

Blackberry Preserves

**The Journal of the
Kirkland Heritage Society**



**Houghton Grocery, Post Office and Ferry Dock - Early 1900's
NE 60th & Lake Washington Boulevard**



Kirkland Heritage Society

**SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER
PRESIDENT'S LETTER**
by
Bob Burke

First, I want to thank all of the KHS Members who helped on the very successful Marsh Mansion Tour In August. We had 110 people attend and, after expenses we should make over \$500 for plaques to be placed on additional historic buildings which are now being identified by the Planning and Historic Sites Committee. I would especially like to thank **Lynette Friberg** who chaired the committee; and **Jerry Marsh** for providing photographs and insight about Louis Marsh, the family and the home.

This event made me realize how important and powerful the combination of all of our programs are when put together: encouraging the preservation of historic structures, research into their history, collecting photographs, the oral history program and education of the public about this wonderful community resource and the family who made it possible.

Matt McCauley Leaving KHS Board

Matt McCauley has submitted his resignation from the KHS Board and thereby his role as the editor of *Blackberry Preserves*. He, Ashley and Jake will be moving away from Kirkland. Matt has been the editor for the past four years. In 1994 *Blackberry Preserves* won an award from the Washington Trust for Historic Preservation. Matt's articles in the *Kirkland Courier - A Look to the Past* - and in the City's newsletter have provided information to a community-wide audience. He has made a major contribution to the success of KHS. On behalf of the Board and all of the members of the Kirkland Heritage Society I want to thank Matt for all of his work and dedication; and to wish him well in his new venture! Thank You, Matt!!

Kirkland Comprehensive Plan Update

The City Planning Commission is now at work updating the Comprehensive Plan. The Community Character Element is one of the primary ones to be expanded. Although we were successful in getting more consideration of historic preservation policies in the current plan, we need to work to assure recognition of our community's history in the very fabric of the plan. It is not a 'stand alone' element, it is essential to the long term viability and quality of our City and our neighborhoods.

The Planning Commission met on September 12th to begin their discussion. We attended and will continue to work with them over the next few months to strengthen the Community Character Element of the Plan. We would like to see a specific Framework Goal dealing with historic preservation and to expand policies in not only the historic preservation section but also other sections, including implementation. We will be trying to coordinate our efforts with the Neighborhood Associations. If you have an interest in working on this or any other KHS program, please call me!! 827-6550 (work) 828-4095 (home).

OCTOBER PROGRAM

**KIRKLAND HERITAGE
SOCIETY
ORAL HISTORY PROGRAM**

Christina Brugman and members of the KHS Oral History Committee will present the October program. Here is a wonderful chance to find out about the great work they are doing!! You will be able to hear taped stories from the interviews of our pioneers! Look at pictures which have been provided! Learn first hand accounts of Kirkland's history as presented by those who lived it! Learn how you can become involved!!

**October 30, 1996
7:00 p.m.**

**Kirkland Congregational Church
106 - 5th Avenue, Kirkland**

COVER PHOTOGRAPH

DO YOU HAVE ANY HISTORY ON IT?

This photograph of these two buildings at the corner of NE 60th and Lake Washington Boulevard was taken near the Houghton Ferry Landing prior to the lake being lowered in 1916. Do you have any information or history on these buildings? In beginning to research assessor's records, it appears that the building at the corner with the antique store may have either been replaced or remodeled in the 1940's.

We are working with the Planning Commission to try to preserve these potentially significant buildings. Can anyone provide us with additional information?? If you can please call Barbara Loomis - 827-7194 or Velda Wilson - 641-0528 or 827-7098.

NOMINATIONS FOR BOARD POSITION

With the resignation of Matt McCauley, his position as the Communication Officer on the Board of Directors of KHS is now open. According to the bylaws, that position is filled by nomination and an election of the membership at a regular meeting. If you are interested or want more information about serving on the Board and being responsible for *Blackberry Preserves*, please call Bob Burke at 827-6550 (w) or 828-4095 (h).

Publishing *Blackberry Preserves* is the most important communication function of KHS and we need to fill it as soon as possible! That position also coordinates our articles in *City Update*. We still need a chair for the Program Committee starting with 1997's programs.



The above photograph is courtesy of Helen Mickelson. It was taken in about 1911 or 1912. From left to right are: Helen M., Hilda M., Art M. Florence Elsstrom, Grace M., and Art Elsstrom (One person not known). Totem Lake (Lake Wittemeyer) is in the background.

**MARSH MANSION TOUR
AND
FIRST ANNUAL ICE CREAM SOCIAL
by
Lynette L. Friberg**

Many, many thanks to all participants in our tremendously successful Marsh Mansion Tour and Ice Cream Social. Special thanks to **Jerry Marsh** who provided photographs, inside family information and articles which made the entire experience so interesting and meaningful. And, to **Velda Wilson** a big thank you for contributing the goodies as well as being the entertaining hostess for the Ice Cream Social.



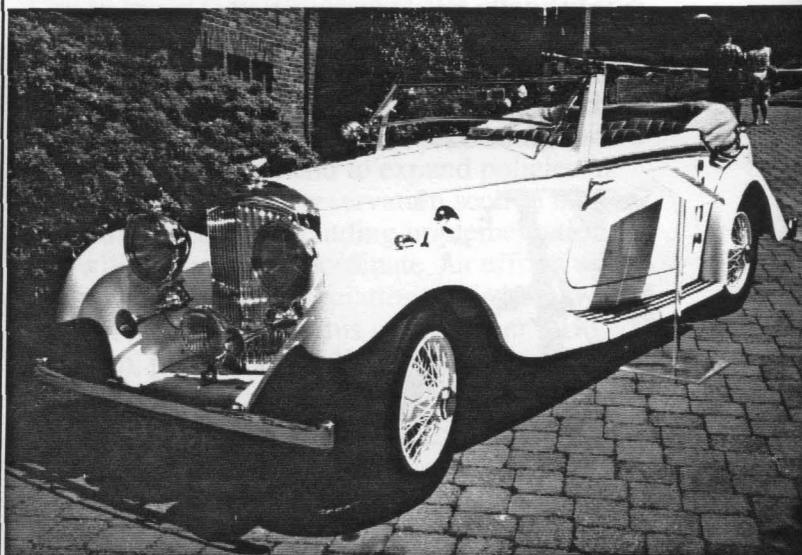
Velda at Ice Cream Social

Tour guides - **Christina Brugman, Sue Carter, Myra Gamburg, Loita Hawkinson, Bev Hoerlein, Barbara Loomis and Cathy Smith** - you were wonderful! **Barbara and Cathy** were responsible for the story boards positioned throughout the Mansion. **Loita** donated the use of her antique ice cream paraphernalia complete with tables and chairs which made outdoor seating perfect for those wear time travelers to sip a sarsaparilla. Let us not forget the "cleaning crew" of **Christina, Barbara, Velda and Vic Newhard** - a major endeavor! **Vic** also manned the front gate as the official ticket taker/banker.

Nancy Stevens greeted everyone with a smile at the Mansion's entrance door where they signed the guest register, received membership

information and a tour brochure. The tour brochure as fabulous, thanks to **Bob Burke**. **Don Winters** policed and directed traffic at the parking lot donated by **Luella O'Conner**. **Paula Riggert** set up the successful media advertising support and **Patty Doherty** networked with the Neighborhood Associations.

Thanks to **Robert Norman** and **Dick Shinstrom** who arranged insurance to cover the event. Also to the florists of downtown Kirkland who donated the beautiful flower arrangements and to Park Place LTD Motors for the use of the 1936 Bentley as an added attraction of that bygone era.



1936 Bentley

We had 110 paid attendees and raised over \$1,000. It was very exciting to be able to present to the public such an important home - architecturally and historically; and to let people understand the significance of Louis Marsh not only to the aircraft industry but also to the City of Kirkland by donating Marsh Park on Lake Washington and the mansion to the Children's Home Society so it would be preserved. The importance of historic preservation was a message imparted and felt by all who walked the halls and the grounds of this historic Marsh Mansion!!

Again, many thanks to each of you who helped make it happen!!

Marsh Mansion photographs were taken by Lynette Friberg.

Tales from the East Side Journal

by Alan Stein

This article from the June 28, 1934 edition of the East Side Journal is notable for two reasons. The first is that it is one of the rare times that comical illustrations accompany the article. The second reason is that it is from the "Hyuk-hyuk" school of journalism, wherein the reporter uses slang and vernacular not usually seen in hard journalism, and he treats the subject (assaulting a police officer) in a very light manner.

Near Killing Scares 'Victim', Also Marshal : : : Go Get 'em Archie : : : Moore Not Shot; Only Half-Shot, Says Cop

(See Editorial Page)

When Town Marshal Archie Apt fires his six shooter, men may fall, but that's no sign they're dead. Archie demonstrates this aptly. Early yesterday morning, Apt made an attempt to arrest Stanley Moore of Redmond who, in a slightly inebriated condition, according to police, had been arguing



with another man over an automobile accident. Moore objected strongly and knocked Apt down in a fistful encounter, and then fled down the street.

"Sure - Shot" Archie, bounced to his feet, drew his trusty six gun, and with grim determination, fired - - (blooey-blooey) at the fleeing figure in the pale moonlight. At the instant the gun roared, the fugitive dropped to the roadbed.

When "Dead-eye" Apt arrived on the scene, Moore had assumed the approved posture for a dead man, with folded arms and wide-open eyes.

"I've shot a man—he's dead!" telephoned Archie to Deputy Coroner J.

R. Wallace. "Where'd you shoot him?" asked Wallace. "Are you sure he's dead?"

"One Gun" Apt returned for a second look, but the "dead" man had spirited himself away. In a few moments the marshal found him 300 feet down the road. He was still "dead". So he went back and confirmed the report.

Presently the deputy coroner came to Kirkland and so did County Detectives R. A. J. Allingham and William H. Sears to view the "remains". But the 'corpse' was gone again. After beating around the bush for awhile, the detectives found Moore.

"Are you dead?" whispered one of the officers to the still, death-like form.

"Hell, no!" cried Moore, "I'm just waiting here until that marshal quits shooting!"

Moore was placed in jail and yesterday afternoon went before Judge F. A. Reil of Redmond. He was sentenced to spend his next 30 days in King county jail for intimidating an officer.



MEMBERSHIP

by
Barbara Loomis

This years membership renewal has gone very well. We now have 78 members who have either renewed or are new since July 1. Thank you for responding so quickly!! For those who have not sent in your renewals please do so today.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR RENEWAL
AND CONTINUED SUPPORT**

CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP

Lloyd & Sharon Powell

**PROFESSIONAL/BUSINESS
MEMBERSHIP**

Curtis Gelotte

Curtis Gelotte Architects, P.S.

Galen Page & Lee Beard

Page & Beard Architecture & Design, P.S.

**SUSTAINING/SUPPORTING
MEMBERSHIP**

Edgar & Hazel Kelly

Laura Westlund

Kirkland Woman's Club

**INDIVIDUAL AND FAMILY
MEMBERSHIPS**

Chet & Susie Creger

Colleen Granger

Bev Hoerlein

Darby & Scott Johnson

Myron & Marlene Lewis

C.R. Mathewson

Lorraine McConaghy

Betsy Pringle

Greg Crafts & Nancy Roach

Fred & Courtney Romano

Eric & Deborah Shields

Cathy Smith

Velda & Stan Wilson

Don & Roseanne Winters

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Chuck & Marti Bartlett

Charlotte Bates

Marcy Heath

Barbara Radford

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR
ADDITIONAL DONATION**

Don & Roseanne Winters

FUNDRAISING

by
Barbara Loomis

Back by popular demand!! I just picked up *entertainment '97* books. Once again they cost \$40, we pay \$32, and make \$8 per book for KHS. The best part however is how much money you can save!! We used it several times for hotels and saved about \$700! Then of course there are all the restaurants!

Seattle/North and Seattle/South both include the following areas; Downtown Seattle, Bellevue, Kirkland, Redmond, Issaquah & Mercer Island (new.) Seattle/North includes from Bothell to Everett and Seattle/South includes from Factoria to South Center

A FEW OF THE GREAT NEW HIGHLIGHTS:

- Savings Spree and Entertainment Gold information included in the book. There is no plastic wrap, you can look through the '97 edition.
- The hotel section has been increased from 1200 to 1600 hotels.
- American Airlines & Continental Airlines offers have been expanded.
- Great new offers from Pescatore, Billy McHales, Hales Pubs, Issaquah Brew Pub, Mrs. Fields....and more!

I will bring books to our next meeting so bring your checkbook! Otherwise call me if you want books sooner (827-7197).

**HOW TO CONDUCT INVENTORIES
OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES**

**Two Workshops
October 8th and 15th, 7:00 p.m.**

The Planning and Historic Sites Committee has arranged for **Clo Copass**, Preservation Planner, Landmarks and Heritage Commission, King County to present two nights of training on how to conduct inventories of historic properties. These are open to any interested member or friend. We have also contacted the Neighborhood Associations and City to see if they will send representatives!

The training sessions will be about two hours in length and will include the following items:

Tuesday, October 8th, 7:00 p.m.

- Review Kirkland History and Buildings and Sites presently inventoried and designated.
- Discuss the criteria for designation of historic structures and the implications of having a building on a historic register.
- Review architectural styles in Kirkland.
- Discuss methods of conducting inventories.

Tuesday, October 15th, 7:00 p.m.

- How to prepare a detailed inventory form.
- How to conduct research on the history of a building or site - available resources.
- What is required for nomination of a structure to the State or National Registers of Historic Places.
- Review effective organizational approaches to historic preservation - Certified Local Government, Contracts?
- What are incentives to encourage preservation of a structure?

Plan to attend!! For more information and in order to have enough handouts, please call Velda Wilson - 641-0528 or 827-7098.

Location

**Kirkland Congregational Church
106 Fifth Avenue, Kirkland**

**ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT
by
Laura Westlund**

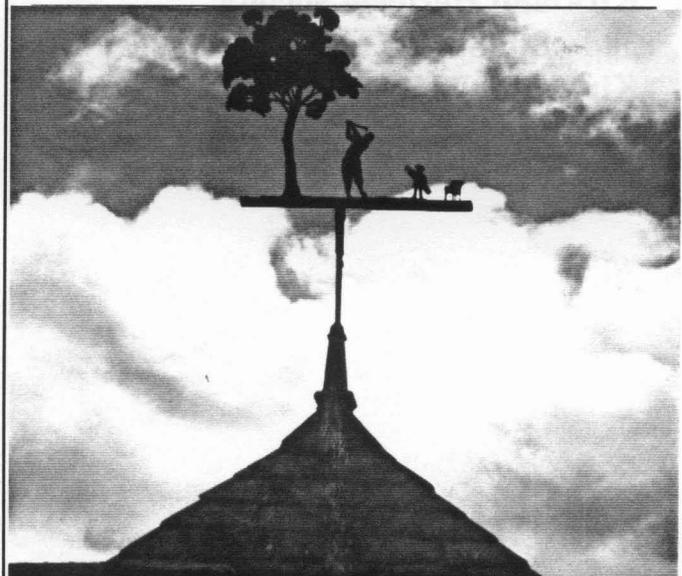
The Bylaws require that we present an annual report on the finances of the Kirkland Heritage Society in Blackberry Preserves. This summarizes our income and expenses during the fiscal year from July 1, 1995 to June 30, 1996. If you want detailed information, please call me at 827-6676.

Bank Balances:	Checking	\$2,041.04
July 1, 1995	Savings	\$2,581.40
Fiscal Year Income:		\$5,891.96
	Membership	\$2,155.00
	City Contract	\$2,000.00
	Other	\$1,236.96
Fiscal Year Expenses:		\$5,064.03
Bank Balances:	Checking	\$1,850.60
June 30, 1996	Savings	\$4,174.65

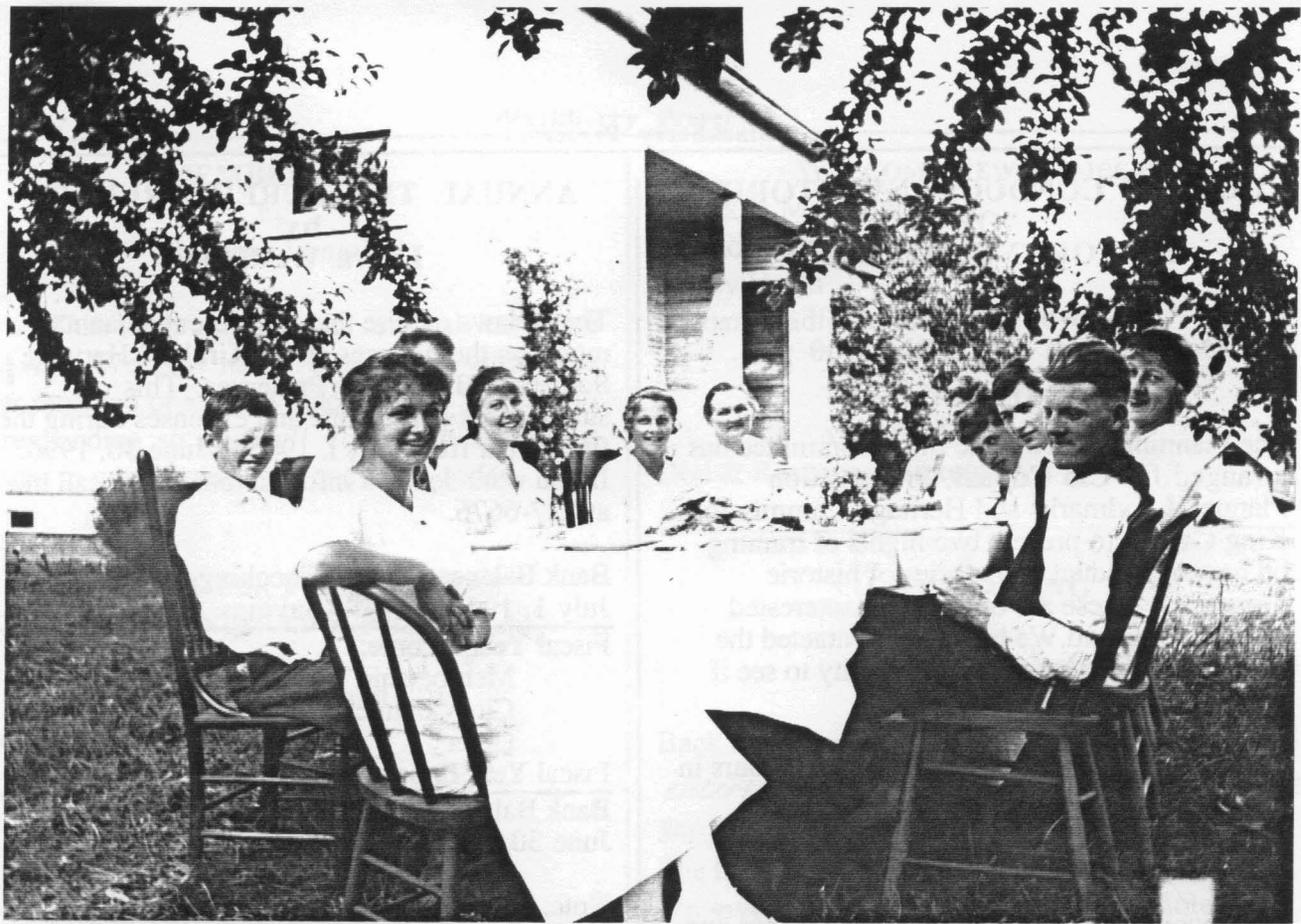
Note: Balances will not add up due to timing of checks, deposits and bank statements.

**KHS BOARD / COMMITTEE CHAIR
MEETING**

The Board and Committee Chairs will meet in early November to consider potential by-laws revisions and nominations for Board vacancies. Members of the Society are welcome to attend!



Marsh Mansion Roof Detail



The above photograph is courtesy of Helen Mickelson. It is one of those provided to KHS as a result of the oral history interview conducted by Christina Brugman earlier this year. This family picnic is taken in front of the Mickelson's new house, in about 1917.

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To contribute articles or for more information on KHS, please call Bob Burke, Interim Editor, 827-6550 or 828-4095 or E-mail - mcbinc@halcyon.com

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