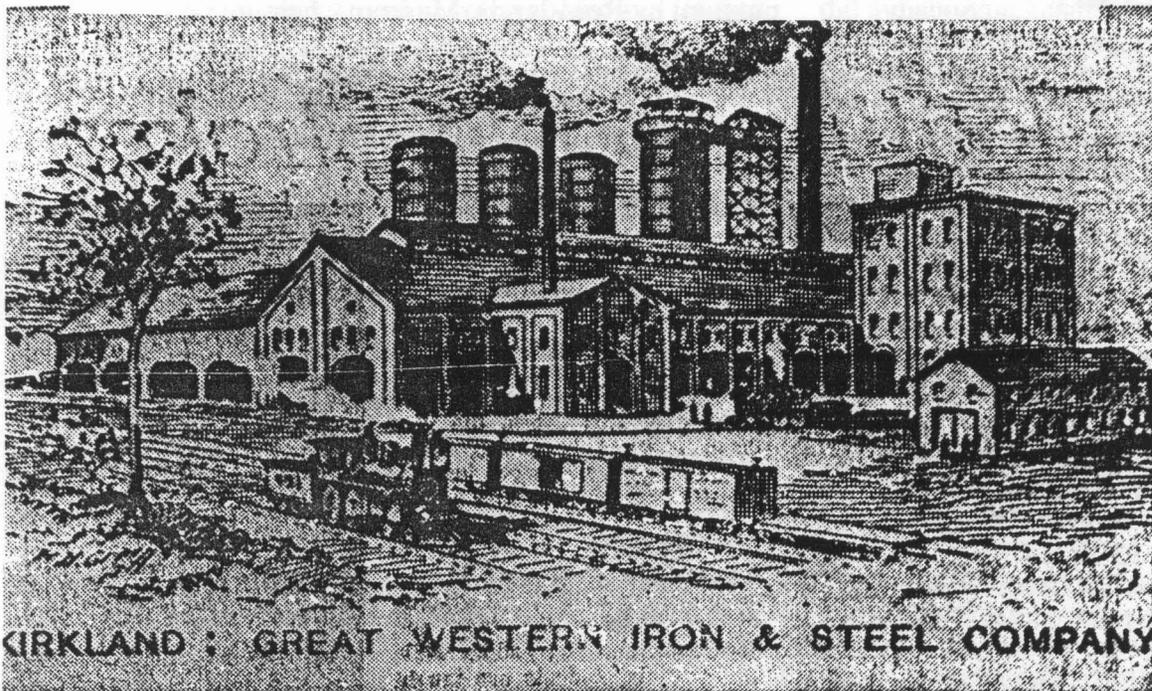
It discusses in some detail the capitalization ("\$1,000,000 and power to increase this to \$5,000,000") of the Great Western Iron and Steel Co., and the company's ambitious plans for Kirkland.

Peter Kirk (for whom Kirkland was named) and his partners planned to bring iron ore from the Snoqualmie Pass area to Kirkland. It was to be processed here and eventually shipped all over the western U. S., South America and the Orient.

The ambitious plans collapsed however, when the panic of 1893 plunged the country into a severe depression. Land was cleared, a foundry and several other buildings erected, but the main buildings never materialized.

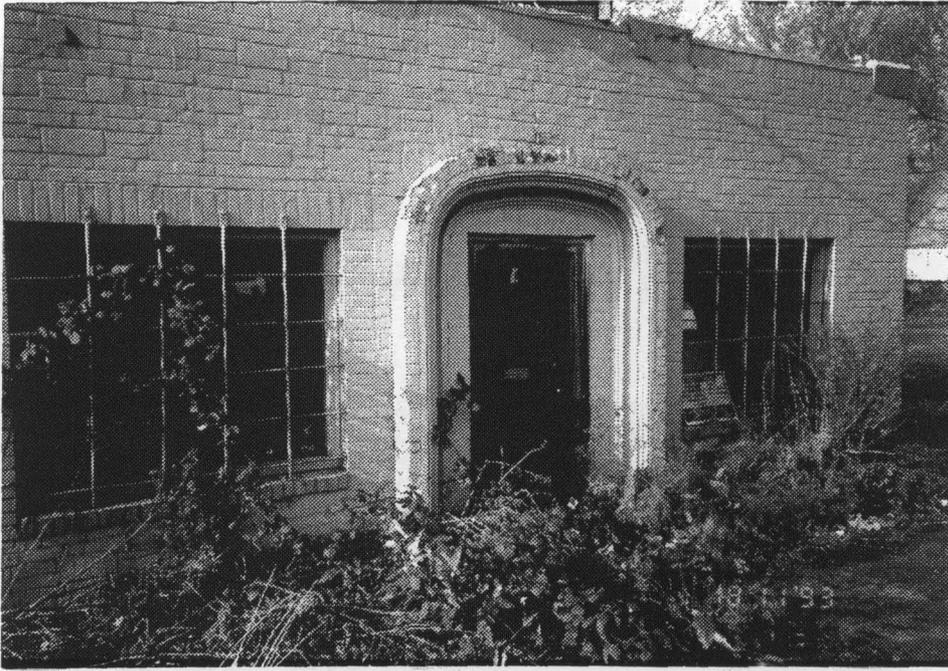
The mill was to have been located near what is today the Rose Hill school. Traces of the old foundations still are visible.

Drawing of Kirkland Steel Mill Discovered in Old History Book



THE MILL THAT NEVER WAS BUILT
Artist's Conception of Early-Day Kirkland Steel Mill

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**Angie & Dale Eggers'
Maple Grove Tavern**

One day it was just gone; the last remnant of Juanita Junction, no doubt to be replaced by some strip mall development designed to give us Juanitians a 'sense of place.' The distinctive little brick building that stood on 100th Ave, NE in Juanita-- across from Chocolate Soup Bagels--was removed recently, amid much neighborhood speculation as to what will happen with the large lot upon which it, the topsoil place, and old Chevron station once stood. KHS member Angie Eggers and her late husband Dale owned and operated the colorful little establishment as the Maple Grove Tavern from, roughly, 1958 until selling in 1970 to an owner who operated it, briefly, as the notorious Detour Tavern, a topless joint. He argued that since the Juanita was sprouting subdivisions everywhere, it was high time the little hick unincorporated hamlet got some "sophisticated" entertainment. His operation didn't last long, but the Eggers' little country western music-themed roadhouse did. Beer cost .60 for a pitcher, .25 schooner and .10 for a glass. Olympia--Oly--was the favorite brew, but thick wallets came out for Miller, the "prestige" offering.



*Angie and Dale Eggers in the
late 1960s*



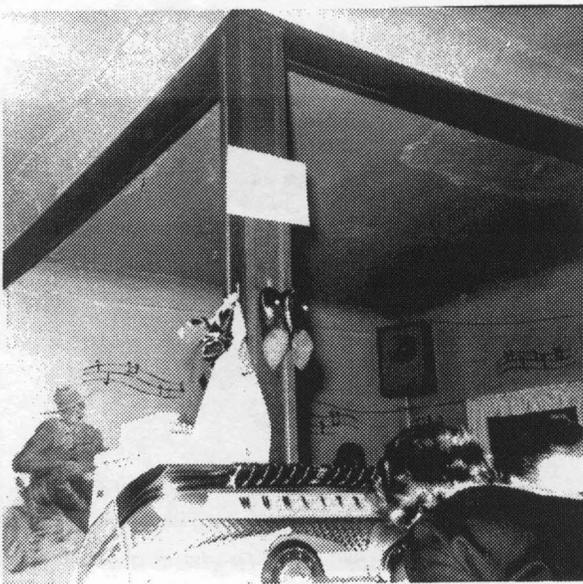
*Don "Jet" Jotblad on the piano,
modified with thumbtacks to give it that
'Honky Tonk' sound. He played by
ear, couldn't read a line of music.*

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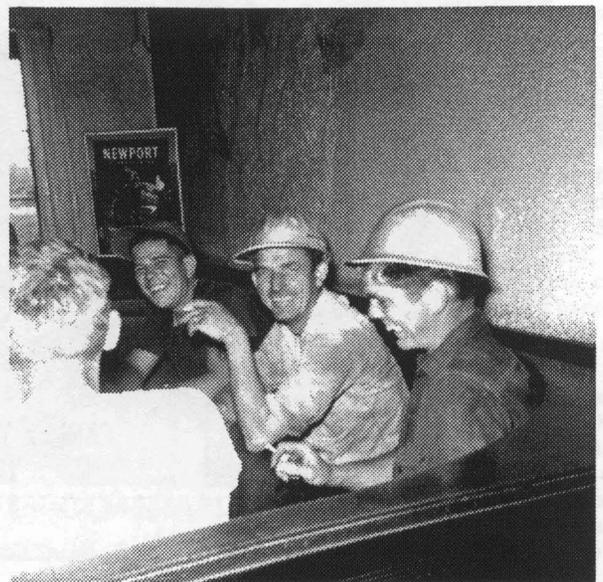
Fiddle and guitar players in front of the signature river rock fireplace. After demolition, Angie walked down and tried to salvage a single rock as a souvenir. Sadly, she couldn't find one.

A dancer lost her shoes! Note the cowboy guitar player painted on the wall and look at the old Whirlitzer juke box.



Dale Eggers joint patrons in some 'illegal' penny stakes gamblin'.

Angie said you could set your watch by the after work hard hats. These guys were building homes in Juanita, but the tavern also drew shift workers all the way from Houghton's window sash and door factory.



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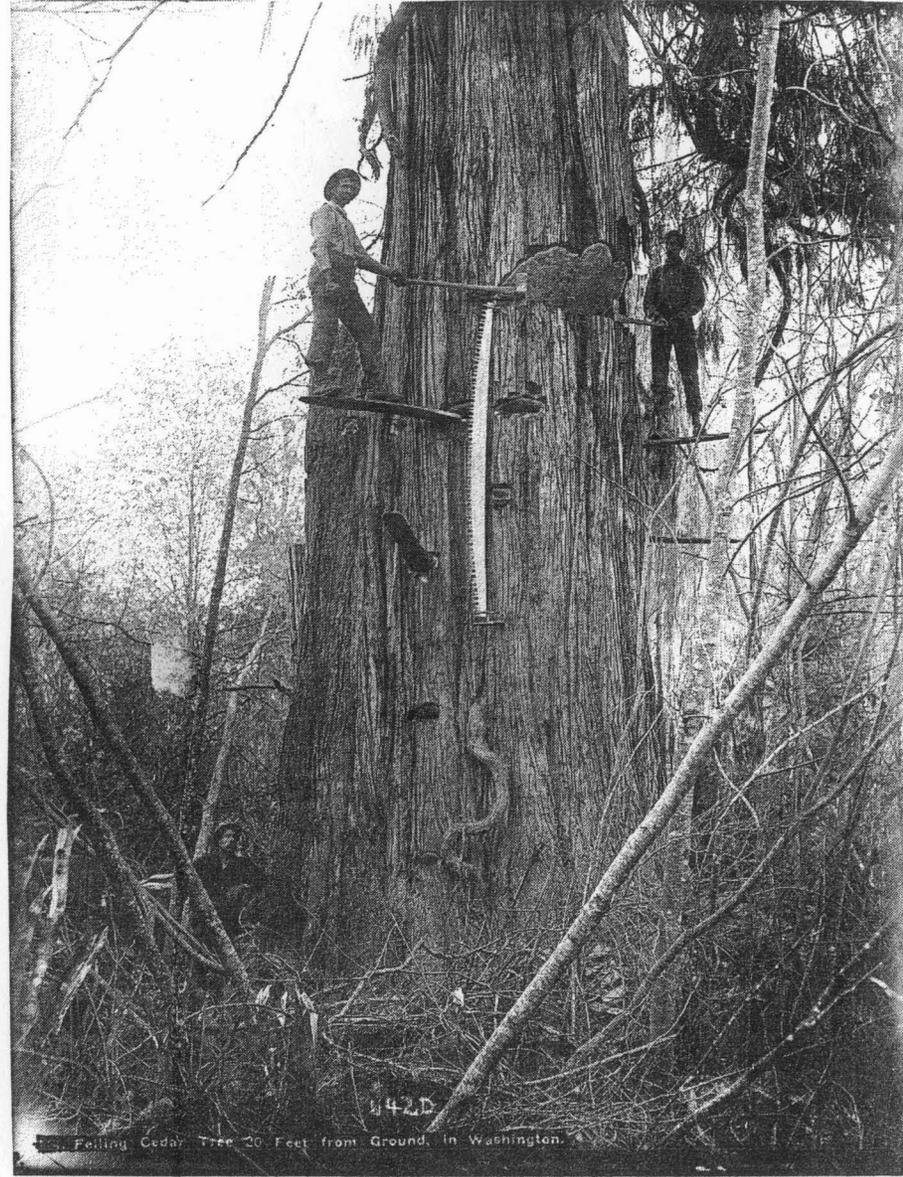
911 104th N.E., BELLEVUE

(Next to Ken Schoenfeld Furniture.)

Since our next meeting is in Bellevue...Here's an ad from the Sept. 30, 1965 Bellevue American. My dad, the McCauley of McCauley Carpets and Drapes, thought Bellevue would be growing quite a bit, what with the new bridge and all. he said it took him about ten minutes each day to drive in from Juainta, where we lived.

Become an Oral History Interviewer!

Come to the next O.H. meeting at noon on April 27 at Joie Goodwin's, 217 7th Ave W, Kirk. **Please RSVP 827-7720.** We need more interviewers. It's fun, it's educational, it's an important way to preserve Kirkland's past. Why not give it a try?



Darius Kinsey: Felling Cedar Tree Twenty Feet from the Ground, circa 1905

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