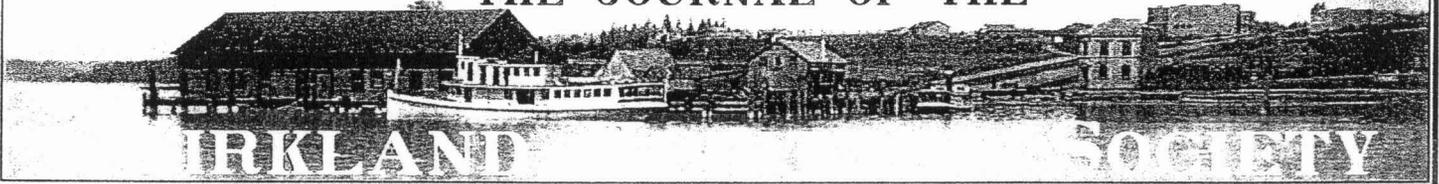
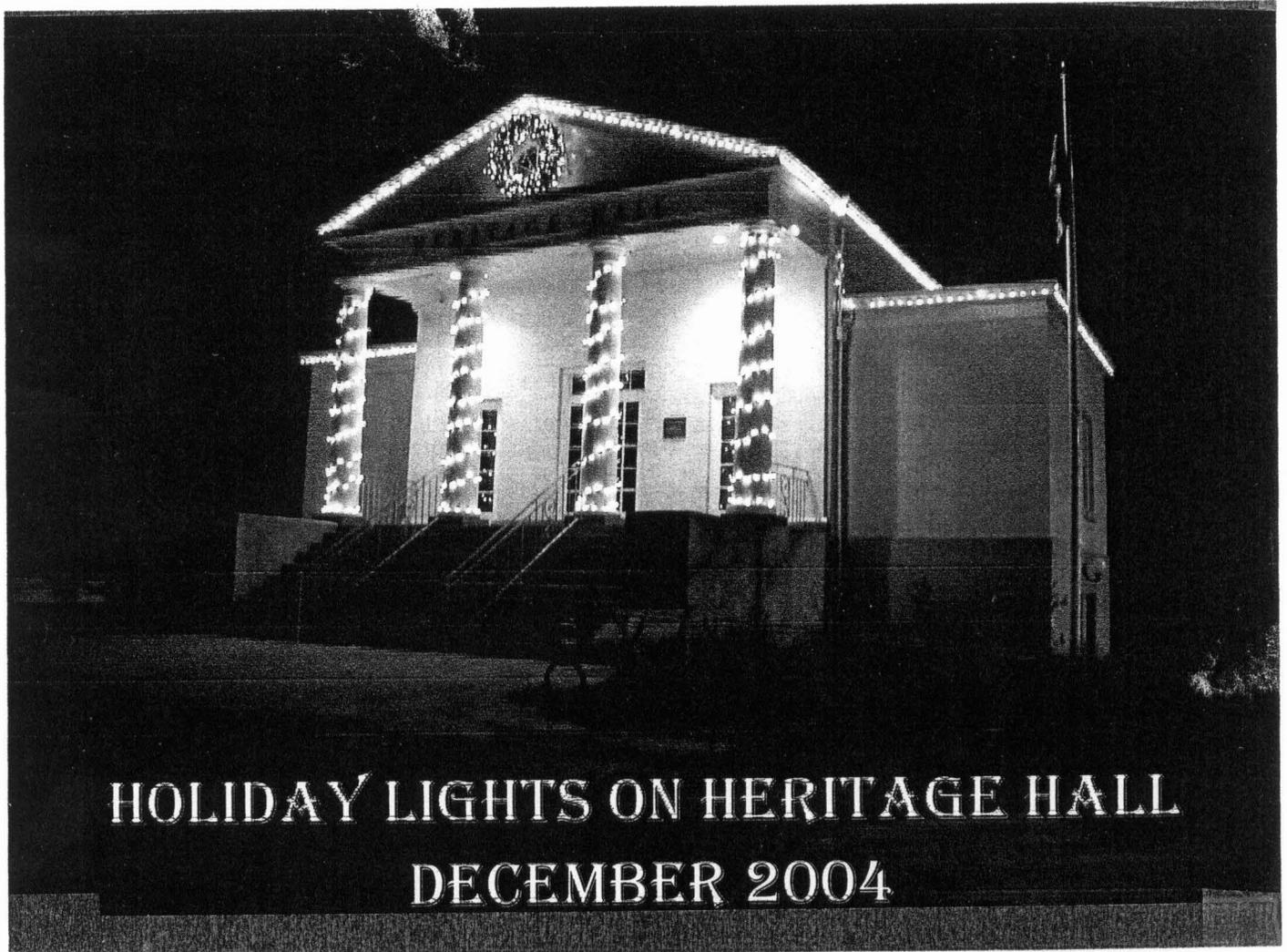


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HOLIDAY LIGHTS ON HERITAGE HALL
DECEMBER 2004

HERITAGE HALL DECORATED FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Photograph by Dale Hawkinson

KHS PROGRAM - JANUARY 26, 2005, 7:00 pm - HERITAGE HALL
Special Centennial Year Programs - People And Places Of Kirkland

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Kirkland Heritage Society

JANUARY 2005 PRESIDENT'S LETTER

By
Vic Newhard

First of all I wish everyone a very HAPPY and prosperous NEW YEAR. The city looked absolutely beautiful, with all the lights and decorations, during the holiday season. Thank you to all the workers and volunteers who accomplished this work of art. We are blessed here in Kirkland as our prayers go out to those in the world who are going through the recent natural disasters and the other human tragedies.

Last year there was much activity in the home of the Kirkland Heritage Society as more of the history of Kirkland was organized and archived. During the year the collection grew as people found we would protect, organize, make available for research their valuable bits of history. We need everyone out there to look in their attics, basements, and garages for the boxes holding the film, negatives, pictures, documents, mementos, and other artifacts of their family and Kirkland history. Also remember these items don't necessarily have to be ancient to be of historic value to Kirkland. We are still searching and in need of more things from the depression 1930's to the present.

The displays for the KIRKLAND CENTENNIAL year are being planned as you read this, and some items to be shown may still be stored in your homes. There will be displays at City Hall, the Kirkland Art Center and Heritage Hall so you can understand the urgency of this request.

Throughout this year KHS will be heavily involved with the 100 year anniversary of Kirkland, including the annual special Founder's week around Peter Kirk's birthday, the 100 Weddings Day, and a possible Kirk family reunion. Other projects will be the five-year strategic plan update, oral history

program, historic property inventory update, membership drive, and Fourth of July. Our booth will be at Summerfest in July and September's Carnival. Most months we will have Shannon's guest speakers at the terrific programs she organizes for the membership meetings. Look for more announcements throughout the year in your Blackberry Preserves and the KHS website. Remember, we need your help financially to help with the costs of doing the kind of job you expect of KHS. Your ongoing membership is very important.

Last year saw the start of some very significant changes to our city's historic fabric:

- The project at Kirkland Avenue and 3rd Street got underway and the new hotel across the street on the old hospital site is scheduled to start;
- New developers of the "Hotel" property at Market and 7th Avenue are seeking permits;
- Sale of the Green Funeral Home property;
- Central Way corridor improvements;
- Development proposal for the City property at Central Way and Lake Street;
- Plans for Lakeshore / Marina Park;
- Master Plans being prepared for Juanita Beach Park and McAuliffe Park;
- Ongoing debate of the transit center location;
- Totem Lake area rezone; and
- Updated Neighborhood Plans for Market, Norkirk and Highlands.

Kirkland will see a lot of change in the future. With the community interest and our input we can preserve what is really great about our City and make it even better for the future generations who will want to live, work, and play here. It is up to us to make it turn out right and respects our rich heritage.

Congratulations to BOB BURKE! The Greater Kirkland Chamber of Commerce honored him in December, by presenting him with the 2004 ANNE J. OWEN COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD. He is most deserving of this honor for the time and energy he has devoted to our city and KHS.

I really like the motto for the Centennial, "**Honor the Past--Imagine the Future**". Well, it is time to go make some history. Go to the public meeting on the 27th of this month to help with Kirkland's Juanita Beach Master Plan.

**KIRKLAND HERITAGE SOCIETY'S 2005
PROGRAMS**

PEOPLE AND PLACES OF KIRKLAND

In light of *Kirkland's Centennial Celebration* this year, the theme of our programs will be *People and Places of Kirkland*.

January 26th Program
7:00 pm, Heritage Hall

Helen Schoen

**Resident of Juanita and Holmes Point Drive
Since 1938**

Helen Schoen is just two months shy of her 90th birthday and has been a resident of the area since 1938. She attends the Kirkland Congregational Church and has many fond memories of her life along the shores of Lake Washington.

Come hear her wonderful stories!

The following Programs have been set for the next two months - watch for announcements of future programs! Look on the back cover of Blackberry Preserves for Centennial Events in February!

FEBRUARY PROGRAM – February 23, 2005
KHS open house. Come visit our centennial display in Heritage Hall – *100 Years of Kirkland History* - get a special guided tour!

MARCH PROGRAM – March 30, 2005
Guests: G.F.W.C. Kirkland Woman's Club – Celebrating 85 Years of Community Service.

KIRKLAND CENTENNIAL HISTORY HUNT

Starting in the February issue of the *Kirkland Courier* will be a "clue" for our Kirkland Centennial History Hunt! **Alan Stein** will be putting together the clues that will challenge you to solve the puzzle, look at a historic place and submit an answer. A drawing from the correct answers will be made each month to receive a great prize! The prize for the first month is a night's stay at the historic **Shumway Mansion B & B**. A thanks to the Harris's who made this donation!

SEATTLE'S OLYMPIC HOTEL

by
Alan J. Stein

Last month I had the opportunity to dine in the Fairmont Olympic Hotel's Georgian Room in celebration of the Seattle landmark's 80th birthday. During the greater part of last year, I researched the hotel's history in preparation for a HistoryLink book that has just gone to press as you read this. The book is due out in March, and it was a pleasure to write.

The history of the Olympic Hotel is practically a history of Seattle itself, having been built on property originally owned by Seattle pioneer Arthur Denny. When Washington Territory was established in 1853, Denny wanted Seattle to be its capitol, but his friend Daniel Bagley convinced him that the Territorial University was a better prize. The University Building was constructed in between what is now Fourth and Fifth Avenues, and Seneca and University Streets, and much of the surrounding property was deeded to the school.

The campus moved to its present location in the 1890s, but UW held on to its downtown land, known today as the Metropolitan Tract. Over time, pieces of it were leased out for construction of various buildings, such as the first Post-Intelligencer Building, the White-Henry-Stuart Building, and the Metropolitan Theatre. As the city grew, business leaders realized that while Seattle had some fine hotels, it did not have one worthy of presidents and dignitaries, nor one that could house national conventions for group such as the Shiners or the Knights Templar.



Post Card of Olympic Hotel
Courtesy of Alan Stein

In 1922, a citywide fund-raising campaign began to build this new hotel. On the very first day, \$1.6 million was raised, and the goal of \$3 million was achieved in less than two weeks. The community was wholeheartedly behind this new venture. Ground was broken on the site of the old University Building in April 1923, and the hotel was completed in record time.

The Olympic opened on December 6, 1924, and over 2,000 people showed up dressed in their finery. Hundreds more crowded the streets just to get a glimpse of the festivities. Inside, four orchestras played tunes throughout the building, and a magnificent 7-course meal was served in the Georgian Room. Visitors gaped at the ornate wood and metal work in all the public areas, and many reserved rooms so that they could dance long into the night.

The hotel was not just a hit with the locals; it soon became temporary home to many of Seattle's guests. Over the years, presidents, royalty, and movie stars could be seen at the Olympic as well as legions of tourists or even nearby residents wanting a special night on the town.

During World War II, the hotel was a leading force in the home-front effort when Victory Square was constructed next to it on University Street. A special stage was built in the street for bond drives, and a monument was erected that was continually updated with the names of King County war dead.

In the 1950s, the lease was sold to Western Hotels International. Eddie Carlson, then vice-president and later president of the organization, was a key leader behind the 1962 Seattle World's Fair, and many important planning meetings were held in a room next to the Olympic Grill. When the fair opened, many of its famous visitors stayed at the Olympic.

By the 1970s, the Grand Dame of Seattle's hotels was showing its age. The UW regents briefly considered tearing it down, but many Seattle citizens had just seen the loss of the nearby White-Henry-Stuart building, and the near-loss of Pioneer Square and Pike Place Market. They urged the University to reconsider. The lease was sold to the Four Seasons, who mounted a massive restoration campaign in 1980 that took two years to complete.

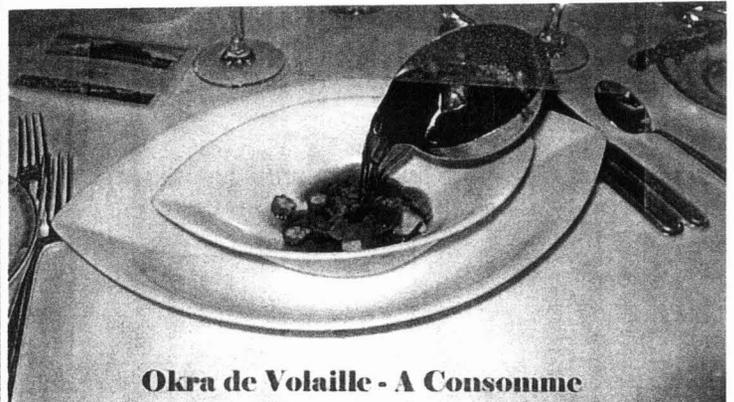
The Olympic reopened in 1982 to high praise. Since then it has gone on to become the state's only five-diamond hotel as rated by AAA, and is only one of five hotels in the nation to receive that rating for more than 20 consecutive years.

Now, back to that dinner I attended. In honor of the past, on the night of December 6, 2004, the Fairmont Olympic served the same menu that it did exactly 80 years earlier: Okra de Volaille, Fillet of Sole, Bon Femmes, and a main course of Squab Rossini served with Potatoes Dauphine. Zut Alors! Each dish of the 7-course meal was served with leisure. The appetizers came at 7:30 and the dessert arrived at our table at 10:30.

In between courses, I was able to retire to the smoking lounge to discuss Wittgenstein with the other swells over a game of Whist. Well, not really, but I did walk around now and then to take some pictures. In my research, I had already seen the 1924 menu, and wondered what the hotel would do for the dessert – Glace Fantaisie.

I was not let down. Since this was the only dish that the hotel chef had to create on his own, he did it in true northwest style. Each of us was served a pastry covered with French vanilla ice cream. Atop it was a lime cup filled with alcohol. When it arrived the waiter lit the cup and, voila! A tasty little Mount St. Helens for each of us to enjoy.

It was truly a wonderful night. It's not often that I get perks like this in my job ("will write for food") and this was quite a treat. After spending months behind the scenes of a grand hotel, it felt nice to actually take part in an Olympic historical event. If you'd like to read about some of the hundreds of others I uncovered, be sure to check out my book this Spring.



Okra de Volaille - A Consomme

Photograph by Alan Stein

2004 Cookie Exchange

A good time was had by all at the Loomis house for the 2004 Cookie Exchange December 5TH. Hot spiced cran-apple juice and lots of home-made cookies were shared. Old friends and new, had a chance to catch up on the past years events. We had almost 30 members attend, some that we don't see very often so it was especially fun to chat with them. The Loomis house was all decorated inside and out and quite festive.



ME & KIRKLAND DURING THE DEPRESSION - 1930 - 1940

From Ray Bishop 1978

I remember one day that Dr. Nelson, my dentist, had just moved his office from the old Peter Kirk Bank Building on the corner of Central and Market to offices above the Rex Drug in the Williams Building. I wanted a wisdom tooth pulled and I climbed the stairs and walked down the hall toward the north. When I got to the end of the hall, there was a door slightly open on the left, and a nice looking young lady was sitting on a davenport. There was a coffee table in front of her with several Life Magazines and she was reading. I walked in, laid my hat on the floor under the coffee table, picked up a magazine and sat down. I had looked at the magazine for, I would say, about five minutes when this gal asked me "Are you waiting to see the dentist" When I told her I was, she said "His office is across the hall, this is my apartment".

I was so embarrassed I got up and got out of there real quickly. The Dentist had not had a chance to paint his name on the door yet, and by having it closed, that is how I made the mistake. The dentists that I remember were: Dr Raymond, Dr Thompson, Dr. Nelson and Dr. Dobbs.

UPDATE ON MARYMOOR PARK

by
Tom Hitzroth

On January 12, 2005 the King County Landmarks Commission heard public comment on the request by King County Parks for a Certificate of Appropriateness to keep the entertainment venues in their current situation through 2007. On June 2, 2004 the Landmarks Commission rendered a decision regarding the open chain link fencing in the historic meadow, a portable office trailer, refrigeration trailer, and concessions only through the 2005 season. King County Parks viewed the decision as "advisory" prompting a stronger affirmation by the Commission of their decision. Parks has asked for another Certificate of Appropriateness with basically no change to the 2004 request. The previous arguments against it for disrupting the spatial relationships that characterize the area, defining its historic character,

obstruction of the enjoyment of that part of the park, and violation of King County Code 20.62 still apply. King County Parks has never demonstrated that a serious analysis of options has been undertaken or by their actions do they seem inclined to do so. They also state that the crowd control system and the location of the vendors tents cannot be altered and that they have no control over artist availability during the concert season. What Parks appears to want is for the Landmarks Commission to deny their application. They will then appeal the decision to the King County Council and force a public hearing before that body where they may have an advantage.

RECENT LOANS / DONATIONS TO KHS

By
David Cantrill, Archivist

From Frank Rosin: 2 telegraph keys, assorted light bulbs, salt & pepper shakers, Tasty Beverage Bottle, LWHS globe, railroad tie nail, drug store tincture of Benzoin bottle, railroad ticket, assorted photos, ferry schedules and tickets, pay station sign, paint calendar, fishing license, paint mixing book and paint pallet, flanders auto emblem, LWHS student manuals, boat light, check in tag school district, El Primero boat barometer, ticker tape messages, good luck badge, K high orchestra emblem, tax certificate, voter registration, bottle opener, LWHS paper, 1943 war telegram, Ballenger boat works badge, Lakeside hardware tag.

From Matt McCauley: letter opener, bottle openers, police badge, shipyard visitor badge, Lanny Ross materials, the Flame menu, shipyard photos, Anderson tour guide, Floating Bridge guide, Halls motors tag, Kirkland postcards, Seattle Lakeshore & eastside rail pass & stock certificate, LWHS football game program, Heisdorf farms advertising, 1945 telephone directory, WWI helmet, LW Shipyard fire extinguisher, hinge off steamer Dawn, and Simpson oil hot pads.

From Pat Shinstrom: 1940's LWHS diploma, medal and band photographs.

Northwest University provided numerous documents, photographs and memorabilia of their nearly 50 years in Kirkland - moving here to Stewart Heights! They are also obtaining information on the Seahawks.

THE CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION BEGINS!

Check out the back cover of this *Blackberry Preserves* to find the list of Centennial activities that begin our nearly year-long celebration. Also, check the Centennial website: www.Kirkland100.com.



CENTENNIAL KICK-OFF EVENT

**Kirkland Performance Center
February 2, 2005, 5:30 - 7:30 pm**

The official opening of the Centennial will be held at the Kirkland Performance Center on Wednesday, February 2nd at 5:30 pm. Evergreen Healthcare is sponsoring the event and Hors d'oeuvres will be catered by Lake Washington Technical College Culinary Arts Program. The program will include a host of local dignitaries and visits from people of our past, including the ghost of Peter Kirk.

EXHIBITS ON KIRKLAND'S HISTORY

During the month of February there are a number of exhibits on Kirkland that provide wonderful opportunities to explore our history. These include:

LOBBY OF KIRKLAND CITY HALL

The following are the planned exhibits in the lobby of City Hall during the Centennial starting on February 1, 2005. Dates of the actual exhibits may vary during the year. The exhibit will be open during regular business hours of the City.

<u>February 1 - March 4th</u>	Founders / Peter Kirk
<u>March 7 - April 8th</u>	Business in Kirkland
<u>April 11 - May 13th</u>	1982 Little League World Champions
<u>May 16 - June 17th</u>	Lake Washington Shipyards/WWII
<u>June 20 - July 22</u>	History and the Arts in Kirkland
<u>July 25 - August 26th</u>	Community Celebrations
<u>August 29 - September 30th</u>	Girl's Softball & Other Champions
<u>October 3 - October 28th</u>	City's Century of Political Life

100 YEARS OF KIRKLAND HISTORY HERITAGE HALL, 203 Market Street February 4 - February 26th.

This is a major exhibit sponsored by the Kirkland Heritage Society from its own and loaned collections. It will be open from 12:00 to 6:00 pm daily from February 4th to February 26th as well as the evenings of February 10th - Gallery Walk, and February 23rd - KHS Meeting.

Early Settlement / Homesteads Up to 1886
Peter Kirk's Steel Mill / Laying out the Town 1887 - 1893

Depression, Agriculture, Industrialization 1894 - 1910

INCORPORATION OF KIRKLAND - 1905

Boom Times / Burke & Farrar 1911 - 1930
Depression & World War II 1931 - 1945
Post WWII to Opening Second Bridge 1946 - 1963
End of East Side Journal 1964 - 1976
Major City Expansion / Annexations 1977 - 1988
Growth Management to Present 1989 - 2005

IMAGINE THE FUTURE

This exhibit is a work in progress in that it is built on the photographs, documents and memorabilia that we now have. As we obtain additional materials, the exhibit can be made more complete and exciting.

KIRKLAND HISTORY AND THE ARTS Kirkland Arts Center, 620 Market Street February 10 - March 4th; Open 11 am to 6 pm

This innovative show reflecting the strong arts heritage in Kirkland will be shown in the Kirkland Arts Center Gallery opening during the Gallery Walk on February 10, 6:00 to 9:00 pm. The show is done in conjunction with the Kirkland Centennial and co-sponsored by the Kirkland Heritage Society. This special 'Art History' event features Kirkland Artists who are creating new works of art inspired by the photographs and memorabilia from the KHS collections. Each work will add a contemporary commentary to a specific piece of Kirkland history.

Local artists who will be involved are: **Geri Bedford, Eduardo Calderon, Merrily Dicks, Susan Anne Glass, Marijune Haggard, Jami Johnson, Michele Jurist, Fred Munro, Don Myhre, Donna Porter, Donna Schill, Matthew Skeandore, Renata Simpson, and Eva Skolod Westerlind.**

**KIRKLAND CENTENNIAL AND COMMUNITY EVENTS
JANUARY / FEBRUARY 2005**

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| January 26 7:00 pm
Heritage Hall | Kirkland Heritage Society Program - <u>People And Places Of Kirkland</u>
Helen Schoen - Resident of Juanita and Holmes Point since 1938 |
| February 1 7:30 pm | PROCLAMATION OF CENTENNIAL - 1905 - 2005 - by City Council |
| February 1
Kirkland Courier | HISTORY HUNT - Monthly Clues to a different Historic Place
February Prize - One Night at Historic Shumway Mansion |
| February 2, 5:30 pm | KIRKLAND CENTENNIAL KICK-OFF EVENT
Kirkland Performance Center |
| February 4, through
February 26 | 100 YEARS OF KIRKLAND HISTORY - Exhibit at Heritage Hall
Open: Noon to 6:00 pm daily, plus 6 - 9:00 Feb 10th & 23rd. |
| February 10 through
March 5 | KIRKLAND HISTORY AND THE ARTS - Kirkland Art Center
Open: 11:00 am to 6:00 pm daily |
| February 1 through
March 4 | KIRKLAND FOUNDERS EXHIBIT - Kirkland City Hall Front Lobby
Open: Regular City Business Hours
Exhibit will change approximately monthly through October |
| February 15th | HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO PETER KIRK BORN IN 1840 !! |

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