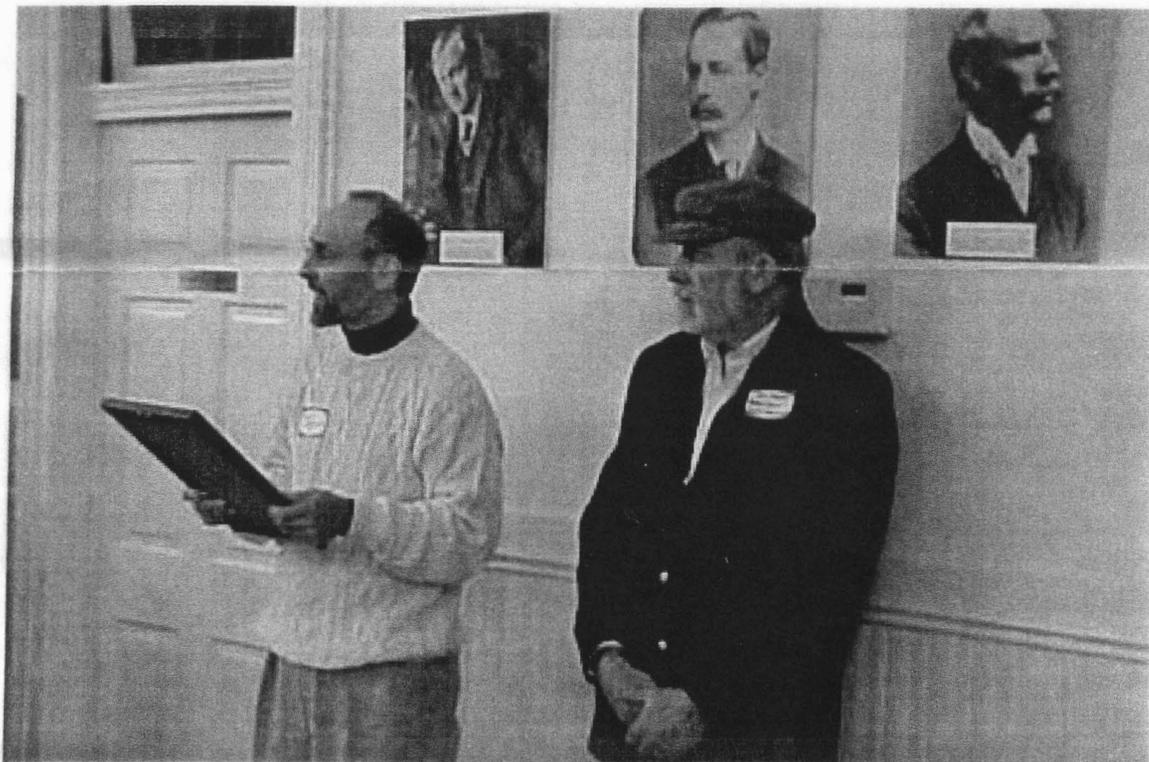


# Blackberry Preserves

The Journal of the  
Kirkland Heritage Society



**Mayor Springer Presents Peter Kirk Day Proclamation, February 15, 2002  
to Jim Capron, Great Grandson of Peter Kirk**

See stories and photographs of the highly successful  
Peter Kirk Day Reception  
held at the Kirkland Arts Center in the Peter Kirk Building built in 1891.



Kirkland Heritage Society

### Presidents Message Vic Newhard

The reception celebration of Peter Kirk's birthday on February 15<sup>th</sup> at the Kirkland Arts Center was a resounding success. The party had RSVPs from representatives of the Kirkland Chamber of Commerce, Kirkland Arts Center, Kirkland Alliance of Neighborhoods, Houghton Community Council, Downtown Kirkland on the Lake, Kirkland City Council, City agencies, Kirkland Youth Council, Kirkland Womans Club, and the Kirkland Heritage Society. The great grandson of Peter Kirk, Jim Capron and his wife Barbara with son Kirk, were special guests from the San Juans. Mayor Larry Springer read the City Proclamation designating "Peter Kirk Day". This framed copy was given to the Caprons.

The citizens of the City of Kirkland and the Kirkland Heritage Society thank the Caprons for their placement by deed of gift of some documents and memorabilia - including the clothing - belonging to the Peter Kirk family into our archives for permanent enjoyment and research by the public. Thanks go to all the people of the Arts Center and KHS who helped put this event on, especially the chairman of the committee, Mr. David Cantrill who did an outstanding job. KHS displayed historic pictures and documents all week following the reception at the Kirkland Arts Center. This was done for Peter Kirk Day and Founder's Week that Kirkland will continue as an annual celebration. The display was well attended by the public. The students at Peter Kirk Elementary School are very excited by this celebration of their namesake. The children have committed to having their own large stone paver installed in the entry walk of the historic church building on Market Street and Central Way. They will raise the money with fundraisers.

The Kirkland City Council will have the WestWater Project, located on the corner of Market and 7<sup>th</sup> Ave. W, on their agenda soon. The Kirkland Hearing Examiner has taken public testimony on the SEPA appeal and has sent the package with his findings to the Council. The project is vitally important to what is the most important area historically in Kirkland. The WestWater group has presented a plan to enhance the corner with a building that will fit in with its historic neighbors on the other three corners.

KHS is coordinating work on the Community Meeting Hall/Heritage Resource Center Project with the City Manager, Parks Department, Planning Department, and the Administrative Services/Facilities Department to get the building permit and bidding process completed in a timely manner. We are all hoping to celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Kirkland Heritage Society in the restored building before the end of the year. Project Chairman Bob Burke is doing an extraordinary amount of work keeping this on track. Buy your paver now or donate money that is tax deductible for this very worthwhile building project.

When Central Upholstery, a long time business on Market and 7<sup>th</sup> Ave went out of business recently they called KHS. They gave KHS some memorabilia we will display one day including a truck sign and building sign used for many years. The framed piece of original wallpaper from the building is also quite special. Thank you for thinking of where to ask to preserve a little more of Kirkland history.

The Kirkland Arts Center will be celebrating their 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary April 11-May 3<sup>rd</sup>. They are planning a historical exhibition of works focusing on the Peter Kirk Building and the arts connection. The Kirkland Arts Center is working with KHS and the Kirkland Parks department for a historical marker to be dedicated Saturday April 13<sup>th</sup> from 2-5PM.

Congratulations to our good friend Chuck Morgan. He has been nominated as one of a five finalists for this year's Jefferson Award sponsored locally by the P.I. One of the finalists will represent Washington State in the national ceremony. To learn more about this prestigious award go to the web address: <http://www.aips.org/>.

Thursday March 21<sup>st</sup> Nona Ganz was the guest of honor celebrating her many years of service to the Kirkland community. As most of you know she is a good friend and member of KHS.

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## MARCH PROGRAM

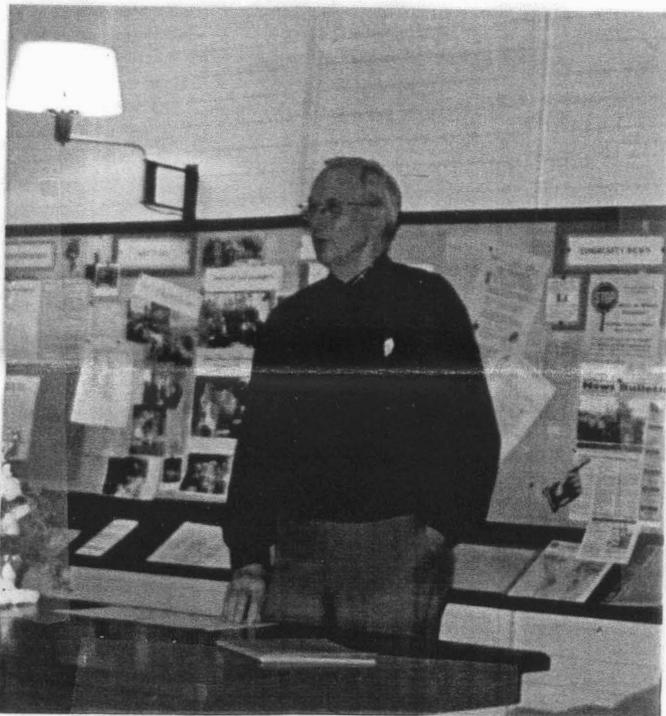
March 27, 2002 at 7:00 p.m.  
Kirkland Congregational Church

### HISTORY OF MUSIC IN THE PUGET SOUND

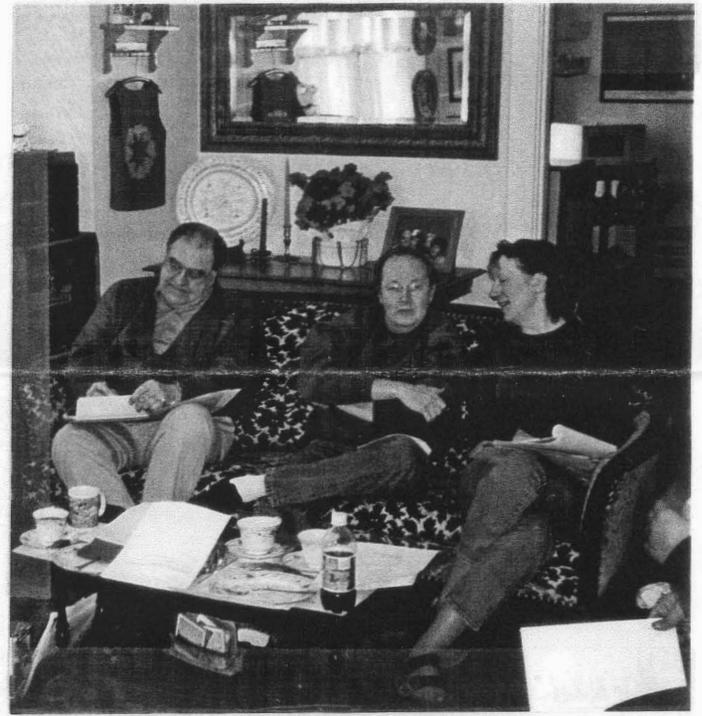
Vilem Sokal

Mr. Sokal is a retired professor at the University of Washington School of Music and former Director of the Seattle Youth Symphony! When this program was announced at our last meeting a number of people said it should really be good! He is an extremely knowledgeable and enjoyable speaker!!

The KHS Board and Committees will meet at 6:00 p.m. prior to our regular meeting.



Dick Shinstrom at the February Meeting



Saturday Board Workshop at Shannon Harris' House

#### KIRKLAND HERITAGE WEBSITE UPDATES

Dale Hawkinson Webmaster

You can now reach the Kirkland Heritage web by using <http://www.kirklandheritage.org>. The original link through HistoryLink is still active so you will not have to change your browser book mark or favorites setting. Please have a look at the website for the new pictures of Kirkland's Peter Kirk Celebration held on February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2002. People interested in KHS membership or purchasing a paver can also print forms from the website.

#### COORDINATOR FOR BLACKBERRY PRESERVES

We desperately need one or two people to coordinate *Blackberry Preserves*. Our typing service does an excellent job in producing the camera-ready copy for printing, but we need people to coordinate getting the articles to her, getting the final copy printed, address labels and stamps and mailed. Bob Burke has been doing this, but the next few months are critical in completing the renovation of the historic Church and he does not have time to continue this as well. Please call either Bob at 828-4095 or Vic Newhard at 820-5151, extension 333. Thanks for helping!!

Here's an amusing little article from the June 11, 1959 edition of the *East Side Journal*. Entitled "Saturday Review of Literature Prints Tale on Kirkland Library," it tells of an odd request at the old Kirkland Library.

A short anecdote about the Kirkland library found its way into the Trade Winds Column of the April 11 issue of the Saturday Review of Literature.

The column, written by Bennett Cerf, contained a short story on an incident which occurred in the Kirkland library several years ago. The story was related by Fanya Carter of Berkley, California, who happened to live at one time in Kirkland. Mrs. Carter overheard the following conversation when she visited the library, which at that time was housed in the civic center.

"I'd like to take out these two books, please," said a rough, youthful voice.

"Do you have a card?" the librarian asked.

"No-o-o. I'm sorry but I don't."

"Would you like to take out a non-resident card? It's only \$1.50 a year and it's good for the whole family."

"Well, no-o-o. You see, my family isn't here and I'm only staying until Monday."

"But, where do you live?"

"Oh, I'm right here in this building ... right next door." The voice dropped to a whisper. "You see, I'm in jail and I'd like something to read."

"Oh," gulped the librarian. "What—what do you do? Why are you there?"

"The answer was given in too low of a voice to be heard.

"Well," said the librarian firmly, "I think you wanting books to read is a good idea. Yes, you may take them out – on my card. But you will have to be sure to bring them back before you leave town, won't you?"

According to the librarian, Luella Smith, trustees from the city's jail frequently visit the city library for books and reading material.

On February 15<sup>th</sup> the City of Kirkland Proclaimed Peter Kirk Day at the request of the Heritage Society. It was a resounding success, having over 100 people attend the reception at the Arts Center. In attendance were Peter's Great Grandson and Great-Great Grandson. Jim Capron along with his wife Barbara, and their son Kirk had a wonderful time. I had the great pleasure of escorting them around town showing them the sites of our history that Peter had a hand in. They also appeared at Peter Kirk Elementary School, where the entire second grade honored him. Jim and his family were so pleased that these young citizens would take the time to see him and ask him many questions about his famous relative.

The reception at the Kirkland Arts Center was well attended by members of the City Council, Neighborhood Associations and Kirkland business and downtown organizations. A few members of the local media also were in attendance along with Andrienne Wilson noted Jazz recording artist who played a few of Olive Kirk's songs. Mayor Larry Springer read and presented the official Peter Kirk Day Proclamation to the Capron's. Many of the new acquisitions of Peter Kirk documents were prominently displayed. Photos of the town Founders were on the walls and many other pieces of memorabilia were exhibited.

The Heritage Society hopes to start a "Founders Week" next year to coincide with Peter Kirk Day. This week would hopefully include an exhibit of memorabilia and photos at the Arts Center, and local merchants also would get into the swing of things for the week. We want to make this a yearly tradition for that cold dreary time in February. Who knows, maybe even Peter himself will look down on all of us and smile.

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#### NOMINATIONS — 2002-2004

The Board of the Kirkland Heritage Society acting as the Nominating Committee has nominated the incumbents for the following Board positions for 2002 - 2004:

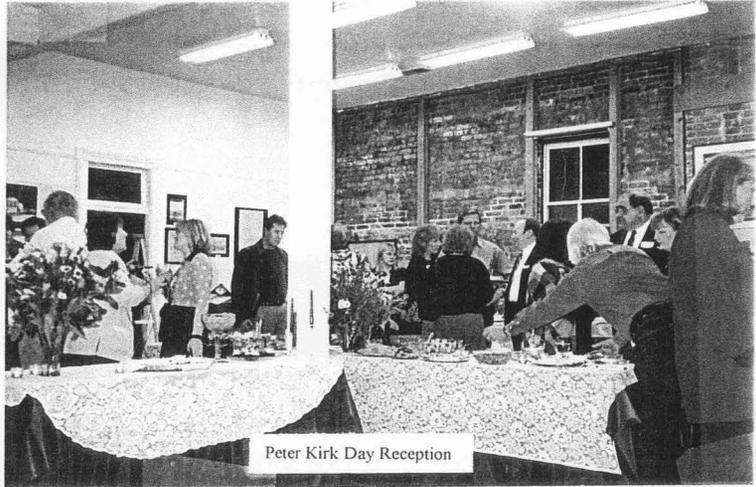
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| - Vice President | Alan Stein     |
| - Treasurer      | Nancy Stephens |
| - At-Large       | David Cantrill |

The election for officers will be held in May. Nominations can also be made from the floor at that time.

Photographs of Peter Kirk Day



Setting up for Peter Kirk Day Reception



Peter Kirk Day Reception



David Bell, Great Great Grandson of Walter Williams



Mayor Springer and Mrs. Reginald H. Collins



David Cantrill, Peter Kirk Day Chair



Adrienne Wilson, talking about Olive Kirk's music



# Blackberry Preserves

## THE COST OF PRESERVING OUR HISTORY

Bob Burke

KHS is very fortunate to have a volunteer like David Cantrill not only because of his passion for Kirkland's history but also due to his training and skills in archiving historic materials. In addition, his willingness to dedicate the time required protecting our growing collections.

We have just received a substantial amount of material from the Caprons in documents, drawings and now clothing. At the last Board meeting David estimated that he had spent about 35 hours working on the papers and documents. He expects to spend another 20 to 30 hours completing that work, including protecting the clothes and Kirk's beaver pelt top hat.

Often people want to know how their annual membership dues or grants from the City and King County are used. One critical area is in the preservation of the items entrusted to us for preservation for future generations. The materials needed to de-acidify and encapsulate the Kirk documents; acid free storage boxes and paper for the clothing and hat will be nearly \$500.00. When we receive donations of photographs we typically make a negative and 3 four-inch by six-inch copies that are placed in a Mylar sleeve and acid free envelopes to assure their protection as well as two copies for use by KHS committees and other researchers. The cost for each picture is over \$5.00.

In order to preserve these important materials, it requires two other essential ingredients:

- A generous person who donates the photographic image or documents in the first place; and,
- Someone to spend the time to get the negatives and copies, document the information and place it on the data sheet for each photograph. Eventually, we would like to have a database of all our photographs, but right now we're concentrating on making sure everything is protected in state-of-the-art materials.

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**KIRKLAND HERITAGE SOCIETY  
SUMMARY OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2001  
Nancy Stephens, Treasurer**

**GENERAL FUNDS**

**Cash Receipts:**

Membership Dues	\$2,900
Annual Assistance/City of Kirkland *	2,000
Sales	442
Interest Income	545
<b>Total Cash Receipts</b>	<b><u>\$5,887</u></b>

**Cash Disbursements:**

Archives Expense	2,183
Printing, Supplies, Postage	3,917
Dues, Professional Fees	1,890
Insurance	487
Rent	829
Bank Charges	25
<b>Total Cash Disbursements</b>	<b><u>\$9,331</u></b>

**NET DECREASE IN CASH BALANCE**     **\$(3,444)**

**CHURCH RENOVATION FUND**

**Cash Receipts:**

Grant Income/Seattle Foundation Grant	\$5,000
Donations	4,000
Paver Sales	16,390
Interest Income	653
<b>Total Cash Receipts</b>	<b><u>\$26,043</u></b>

**Cash Disbursements:**

Building Renovations/A&E Fees	8,317
Printing Expense	1,157
Education & Publicity	630
Supplies	69
Bank Charges	34
<b>Total Cash Disbursements</b>	<b><u>\$10,207</u></b>

**NET INCREASE IN CASH BALANCE**     **\$15,836**

\* \$3,000 from King County invoiced but not received

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## DIRECTORY KIRKLAND HERITAGE SOCIETY

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Phone: (425) 828-4095  
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### OFFICERS AND BOARD

**President:** Vic Newhard 820-5151 x333  
**Vice President:** Alan Stein 821-0164  
**Secretary:** Loita Hawkinson 827-1950  
**Treasurer:** Nancy Stephens 822-9475  
**At Large Members:**  
David Cantrill 821-4021  
Shannon Harris 822-2478  
**Past President:** Bob Burke 828-4095

### COMMITTEE CHAIRS

#### Archives

David Cantrill 821-4021  
Melissa Thirloway 889-9120

#### Communications

To be filled

#### Oral History

To be filled

#### Historic Sites and Planning

Barbara Loomis 827-7194

#### Membership and Funding

Bob Burke 828-4095

#### Programs and Education

Shannon Harris 822-2478

### SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

#### Exhibit Booth

Dale Hawkinson 827-1950

#### Web Site

Dale Hawkinson 827-1950

#### Church Renovation

Bob Burke, Chair 828-4095  
Don Winters, Volunteers 827-2650

KHS activities are partially funded by the 2001 Heritage Sesquicentennial Sustained Support Program



King County  
Landmark & Heritage Commission

## CALENDAR

### KHS PROGRAMS:

The **Kirkland Heritage Society** will offer the following programs for 2002. Please read future publications or visit our website for updates and/or changes. I hope this year's programs spark interest in you and that you will join us monthly in learning about the history in our community and state. Thanks! **Shannon Harris**, Program Chair, 822-2478

#### March

**27** 6:00 p.m. Board Committee Meeting  
7:00 p.m. History of Music in the Puget Sound by Vilem Sokol

#### April

**Date TBA:** Kirkland Cemetery Tour by Alan Stein

#### May

**29** Tour of Joan Voves' bungalow and KHS Election

#### June TBA

#### July

**13/14** Kirkland Summerfest

#### August

**28** KHS Blackberry Sundae Social

#### September TBA

#### October Tentative

**30** KHS's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

#### November No Meeting

**December** Annual KHS Holiday Open House

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

## MEMBERSHIP FORM

**July 1, 2001 - June 30, 2002**

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.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual              | \$25    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family                  | \$30    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Senior/Student          | \$20    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Supporting              | \$100   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Life Member             | \$1,000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Organization/Government | \$100   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Professional/Business   | \$125   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 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 are interested.

### Serve on Standing Committee:

- Archives and Collections
- Communications Blackberry Preserves
- Oral History
- Historic Sites and Planning
- Membership and Funding
- Programs and Education

### Work on Specific Activity:

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home# \_\_\_\_\_ Work # \_\_\_\_\_

Organization/Firm \_\_\_\_\_

Provide Employer Matching Form, if applicable

Checks should be made payable and mailed to:

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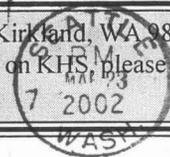
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**Peter Kirk and Fannie Kirk Capron Clothing Displayed on Peter Kirk Day  
Cupola Room of Peter Kirk Building**

After the reception this historic clothing was donated to the  
Kirkland Heritage Society by Jim Capron for future Kirkland generations

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