

Blackberry Preserves

The Journal of the
Kirkland Heritage Society



Post Card Recently Purchased of Back of Kirkland High School

Interesting that anyone would think that the back of the school would be a post card subject.



OCTOBER PRESIDENTS LETTER

Bob Burke

There will be more public discussion of the historic former Christian Science Church building in the next couple months. A number of important meetings are occurring related to the Waverly site and the Church Building. The Waverly Advisory Group is meeting every other week to establish a program for the future use of the overall site as well as for the building. A **Public Workshop will be held on November 1, 2000 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chamber.**

I thought it would be helpful to outline how KHS has been involved in saving the building, our commitment to help in the historic renovation and our desire to be able to use the lower floor of the building for a community archives. It really started when the American Legion Hall was for sale and we submitted an offer. That effort made us realize how much we need a permanent space to fulfill our mission.

When KHS began to provide information to the City Council about the importance of saving this historic former Christian Science Church building we were asked by them, "If we save the building what need is there for it? Who would use it?" We talked to the neighborhood associations and went to their meetings. The Market and Norkirk neighborhoods both expressed interest in being able to hold their monthly meetings there. A couple other neighborhoods said they would probably use it. KHS said we would like to use it for our meetings. The historic upper floor was the church meeting room and is perfect for these smaller community meetings. This type of use would be consistent with the historic use of the building.

KHS also expressed interest in utilizing the lower floor to develop a community archives that would make our information more accessible to the public. We have a growing collection of photographs (1,250+) illustrating Kirkland's history; oral history

tapes and transcriptions; historic property inventory sheets and photographs; newspaper data base; and various maps and documents. We now have a temporary archives, but it does not have work space, lacks climate control and is not open to the public.

KHS committed to the City Council that we would work to raise funds to help renovate the historic building and to complete the lower floor if we are able to use it. Thus, our efforts to sell inscribed pavers, research foundation grants, obtain donations and organize volunteer services and work parties. One potential source of funds is through King County's Landmark and Cultural Facilities program; however half the building must be for heritage use. That application is due in January 2001. So, you can see that that getting the issue of use decided soon is of great importance to KHS.

KHS Goals

From the beginning KHS goals have been and continues to be as follows:

- 1. Convince the city to save the building and to relocate it to an acceptable site;** This has been done and the building has been officially designated as a Kirkland Landmark.
- 2. Work with the city to obtain funding, grants, donations and volunteer efforts to restore the historic elements of the building and to provide an appropriate setting.** Funding efforts are underway and volunteers have prepared concept drawings for renovation, selected paint colors and prepared a landscape plan as well as done some initial work on the building.
- 3. Participate in the Waverly Site Master Plan effort with the objective of having heritage use designated as appropriate for a community archives and work space for KHS on the lower floor and community meeting space on the upper floor.** KHS has a representative on the Waverly Advisory Group and has provided background information to the consultant working with them.

The Waverly site itself has historical significance in the two previous school sites, the terraces along Market Street and a reported WPA path along the bluff. These should be considered in the overall Master Plan for the Waverly site.

OCTOBER KHS MEETING

October 25th, 7:00 p.m.
Kirkland Congregational Church

ADVERTISING
AND THE AMERICAN FAMILY
1875 - 1990

Dr. Lorraine McConaghy

Staff Historian
Seattle's Museum of History and Industry

Historic magazine advertisements offer interesting evidence for the changing roles of American men and women through time. Join Kirkland resident Dr. Lorraine McConaghy for a fascinating overview of ads for products as diverse as beer and life insurance that show who we are, how we were and what we expected of one another.

Presentation by **Keith Maehlum**, WestWater Real Estate, on proposed development plans for the vacant historic hotel site at the corner of Market Street and Seventh Avenue across from the Peter Kirk Building.

We will also have an update on the status of the renovation and fundraising for the Church building and a report on the Waverly Advisory Group by **Michael Radcliff** our KHS Representative.

The KHS Board and Committee Chairs will be meeting at 6:00 prior to the regular meeting.

A HIDDEN PAST
Eastside History Books

We just found out that we did not have to collect Washington State Sales Tax on the sale of the Eastside History book and so we over-charged by 55 cents. If you purchased a book and would like that amount returned, please contact Nancy Stephens at 822-9475. We still have copies available at the price of \$5.95 each.

They make great gifts!!

NEW CITY HALL DISPLAY TO BE
INSTALLED SOON

by
Alan Stein

A new display of old photographs from the archives of the Kirkland Heritage Society will be installed in City Hall within the next few weeks. The display, which has been curated by KHS for over the last five years, is located inside the southern entrance to the building. **Shannon Harris** and **David Cantrill** are helping put together the photographs and panels.

The new display will focus on Kirkland in the 1920s, and will include images and stories of such things as the American Legion boat, the old hospital, the ferry Lincoln, and Juanita Beach (among others). Each panel will contain one or two photos, along with a caption. There will be close to ten panels in all.

HISTORIC COMMUNITY EVENT
Closing the 87 Year Old Kirkland Hardware Store

On Friday, September 29th, there was a party to say goodbye to the Kirkland Hardware Store! Their site is being redeveloped and it proved impossible to find another central location of the size required. **Dick Shinstrom** recounted the various locations the store had been over its years of service to residents of Kirkland. Hundreds of people turned out on a rainy night to enjoy hot-dogs, potato salad, beverages and cake. Thanks to **Kirkland Downtown on the Lake** who was the organizer! **Dick Ekins** donated to KHS a vintage Hoover vacuum cleaner that had been used in the store for over 30 years. We haven't exactly settled on the warranty, but it is a wonderful reminder of this important Kirkland institution.

PUBLIC WORKSHOP
WAVERLY SITE PROPOSED USES
(Including Potential Uses for Church Building)

November 1, 2000
7:00 p.m.
Kirkland City Council Chamber

Please Plan To Attend This Important Meeting!

STONE PAVER SALES FOR HISTORIC CHURCH RENOVATION

Sale of the Wilkeson Stone pavers to support the renovation of the 1922 former church building were given a big boost by an article in Sherry Grindeland's column in The Seattle Times on October 3rd. Shows that we need to keep getting the flyers out to everyone in the community! That's why we sent extra copies to every member of KHS in our last mailing, and have included another one in this issue.

First, please use them to buy your own paver, one for each child and grandchild, friends, commemorate significant dates - whatever! Second, if you have an extra, give it to friends and neighbors. We are getting inquiries from Bellevue, Seattle, Medina, and Redmond. We received our first **International Order** from Switzerland.

Our goal is to sell 2000 of the 6 inch square size and about 60 of the 12 inch square size. These will be installed in the walkway leading to the building and in the terrace north of the building. If we have sold about 60% of them by early next spring we will do the front sidewalk and entry plaza then. Hopefully the terrace to the north can be done in the Fall!

**If you need more order forms
Call Bob Burke at 425 828-4095.**



Church Building After Painting
Photograph by Bob Burke

The Wilkeson Stone Pavers will be placed in a sidewalk leading from the corner to the front stairs.

**DOCUMENTING HISTORY
Oral History and Video Documentary Workshops**

Two workshops are being presented in November by the Washington Commission for the Humanities in association with the Museum of History & Industry. KHS will pay the tuition for committee members or persons interested in helping on these efforts. Both workshops are being held at the Museum of History and Industry in Seattle. Registration forms are available from Bob Burke, 828-4095.

**Friday, November 3, 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
ORAL HISTORY WORKSHOP
Lorraine McConaghy**

**Friday, November 10, 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
VIDEO WORKSHOP
Lynn Shelton**

**PHOTOGRAPH DISPLAY
FIRST MUTUAL BANK, KIRKLAND**

This Kirkland Branch Bank has used 14 historic photographs from KHS's collections. The bank selected the photo's from our newly organized work books. **David Cantrill** coordinated the printing and **Alan Stein** and **Bob Burke** prepared the captions. KHS has a policy that allows the commercial use of our photographic images when it assists in our mission to inform the public about Kirkland's history. The business pays for the use of each image as well as all costs related to the photography and framing. The money received by KHS is used to pay for copying and placing our photo collection in archival materials.

Drop into the new bank at the corner to Central Way and Third Street to view the collection!

SEPTEMBER MEETING

Through a misunderstanding on the location, our speaker did not get to the meeting. However, everyone who did attend said "It was a great meeting!" So many people brought their dolls and shared stories about them! These sharing meetings are among the most enjoyed programs that we have!!

TALES FROM THE EAST SIDE JOURNAL

by

Alan J Stein

Given the recent postcard acquisitions by the Kirkland Heritage Society, this month's tale from the East Side Journal pertains to postcards. It was published on September 20, 1972:

60 Years Later, Postcard Returns

A picture postcard mailed from Kirkland on May 26, 1913 to Ellensburg found its way back to Kirkland in August via California. The Last Mailing (from California) was made in a letter to Mrs. Ralph Blanchard, 10844 NE 68th St. from her niece, Mrs. Donna Schott, who lives in Alamo, Calif.

The face of the card pictures Kirkland Beach and praises Kirkland in poetry as: "Wide awake, by the lake; Best town you'll ever make; And no mistake, she takes the cake. Come, partake."

The reason for the booster type of message is explained on the card by the fact that "the canal is being built, and Kirkland Wn. Will be a seaport town with a fresh water harbor."

Mrs. Schott, in her letter to Mrs. Blanchard, explained that she was in Bishop, Calif. this summer with her children where they were rummaging in an antique store.

"Just as we were going to leave we saw some old postcards and I told the kids they could each pick one out for their collection... In the course of our digging, we found this card from Kirkland and thought you would get a kick out of it," Mrs. Schott wrote.

It was addressed to Miss Edith McNeil in Ellensburg and was initialed R.F.W. In the course of examining the collection of old post cards, the Schotts found many to and from Edith O'Neil and Robert Waite.

The owners in the antique store in Bishop verified that Miss O'Neill and Waite eventually married and had one daughter. It was the daughter who sold her parents belongings, including the postcards, to the antique shop when she moved to Hawaii.

The following week (9/27/1972), another letter was printed in the East Side Journal that shed more light on the old postcard's original recipient, and proved what a small world this really is:

Recipient of Postcard was Bridesmaid in 1911

A Kirkland resident, Mrs. Tina Arvila Crow, 81, knew the recipient of a postcard that was mailed from Kirkland in 1913 and found its way back 59 years later.

Last week's Journal story about the postcard was read with interest by Mrs. Crow, who excitedly called Mrs. Ralph Blanchard. Mrs. Blanchard had received the postcard in a letter from her niece in California, and gave the story to the Journal.

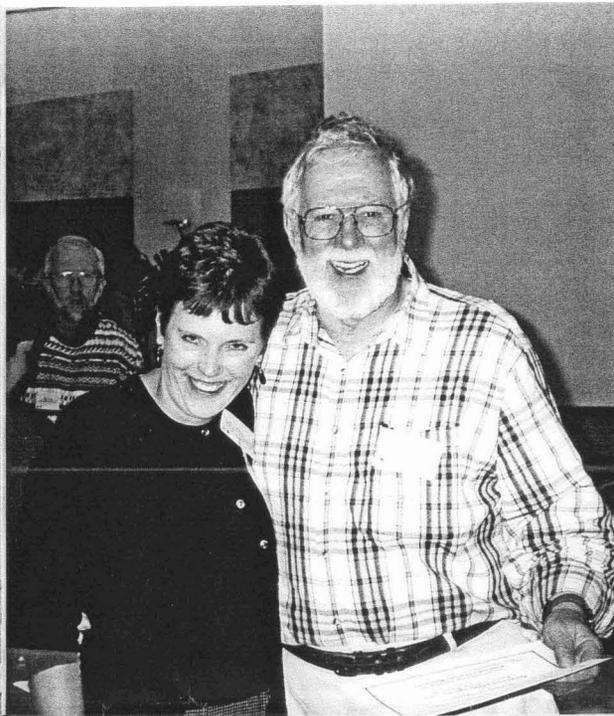
Mrs. Crow said the postcard's recipient, Miss Edith McNeil, was her attendant when she married George Jorgenson on Sept. 28, 1911 in Ellensburg. Mrs. Crow's maiden name was Tina Arvila Bennett. Twice widowed, Mrs. Crow married Ord Crow after her first husband, George Jorgenson died.

**RECEIVING THE AWARD OF MERIT
Washington Trust for Historic Preservation**

The City of Kirkland and Kirkland Heritage Society were recognized for "Preservation of the City of Kirkland's Historic Resources" at a joint meeting of the Oregon and Washington Trusts for Historic Preservation. **Barbara Loomis** and **Bob Burke** attended the conference to accept the awards on behalf of the City and KHS.



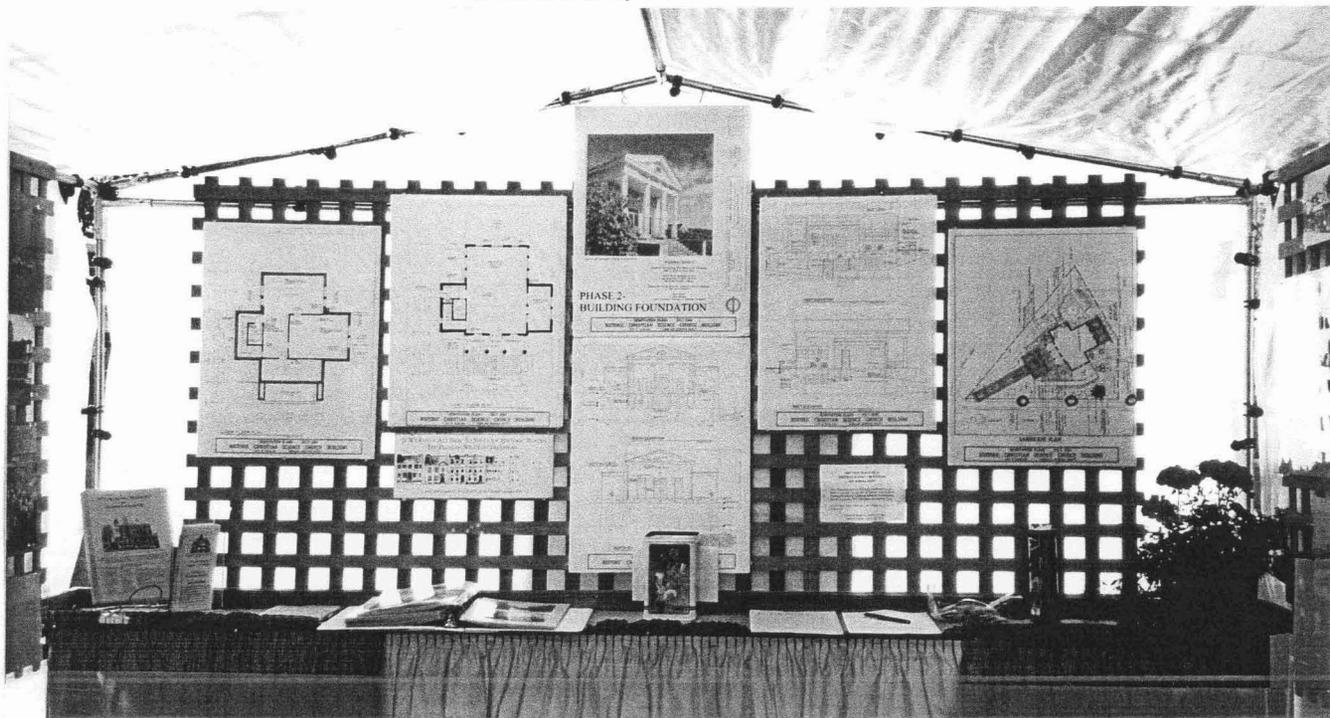
Representative Val Ogden



**Mary Thompson, President WTHP
Bob Burke, KHS President**



Congressman Brian Brand



KHS Display of the Church Drawings at TASTE: Kirkland, September 2000

Photograph by Barbara Loomis

**K I R K L A N D
HERITAGE SOCIETY**

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CALENDAR

October KHS Meeting
October 25, 2000
7:00 p.m. at Church

Board / Committees
6:00 p.m.

**Church Building
Committee Meeting**
October 26, 2000
6:30 p.m. at Church
to tour the Building

**Public Workshop
Waverly Site/Church**
November 1, 2000
7:00 p.m. at City Hall

Oral History Workshop
November 3, 2000
9:30 a.m. at MOHAI

Video Workshop
November 10, 2000
9:30 a.m. at MOHAI

November KHS Meeting
No meeting scheduled
because of Thanksgiving

**Board / Committee
Meeting - 7:00 p.m.**
November 29, 2000 at the
Church

December KHS Meeting
Holiday Open House
Date & Place to be
announced.

*Unless otherwise noted KHS
meetings are held the last
Wednesday of the month at 7
p.m., Kirkland Congregational
Church, 106-5th Ave.*

MEMBERSHIP FORM
July 1, 1998 - June 30, 2000

KHS now qualifies for tax exemption under 501(c)(3) and your contribution is deductible to the extent allowed by law. We now qualify for match contributions by those employers who offer this benefit.

- Individual \$20
- Family \$25
- Senior/Student \$15
- Supporting \$100
- Life Member \$1,000
- Organization/Government \$100
- Professional/Business \$125
- Corporate \$250

TOTAL ENCLOSED: _____

My Company Matches Contributions
Contact: _____

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Your membership is the first important step in helping achieve our goals. Interested in helping on other projects? Please indicate the areas in which you would be able to volunteer.

Serve on a Standing Committee:

- _____ Archives and Collections
- _____ Membership and Funding
- _____ Monthly Programs
- _____ Oral History
- _____ Newsletter, Blackberry Preserves
- _____ KHS Web Site

Work on specific activity:

- _____ Christian Science Church Renovation
- _____ Funding: Pledge Drives, etc.
- _____ Volunteers: Carpentry, Painting
- _____ Community Events / Exhibits
- _____ Home Tour
- _____ Do Photography / Update Slides
- _____ Video on Kirkland History
- _____ School Education Program

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home# _____ Work # _____

E-Mail _____

Organization/Firm _____

Checks should be made payable and mailed to:
Kirkland Heritage Society, 1032 - 4th Street
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Post Card of Lake Street, Kirkland, Wash. - 1948

The postcard was postmarked June 1, 1948 (1 cent stamp) and sent to Carrie Howell in Kansas City, Kansas. The message: "Today is a lovely day after the rains. No floods here and we are having a grand time. Esther"

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