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THIS MONTH: THE CANNERY

APRIL MEETING PROGRAM: THAD POUND WILL SHARE ITS STORY!

Kirkland
CENTENNIAL
1905 2005
Honor The Past • Imagine The Future

MAY 15 & 16: KIRKLAND HERITAGE DAYS-GET
OUT YOUR PHOTOS AND MEMORABILIA!



PAST PRESIDENT'S LETTER

By Bob Burke

HERITAGE HALL - HERITAGE RESOURCE CENTER A DREAM REALIZED!!

Looking back through old Blackberry Preserves there was a headline that said to “Mark February 16, 1999 on your calendar of historic dates for Historic Preservation in Kirkland.” That was the day the City Council voted 7 - 0 to accept the former Christian Science Church building and instructed staff to make arrangements to move it to the lower part of the Waverly Site.

What a journey it has been over the last five years!

- Moving the building the last week of April 1999
- Lawsuits
- Placing the Building on a new foundation
- Waverly Park Master Planning Process
- Designating the Building for Meetings and a Heritage Resource Center
- Completing the interior work -Moon Construction
- Dedication of the Building and Opening of the Meeting Room - September 2003
- Open House in the Heritage Resource Center and beginning of the Kirkland Centennial Preparation - May 15th and 16th, 2004.

When all this started, KHS committed to help the City with the renovation of the historic elements of the building and if we were allowed to use the lower floor to complete that work. We had an overall strategy to raise the money, but having never been through such a process before, we weren't sure how it would work. Our initial estimate was that we needed to raise about \$150,000 but that didn't include the landscaping, interior work in the downstairs and the normal cost additions to a renovation contract. There are still some things to be done - complete the restored wall between the Office and the Meeting Room; install some cabinets downstairs and finish the landscaping - but thanks to everyone's effort it is virtually done and we're using it.

Outstanding Community Response!

I am totally amazed that the Kirkland Heritage Society has now raised \$186,935 toward the restoration of Heritage Hall and the completion of the Heritage Resource Center on the lower floor as well as over \$20,000 worth of donated services, furniture and equipment and over 1,200 hours of volunteer time on the building - that doesn't include the nearly 4 years of working everything through the Waverly Park Plan, Permits and Architectural / Engineering Drawings!

Thanks to everyone who has purchased a paver, made a contribution, donated some equipment or volunteered precious weekend time to work on the building or landscaping!





KIRKLAND HERITAGE DAYS

MAY 15 & 16, 2004
11:00 am to 3:00 pm

HERITAGE HALL
203 Market Street

Start looking through your attic or storage locker to find those keepsakes that will help us define Kirkland's history over the past 100 years! Most people think about events that occurred over 50 years ago, but we want to be able to describe those years from WWII to the present as well in the new Timeline History and Centennial Calendar. This is the first step in preparing for Kirkland's Centennial to be celebrated starting in February of 2005.

**Do you have photographs? Documents?
Memorabilia?**

Who are people we should be interviewing?

Photographs: Check your Family Albums! Slides or Movies? We will copy them and return them to you - or you can donate them!

Documents: Postcards, Programs of Events (school, sports), year books, maps, posters, articles, etc.

Memorabilia: Those political pins, unique pencils, yardsticks, souvenirs, patches that remind us of a Kirkland store or event!

Kirkland Heritage Days will begin at 11:00 am on Saturday, May 15th with a brief ceremony installing the Time Capsule at Heritage Hall. We will have tables set up to take your historical information - to make copies of photographs and documents and to

catalogue the memorabilia. There will be refreshments and goodies! We will provide information on helping with the Centennial and record your ideas for events in 2005. If you would like to volunteer to help at Kirkland Heritage Days, please call Bob Burke at 828-4095 or leave a message at the Heritage Resource Center - 827-3446. Thanks for your help!

Bob asked for photos depicting examples of Kirkland memorabilia. Given production deadlines I had to use photos of Kirkland items from my personal collection... -Ed.



SEEING SEATTLE BY WATER

Anderson Water Tours



STREET SCENE - KIRKLAND - WA

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On the Ways

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DOCUMENTS

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MEMORABILIA

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SAT. FEB. 18

COME OUT AND GIVE THE BOYS A LIFT

Items Identified

Pg. 3 Photos:

Various McCauley, Barrie and Johnson family members, 1909-70

Pg. 4 Documents (clockwise from top): Ellis Real Photo Post Card (RPPC) of downtown Kirkland, facing north. Note Younger Mints sign (west side of Lake St., above sedan roof); 1889 Seattle, Lake Shore & Eastern stock certificate—signed by Daniel Gilman. SLS&E ran the spur line from Woodinville to Kirk's steel mill. Inset: engraving of Kirk's mill as originally envisioned—right on the lakeshore; Brochure promoting Capt John Anderson's water tours—he built most of these boats at his Houghton shipyards; *On the Ways* masthead, 9/7/42. The wartime Lake Washington shipyards' own newspaper.

Pg. 5 Memorabilia (clockwise from top): Todd Feed Co. letter opener. Mr. Todd met his end in 1935 when jeweler HH Loy shot him in broad daylight in downtown Kirkland. Loy's counsel alleged Todd was having an affair with Loy's wife and the jury acquitted Loy deeming the exchange a justified killing; 1952 LWHS pin; WWII LWS worker badge; Depression-era dance poster; Autographed photo of Kirkland's own Lanny Ross, 1930's-era radio and movie star and even had a short-lived TV series in 1948; Mr. Ross won the track medal in 1923 while attending Yale; Kirkland Police Badge #6; c. 1969 Bell pennant; Charlie Younger Mint Tin (remember the Younger sign from page 4?)

BARBARA LOOMIS APPOINTED TO SECOND TERM ON ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION STATE ADVISORY BOARD

Governor Gary Locke has appointed **Barbara Loomis** to a second term on the State Advisory Board on Archaeology and Historic Preservation. This group holds public hearings and makes recommendations on historic buildings and sites that have been nominated for recognition by the State and to be placed on the National Register of Historic Places. They meet quarterly around the State. Congratulations, Barbara, and thank you for your participation on this Board!

WORK PARTY AT HERITAGE HALL 9:00 AM - MAY 1, 2004

We are planning a work party on May 1st to do some more landscaping. **Pat Eskenazi** and **Bob Burke** met with **Jason Filan**, Kirkland Parks Department, to review the plans to identify the plants that we need to purchase. Our goal is to infill some of the areas we did last fall and to plant the areas to the west and north of the building. Next fall we will plant more bulbs. If you have not seen the building the past week - the landscaping is really special right now. If you can help, please call Bob at 828-4095 so we can plan the work - and hopefully the fresh baked muffins.

The Kirkland Cannery

The following information is taken from the historic property inventory from done by Davis Harvey for the City in 1991



The building is an intact wood structure of what is called a Commercial Vernacular style. It was built for Industry / Processing in 1936 by the WPA (Works Progress Administration) during the depression. It is significant because it is one of the few buildings constructed by WPA remaining in Kirkland. The building was originally used by the State Social Security Department (and staffed by prisoners) to can vegetables, fruit and meat for state institutions. Later the cannery was opened to the public to process their own fruit and vegetables, provided a third of their canned goods be distributed to state institutions. The Kirkland Cannery was the first of its' kind in the nation and produced some 400,000 cans of food in 1938 aiding more than 10,000 families. In 1947, the Pound family acquired the cannery from the City (who had purchased it from the State a year earlier) and changed the operation to a seafood processing plant.

The physical description of the building in the Harvey Inventory described it as an intact three story commercial vernacular building with repetitive multi-paned windows, medium pitched gable roof with bracketed gable ends projecting eaves and verges with exposed rafters, symmetrical plan, and distinctive, "farm-like" cupola vents on the roof line. Modifications include cladding on the front facade, contemporary wooden exterior stairs on the west wing, and removal of central stairwell from front facade (and closure of original front entrance), and "U.S.A. - Works - WPA sign removed from roofline. It referenced adjacent outbuildings but these have subsequently been removed.

This building is one of 29 structures recognized in the City of Kirkland's Comprehensive Plan and is designated as one of the highest priority historic structures (Category A) in the Inventory completed for the Kirkland Heritage Society in 1999.

Kirkland Heritage Society's 2004 Programs

**KHS meets the last Wednesday of
each month**

**Location: Heritage Hall in
Kirkland**

Time: 7:00 pm.

April 28th Thad Pound—40 Years at the Kirkland Cannery.

Thad will tell stories and share memorabilia of his life at the Kirkland Cannery. If you have a story or a treasure to share, please come and join in the conversation.

May No Meeting. TBC- Centennial Heritage Meeting on May 15th.

June 30th Refinishing Antique Furniture
Norkirk neighborhood businessman, Jan Zoltowski, from Old World Antique Restoration, will give a presentation on restoration, refinishing, and a review of your SMALL antique piece.

**July No Meeting. Kirkland's
Summerfest. Come see us at the booth!**

August 25th KHS Annual Blackberry Sundae Social

Taste the berries and delicious vanilla ice cream. Bring in a favorite item to share or be ready to tell your favorite Kirkland story.

September 29th Nancy Stephens—Resident History

Nancy will share her family history from the Rose Hill Neighborhood.

October 27th Kirkland Ghost Stories. Program to be formalized.

**November No meeting due to
Thanksgiving**

**December TBD KHS Annual Holiday
Home & Cookie Exchange**

New Member/Renewal Form

Annual Memberships Are From

July 1st 2004 to June 30 2005

Please Check One:

Membership Type	Amount
Individual	\$25
Family	\$30
Senior/Student\$	\$20
Supporting	\$100
Life Member	\$1,000
Organization/Government	\$100
Professional/Business	\$125
Corporate	\$250

Total Enclosed: \$_____

My Company Matches Contributions Contact:

Please enclose company form.

Checks payable and sent to:

**Kirkland Heritage Society, 203 Market St, Kirkland,
WA 98033 (425) 827-3446**

Name _____ Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____ Home# _____

Wk# _____ Email _____

Organization/Firm _____

Volunteer Opportunities Your membership is the first important step in helping achieve our goals. If you are interested in volunteering to help with some of our projects, please check the appropriate box(es).

Serve on Standing Committee:

Archives and Collections
Membership and Funding
Oral History and Research
Planning and Historic Sites
Program and Education

Work on a Specific Activity:

Exhibit at Community Events
Home Tours
Photography/Update Slides

VISIT KHS ONLINE AT: WWW.PETERKIRK.ORG



A COUPLE OF HAPPY, YOUNG FRIENDS ENJOY A REFRESHING SPLASH OF SEATTLE BREWING & MALTING CO.'S FINEST: **RAINIER BEER** PROBABLY TAKEN AROUND 1905

COVER: ABOUT THE MASTHEAD... A FEW MEMEBERS HAVE ASKED FOR INFORMATION ABOUT THE NEW MASTHEAD PHOTOGRAPH. IT IS A C. 1896 SHOT FACING, ROUGHLY, UP MARKET ST. THE STEAMER AT THE DOCK IS THE *ELFIN*. SHE BURNED AND SANK IN 1900. TODAY SHE RESTS UNDER 125 FEET OF WATER OFF HOUGHTON.

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