

BLACKBERRY PRESERVES

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KIRKLAND HERITAGE SOCIETY

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

By Bob Burke

We have a little different format for *Blackberry Preserves* this month since Dale & Loita Hawkinson got out of town before I had a chance to hit them up for pictures of our last meeting and Summerfest. But there is a lot of news about KHS and its activities the past couple months!

At our May meeting the election results were: **Bob Burke**, President; **Loita Hawkinson**, Secretary and **Tom Hitzroth**, At Large Position. **Vic Newhard** will remain on the Board as Past President and **Shannon Harris** will continue to be the Program and Education Chair, but will not be on the Board. **Tom Hitzroth** brings a wealth of experience having been involved in historical societies such as Marymoor and Redmond. In addition he has done research on historic structures for nominations through King County. Tom, Welcome to the Board!

On behalf of KHS, thanks to **Vic Newhard** for his two terms as President. He has kept us on an even keel when there were lots of things happening: moving into Heritage Hall; expansion of our collections; and Centennial Activities including the upcoming Peter Kirk Family Reunion. Vic has agreed to continue his role as the KHS liaison with the Chamber of Commerce and Kirkland Downtown on the Lake. **Shannon Harris** has kept the Board focused on how we can involve school students in KHS activities to help them appreciate our history! She will continue to arrange our wonderful monthly programs as Chair of the Education and Programs Committee and I know she won't let us forget about our students!

WE NEED YOUR HELP AT THE PETER KIRK FAMILY REUNION AUGUST 12TH TO 14TH

Please see the list of volunteer needs for this weekend (Page 2) and please call me if you can help at one or more of these activities! We have between 50 to 60 relatives signed up to attend! There is also an invitation (Page 1) for a Reception on Saturday afternoon from 3:00 to 5:00 pm at the Peter Kirk Building (Kirkland Arts Center). We have invited KHS members, community leaders and representatives from City Boards and Commissions as well as business and service groups to meet the Peter Kirk relatives.

If you have been by Heritage Hall you have seen a lot of construction on what is now called Heritage Park (former Waverly site). This is phase one of the project. The City is also beginning the design of the Centennial Garden which is located north of Heritage Hall where the tennis courts now are located. As part of the Heritage Park plan the tennis court is to be moved within the park. If you are interested in participating in that design effort see the article (page 3) about a workshop on August 9th. In September Michael Cogle, Manager of Parks Planning for the City will give us an update on Heritage Park, Juanita Beach Park and McAuliffe Park. Each of these parks has significant historic sites and structures.

Lots of great activities this summer and more are coming up this Fall! I urge you to participate in the monthly programs and to get involved in one of our Committees. We have a lot to do! Our collections have grown; we need to catch up on identifying historic properties; the library and our files need to get organized and the Heritage Resource Center has more work to be done. Once the work on Heritage Park is completed we will need to fill in the landscaping of Heritage Hall where plants have died.

**ATTEND THE RECEPTION FOR THE PETER KIRK FAMILY REUNION!
AUGUST 13TH, HISTORIC PETER KIRK BUILDING, 3:00 TO 5:00 PM
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INVITATION TO RECEPTION PETER KIRK FAMILY REUNION

Saturday, August 13, 3:00 PM- 5:00 PM
Historic Peter Kirk Building
Kirkland Art Center, 620 Market Street

As part of Kirkland's Centennial Celebration, the Kirkland Heritage Society is organizing a reunion of the relatives of Peter Kirk. We have 41 families on our list and 21 of those have responded that they will attend bringing somewhere between 50 to 60 people to the celebration. Our goals are: to tell and show them about the influence of Peter Kirk in the development of our City, to allow them time to share stories together, and to obtain copies of photographs and documents from them for KHS to preserve for all Kirkland Citizens to share and enjoy.

Family members will be coming from Alaska, Arizona, Canada, Oregon and Washington State. We will have descendants from 5 of the sons and daughters of Peter and Mary Kirk.

We invite you to join us at the Peter Kirk Building to welcome them at a casual reception from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm on Saturday, August 13th. This is an historic event in that it is the first time a reunion of all branches of the family has been attempted.

To help us plan the reception, please RSVP by calling 827-3446 to leave a message or e-mail rgburke@covad.net that you will be able to attend. Thank You!

Questions? Call 828-4095.

AUGUST PROGRAM AUGUST 31ST, 2005, 7:00 PM

OLDE FASHIONED
BLACKBERRY SUNDAE SOCIAL
AND
MEMORABILIA SHARING

HERITAGE HALL
203 MARKET STREET

Have Blackberries that you would share?
Call Shannon Harris at 822-2478. Thanks!

Board / Committee Meeting at 5:30 pm.

FUTURE PROGRAMS

SEPTEMBER 28TH, 7:00 PM

MICHAEL COGLE, MANAGER
PARKS PLANNING
CITY OF KIRKLAND

UPDATE ON CITY PARK PLANS

- WAVERLY - NOW HERITAGE PARK -
DESIGN OF CENTENNIAL GARDEN
NORTH OF HERITAGE HALL
- JUANITA BEACH PARK - FORBES
HOUSE
- MCAULIFFE PARK WITH
THREE HISTORIC STRUCTURES

OCTOBER MEETINGS

EVENING OF THE 12TH
FINAL CENTENNIAL EVENT
LOOK FOR FUTURE DETAILS!

OCTOBER 26TH, 7:00 PM
HERITAGE HALL

BOB NEIR, AUTHOR
A CITY COMES OF AGE
AND, ALSO
SHARE YOUR HALLOWEEN
STORIES

NEWS FROM YOUR ARCHIVES

By David Cantrill, KHS Archivist

A big Thanks to **Christine Bergman**, Great, Great-Granddaughter of Peter & Mary Kirk, for the very generous donation of family items. She has given a huge amount of documents, including treasures such as Peter Kirk's original U.S. Patent for his Hydraulic Dredger, the Birth and Death ledger from the family Bible, an inventory of Peter's holdings on the day of his death, an original copy of the Auction Notice from "Bankfield" (mansion in England), photos of the family in England and of the young Kirk children. Of great interest is a collection of postcards from the Kirk girls written to each other between 1904-1925.

All of these items will be available for the Kirk relatives to view and study at the Kirk Family Reunion in August. After that they will be lovingly conserved and protected from damage in our Archives. It is times like this that make what I do so rewarding. Christine and her husband Jim are kind and generous people, who have only good things to say about KHS. Their enthusiasm is wonderful. I for one am quite humbled by their magnificent donation to the people of Kirkland.

Also on display at the reunion will be items that they brought to show us last year from the Kirk family. --A beautiful embroidered tablecloth and engraved wood table by Olive Kirk. Also by Olive is an oil painting of a still life painted while she toured Europe.--Fannie Kirk's violin and family china that came around the Horn in the 1880's. We know that the Kirk relatives will appreciate these items and learn more about their family.

? BLACKBERRY PRESERVES QUESTION ?

Last week I received a call asking if we were the blackberry preserves place? I answered, "I guess so." The man stated that they'd found some old jars of jam labeled blackberries and he wondered what the shelf life is. I asked him if he'd been on the internet (he said yes) and I explained that Blackberry Preserves was our KHS newsletter title. He said "Now I feel really stupid." I told him I was sorry I didn't know the answer! Anyone know the answer? Good for a laugh! Bob

VOLUNTEER NEEDS**Kirk Family Reunion**August 12 to 14th

We need your help! All the following activities will take place at Heritage Hall except the Saturday Reception at the Peter Kirk Building.

PREPARATION FOR THE REUNION**Wednesday, August 10: Morning & Evening--**

Need: 2 to 3 people

Work on Displays, Information Packets

Thursday, August 11, 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm and**Friday, August 12 - 8:00 am to Noon**

Need: 2 to 3 people to Set up Displays,

Chairs and Tables in Heritage Hall

HELP DURING THE REUNION**Friday, August 12: 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm**

Welcome / Check-In Kirk Family Members

Need: 1 Person

Saturday, August 13: 8:00 am to 9:30 am

Check-In Kirk Family Members:

Need: 1 Person

Arrange Coffee & Goodies, Serve: 8 to 9:30 am

Need: 2 People

Arrange & Conduct Oral Histories

Need: 1 - 2 People

Assist with identifying photographs / other items

Need: 1 - 2 People

Arrange Goodies, Cleanup, etc. for Reception at Peter Kirk Building - Probably 100 + people in attendance: 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Need 4 or 5 People

Arrange for Tape Recorders at Dinner /

Collect Afterwards Need 1 Person

Sunday, August 14th

Arrange Coffee / Goodies, Serve: 9:00-10:00 am

Need: 1 Person

Arrange for Oral Histories

Need: 1 to 2 People

Assist with identifying photographs / other items

Need: 1 Person

Put Everything Away / Clean up: After 12:00

Need: 4 - 5 people

Please Call Bob Burke at 828-4095!

THE BRIDE AND GROOM DOLLS BY LOITA HAWKINSON

These two vintage mechanical dolls (see photograph on last page) originally called Kid's Stuff on Lake Street home. They were owned by Bob and Betty Lightfeldt and they decorated their window every Christmas holiday. When Kid's Stuff closed, Bob Lightfeldt sold the dolls to The Tree House clothing store in Redmond Center.

When the Centennial Committee announced that there would be Centennial weddings on April 30, 2005, my wheels began to spin. What a fun time to fashion new clothes and let the dolls come "home" for the weekend. It was time for new clothes because the original Victorian foam lined knit clothes had deteriorated. The dolls spent last Christmas in their original shipping box because they made too much of a mess to be displayed.

The new groom was easy because he has an infant sized Tuxedo. He got studs, cuff links, wing tips, and a top hat and he was good to go. The new bride took some effort. Her layers of clothes are stapled on....she needs to be able to move. She is not nearly as feminine when you see all her mechanical parts so they needed to be covered. It was a labor of love...right down to her frilly petticoats, lace blue garter and diamond ring.

The idea to have the bridal couples sign the doll's dress was a last minute idea....about 2 hours before the weddings began. Judge Carolyn Hayek was the first to sign. All 17 couples signed the skirt and it will be stored in the archives for our Centennial Couple's 25th and 50th anniversaries. When Tree House owners, Susan Swanson and Jeanne Bolton retire, the dolls will again come home to Kirkland. In the meantime, I will make a new skirt and they will again be on display at The Tree House. Only now they will be up all year, not just during the holidays.

MEMBERSHIP SURVEY

In order to help better plan our future services we sent out a Membership Survey. If you have not yet sent it in, please do so! If you need another copy, call the KHS office at 827-3446 to leave a message.

CENTENNIAL GARDEN AT HERITAGE PARK DESIGN WORKSHOP

The Kirkland Parks Department has scheduled an informal design workshop for the "**Centennial Garden at Heritage Park**" on Tuesday, August 9, at 1:00 pm - 3:30 p.m. in Heritage Hall. If you are interested in attending contact Michael Cogle at 415 587-3310

The purpose will be to gather ideas and input on developing the plan for the historic garden, which we hope to build as part of the Heritage Park Phase 2 construction in 2006-07 (formerly called the Waverly park site). Barker Landscape Architects will facilitate the workshop.

They are interested in how the garden can compliment both the park and Heritage Hall; ideas for what kinds of plant material should be used, architectural features, path treatments, etc. The garden plan will need to be consistent with the Master Plan approved for the park (i.e. the location and size of the garden needs to fit with the overall vision for Heritage Park).

They would like to invite those folks interested in this to join in the workshop. This is not a public meeting but a cozy group of interested advisors to help them in developing the garden's schematic plan.

The timeline for the Garden project is:

- August 9: Design Workshop
- Aug 10 - Aug 31: Develop Draft Schematic Plan
- 1st Week Sept.: Review Draft Plan (perhaps hold another group meeting)
- September 14: Present to Park Board
- October 12: Display Centennial Garden Plan as part of Kirkland Centennial Celebration
- Fall 2006 - Spring 2007: Garden Construction as part of Heritage Park Phase 2 Development

Michael Cogle will present a complete update on Park Planning related to their historic structures at our September 28th Meeting. Plan to Attend!

SUCCESSFUL SUMMERFEST

Thanks to **Dale Hawkinson** for organizing our successful booth at Summerfest this year! The rain seemed to be there only when we set up and tore down the booth and the crowds were generally good. We felt a little isolated being up on Kirkland Avenue when the majority of the action was in Marina Park and the parking lot.

In addition to Dale, the following people worked in the booth: **Vic Newhard, Cathy Smith, Lynette Weber, Bob Burke, Martha Millar, Sue Carter, Nancy Stephens, David Cantrill, Steve Lamson, Alan Stein, Barbara Loomis, Angie Eggers, Loita Hawkinson** and **Jean Jayne**. Thanks to everyone for your help!

4TH OF JULY PARADE

What a wonderful Centennial 4th of July Parade, picnic and two fireworks displays! KHS ended up having 7 vintage cars in the parade – a record!. We also had local relatives of **Kirkland Founders: Peter Kirk** and **Walter Williams**. They included: Great, Great Granddaughters of Peter Kirk - **Lisa Kirk Capron** and **Cheryl Capron** with her sons; and **Nancy Bell**, Granddaughter of Walter Williams; **David Bell**, Great Grandson with his wife **Carolyn Bell**; and **Stephanie & Julia Bell**, Great, Great Grand-daughters.

Thanks to **Frank Rosin** and **Shannon Harris** for arranging all the cars. One car was reported to have been owned by Tom Mix, cowboy movie star! As a late entry into the parade **Barbara Loomis** and **Bob Burke** rode with Frank in his car!

HERITAGE HALL PLANTERS DONATED

When the City removed the temporary planters from the north terrace of Heritage Hall, a lot of people commented on how nice it was to have them there! They have been replaced by two permanent planters donated by **Kathy & Jim Feek** in honor of her parents. They have also donated a third planter that will be placed on the lower terrace at the entry to the Heritage Resource Center. Thank you for this very generous donation and to the Kirkland Parks Department for the great plant materials.

JUNE KIRKLAND CEMETERY TOUR

We had a beautiful warm evening for **Alan Stein's** now famous Kirkland Cemetery Tour. The original portion of the cemetery has such a rich history. We met at the fountain donated by the Kirkland Woman's Club and toured from there.

We had a great crowd with many new people: Attendees included: **Bob Burke, David Cantrill, Sue Carter, Sants & Sue Contreras, Bud Cord, Vincent DiGiolio, Dale & Loita Hawkinson, Jim and Carolyn Hitter, Tom Hitzroth, Pam Hynes, Jean Jayne, Jill Keeney, Steve Lamson, Barbara Luecke, Trisha Massot, Martha Millar, Larry Miller, Vic Newhard, Leona Pinney, Dave and Betty Roberts, Frank Rosin, Dee Saunders, Don and Suzi Luke Scheuffels, Jan Sisko, Alan Stein, Nancy Stephens, David & Patty Tucker, Lynette Weber** and **Lucy Zucotti**.

Alan - thanks for another great tour! Thanks to everyone for coming. If you have ideas for future programs or tours, please call **Shannon Harris**, Education and Program Chair at 822-2478.

BOB NEIR'S BOOK

A City Comes of Age

A Political History of Kirkland, Washington

We have sold about one-third of the 1,000 books donated by Bob Neir to KHS. They are available at Parkplace Books along with **Steve Lamson's** Centennial Poem about Kirkland: Kirkland, "The Power of a Dream". Bob will be at our October Meeting to talk about the book and to sign copies.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Lynette Weber, Membership Chair, called everyone who had not paid their 2004 dues. If you have not sent in your dues for 2004 and for 2005 through this December, please do it now! Dues for the year and a half are: Senior - \$30; Individual - \$37.50; Family - \$45.00; Supporting - \$100; Lifetime - \$1,000; Organization - \$100; Profession - \$125.00; and Business / Corporation - \$250. Please include a completed Matching Gift form if your employer matches gifts of organizations that are 501(c)(3). Questions? Please call Lynette at 425 890-9058.

**BRIDE AND GROOM
DOLLS AT THE
CENTENNIAL
100 WEDDINGS
ON APRIL 30th 2005**

See the story by Loita
Hawkinson on how she
converted these dolls
for the 100 Weddings
Celebration. Note that
The dress of the bride
is signed by each of the
couples married in
Heritage Hall that day!

*Photograph by
Loita Hawkinson*



BE SURE TO COME TO THE AUGUST 31st BLACKBERRY ICE CREAM SOCIAL

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