

# BLACKBERRY PRESERVES

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## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

**BOB BURKE**

**March/April**

Thanks to Dale & Loita Hawkinson for their effort in getting the January / February issue of BP published last month! This current issue puts KHS on what we want to be our regular schedule of publishing every other month during the year.

The February program was a huge success! Over 30 people attended and went through over 1,600 photographs and identified about 200 of them! These photographs will now be scanned and the information placed into the PastPerfect database. Lots of comments that "This was really fun!" Not only fun but also very useful in identifying our history and those who helped shape Kirkland. Everyone appreciated the carrot cake for Vic Newhard's birthday! Be sure to put March's meeting on your schedule! Popcorn and Movie Night. The historic Screeno game was played at the Gateway Theatre. Parking is now available north of Heritage Hall.

In May we hold our election for Board positions. This year three positions are up for election: President, Bob Burke; Treasurer, Tom Hitzroth; and At-Large, Lisa Capron. Vic Newhard as Past President is the Chair of the Nominating Committee that will be appointed at the next Board Meeting

As part of the Plan for the Centennial Gardens north of Heritage Hall there was to be an Arbor placed over the expanded terrace. The budget was not sufficient to build the arbor, but the terrace was designed with footings to accommodate it when funds were available. The Kirkland Rotary made a major donation and work is proceeding! Thank You, Kirkland Rotary for helping to complete this important part of Heritage Park!

The last issue of BP had a full page of "Thank You's" for work by members and donations! It shows how

important these donations are to helping KHS preserve this history of Kirkland. If you would like to help on a committee or have items that help us preserve Kirkland's history for future generations, please call us! 425 827-3446! We can make copies of photographs and documents and return the originals to you!

## Welcome New Members!

**Lynette Friberg Weber**

**Paul Barry, Arnold & Eleanor Berkey, Ann Boone, Marjorie L. Denton, Betty Gaudy, Martha Jenkins, Anna McKenna.**

Due to the recent revival of the Blackberry Preserves, this new members list goes back to second half 2007. Better late than never to say thank you & welcome to all our new members!!

## Future Meetings

### March 26 - Popcorn & Movie Night with Screeno Game!

This will be no ordinary movie. Featured are clips from the family home movies loaned by **Martha Burr Millar** and **Pam Gates Owens**. There will also be a few minutes from movies loaned by **Gail Gorud** and **Brett Johnson**. You will see Kirkland parades from the 1930s and 1940s and inside the new Telephone Company.. Again this is made possible because of the donation of the computer projector by **Michael and Lynette Weber**. And without loans and donations, there would be no movies to show. It should be fun.

**Screeno** was a game played between double features during the depression. Winners won depression glass and other small prizes. **Roger Johnson** mentioned playing Screeno at the **Gateway** during his oral history last year. We will play a modified KHS version. There will be prizes.

**April 30 - Henry Bischofberger**, a third Generation Violin Maker who has his business in Kirkland.

**May 28 - Norm Blye**, Ferry Tales & Historic Slide Show

## South Kirkland vs. Houghton

Last year Loita Hawkinson sent out an email stating: "In 1946 the Kirkland Summer Festival held the water events at City Park which is now Waverly Park. The following year they were held at South Park in Houghton." Mistakenly referring to South Park which was in South Kirkland as Houghton resulted in a lot of ribbing to this newcomer of a mere thirty years, as well as some fun recollections.

**Merrily Hardenbrook Dicks** wrote: The small ferry was the **Ariel** my Grandfather and Great Uncle ran to Seattle and during the war delivered oxygen tanks to the **LW Shipyard**. The Dock was at the foot of 52<sup>nd</sup> I think. I remember Mr. & Mrs. Jones and the penny candy. When my mother got the monthly bill there was always penny candy on it and she did not have to guess who charged it. Houghton, Kirkland and Bellevue were bedroom communities to Seattle. Houghton was our town, we lived across the street from the Kirtleys. The Yabuki's lived next door until they were interned in Idaho...I couldn't figure why they disappeared one day. I remember the parades and picnics at Houghton Beach. Standard Oil and Sands Lumber Co. were on the North end of the park.

**Carol Hansen Tripp** wrote: Yes, Houghton was a town of it's own. It had Post Office and small grocery store ran by Mr. and Mrs. Jones. The building is still there across from the park. I used to buy my penny candy from them. Where the restaurant is now was the oil storage tanks and south of that was a dock. A small ferry came there during the war and took the workers to Sand Point. My aunt worked at Sand Point and took that ferry. It also had it's own fire department. South of where the Post Office was, in the 1950's, was **Heisdorf and Nelson**,. They had a business office and hatchery for pedigree chickens. The Post Office moved in that building. Above that was the **Kirtley's** place and that used to be a hotel I believe around 1890's. That was before they lowered Lake Washington. I remember going to the parade. It was pretty big stuff back then.

**Vic Newhard** wrote: When I moved from Seattle, in 1962, the great joining of the two cities was underway. Never heard the term South Kirkland and I felt Houghton could have been considered a bedroom community of Bellevue and/or Kirkland.

**Matt McCauley** wrote: I think there may be a little confusion on this South Kirkland vs. Houghton issue, so I'll pig-pile on. Historically South Kirkland was at the then-southern border of the city/town of Kirkland. It was a distinct and different place than Houghton. There had been at one time in South Kirkland a noticeable southern city line along LW Blvd. decorated with a WWI cannon. **Dr. McKibben** once told me during a road tour with him I videotaped in the early 1990's that a person knew very clearly they were crossing from Kirkland into Houghton. I suspect part of the reason people made reference to North Kirkland and South Kirkland, etc. was that, although by today's standards these areas don't seem too far apart, people used to do a lot more walking than driving in cars. I'm sure walking made it feel bigger to them. Even as late as 1946 people who had just come through strict WWII gas rationing didn't just hop in the car to scoot around everywhere the way we do now.

**Frank Rosin** wrote: The whole community was involved in those Summer Festivals. There were large decals on the store windows with smaller ones you could take home and put on your own door window. They were made in the basement of **Clyde Tremaine's** grocery/meat market. The High School theatre and bleachers outside were used for shows. We had a rowboat rental right after the war, the festival folks rented all our rowboats for the activities at Waverly Beach. A correction, the South Kirkland Beach part of things was at the foot of 7th Street, not in Houghton. The swimming pier there was left over from one of the steamer landings that circled the lake. The pig races were held there in 1947 as well as a bunch of other water activities. I don't believe there were activities in Houghton; it was not part of Kirkland then. There were at least 2 parades, one was a kid parade, I still have part of a costume I wore in one of those parades.

**Tom Hitzroth** wrote: For those of us who lived in the Fourth Class Town of Houghton we never considered ourselves South Kirkland. I have never even heard the term used in planning commission meetings or town meetings I attended. Guess that was a Kirkland term for us. And not to correct..... we **Houghtonites** feel strongly but we do have a sense of humor too.

## The naming of Houghton by Loita Hawkinson

There has been little doubt among the locals how Houghton got its name in 1881. The settlement was named **Pleasant Bay** in 1872 by the French family. **Samuel, Caroline and Harry French** came from Maine and there had been a **Pleasant Bay** near their former home.

In 1881, Washington DC asked that double name communities choose a single word name. The name of Houghton has long been credited to the Houghton family in Boston that donated the church bell that continues to ring at the Congregational Church on 1<sup>st</sup> Street.

But not everyone agrees. The *Naming of Washington* gives credit to a **Willard Houghton** who arrived in the early 1880's. Houghton was not Pleasant Bay's first choice. In an 1881 San Francisco paper there is a notice that "the citizens of Pleasant Bay, Lake Washington, Washington Territory have chosen **EDISON** as their name. There is already an Edison in Whatcom County". So **Pleasant Bay** had to choose another name.

**The people living on Pleasant Bay, Lake Washington, have named their town Edison. There is already a place of that name in Whatcom county.**

**June 6, 1881, San Francisco**

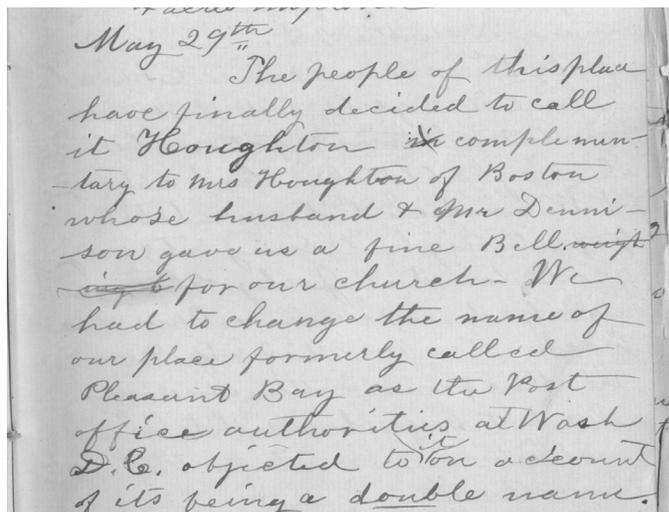
The 1881 Harry French diary states that "the people of this place have finally decided to call it Houghton, complimentary to Mrs. Houghton of Boston whose husband and Mr. Dennison gave us a fine bell for our church." To add to the research is another 1881 article in the Boston paper that told of the bell and of the renaming of Pleasant Bay to Houghton in honor of the Boston family.

Digitized newspapers are opening research possibilities like never before. Most of our history is a rehash of what has already been written and if there is an error, the error is repeated. With the digitized census and newspapers, fresh research is possible. Why aren't all old newspapers digitized?

It is expensive. Very expensive. The digitizing of the **East Side Journal** is on KHS's Five Year Plan. Grant money and vocal public support will help make it happen.

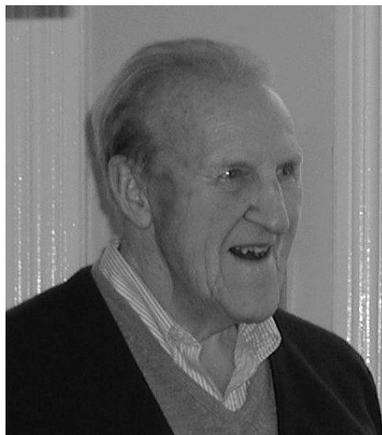
**The church at Pleasant Bay, W.T., Rev. Samuel Greene, pastor, is in receipt of a Meneely & Co.'s 600 lbs. bell with mountings, and expenses all prepaid, the gift of Messrs. J. N. Denison and Wm. S. Houghton of Boston, Mass., and the community has resolved to give the name of Houghton to the settlement.**

**June 29, 1881, Boston**



**May 29, 1881, Pleasant Bay  
Harry French**

And speaking of errors, **Dr. McKibben** corrected a statement in the Jan/Feb 2008 BP. **Cort Road** was on 108<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE, not NE 68<sup>th</sup> Street as stated. **John Cort** lived in Houghton in 1900. He opened the historic Moore Theater and his Cort Theater on Broadway, NYC, continues to run. In February 1898 he started the Fraternal Order of the Eagles and was the first president. John Cort was the first to use the new Edison light in his theater. All of this started in Seattle. **Alan Stein** has heard that **John Cort** had an outdoor tent style theater or studio in Houghton around 1900. Does anyone have any information???



**Art Knutson**

**1916-2008**

Art at 2004 Cookie Exchange

**Art Knutson** was Public Works Director of Kirkland from 1967 through 1981. Art gave a talk to KHS before the programs were recorded and this is a historic tragedy. One of my favorite memories from the program was when Art admitted to breaking the rules that needed breaking. When the Salmon spawning grounds in Juanita Bay needed immediate attention, he broke many rules, saved the habitat and called the press for some free environmental publicity. Art was charming, fun, and wise. The City of Kirkland, knowing Art's hands had been tied with bureaucratic red tape, simply told him to stop calling the press. By Loita Hawkinson

## January & February Meeting Participants Lynette Friberg Weber

Sally Jo Bechtel, Bob Burke, David Cantrell, Sue Carter, Dorothy Daily, Marjorie J. Denton, Marjorie L. Denton, Vincent DiGiulio\*, Dale Hawkinson, Loita Hawkinson, Corrine Hieb, Tom Hitzroth, Bev Hoerlein, Linda Jaton, Wayne Jaton, Judy Lang, Ken Larson\*, Russ McClintick Sr., Dr. Ernest McKibben, Jr., Larry Miller, Jim Mock\*, Helen Bengston Nash, Bob Neir, Chris Neir, Vic Newhard, Pam Owens, Betsy Pringle, Frank Rosin, Dee Saunders, Dick Shinstrom, Pat Shinstrom, Alan Stein, Clarence Stone, Sandy Stone, Alice Stoops\*, Vern Stoops\*, Eileen Warren, Lynette Friberg Weber  
**\*guests & first timers!**

### Monthly Meeting, Feb. 27, 2008

#### was photo night at Heritage Hall

This was the third photo night held to identify pictures in the City/Morgan collection. Judging from the noise level of the room and the pictures taken



that evening, everyone was having fun. This will probably become an annual event. More than 200 photos were named and some were given even more details. The 200+ identified at the two previous meetings are in the PastPerfect database. These



200+ will be entered as time allows. The entire City/Morgan collection will be more than 3000 pictures. Over 1200 are done leaving more than 1800 to go.



**Ernie McKibben and Eileen Brennan Warren started 1st grade together.**

## THANK YOU TO:

**Sue Carter** for the donation of a Juanita Golf Club scorecard. It had been used by Bob Carter and his father, Rush Carter.

**Donna Porter** loaned KHS negatives from photos taken of the historic Houghton autographic quilt. She had hoped they could be used for a Kirkland Centennial project but there was not enough time or volunteer hours to have that happen. Dale Hawkinson has scanned the negatives. This collection of 48 photos is now in the PastPerfect database. This wonderful quilt remains in Donna's family. See back page for a sample.

**Barbara Loomis** for setting up the InDesign program for the Blackberry Preserves newsletter. Barb published two issues and found she did not have time to do more. She gave Dale and Loita an emergency tutorial one evening and that allowed the newsletter to be printed and mailed before the February meeting.

**Casey Stokes Miller and Kelly Stokes Hettinger** for supporting KHS's efforts to have *Our Foundering Fathers* on the web. Casey and Kelly are the daughters of the late Arline Stokes Ely Andre'. They were young girls when their mother did research for her many historic articles and book. **Laura Westlund** gets special thanks for providing her niece's contact information and Arline's press releases. Without their Aunt Laura's initial assistance, this project would never have been completed. The web version of *Our Foundering Fathers* was truly a group effort.

**Jerry Marsh** donated 350 family negatives sometime ago. They have been archived but not printed because they were large format and glass plates. Technology has now progressed to the point that these glass plates and larger negatives can be scanned at a high resolution. Jerry is now working with KHS to get these wonderful photos identified. Some of these pictures are of the old Central School and before Lake Washington was lowered in 1916. They are a treasure and KHS cannot thank Jerry enough for this generous donation. The Jan/Feb 2008 BP featured one glass place photo from Jerry's collection.

**Stan Denton** loaned KHS Kirkland photos and 49 have been scanned and entered into the PastPerfect

database. Stan gave the history for each photo and that was added. This was the first attempt to have three people involved in a collection. Dale scanned, Stan identified using a Word document, Loita entered the photo and text. One neat photo was featured in the Jan/Feb 2008 BP.

**City of Kirkland** for letting KHS use one of the wall displays at City Hall. It is in the entryway where people attending Council and Planning meetings can view it. The case is about 6 inches deep so many objects from the KHS collections have been displayed. Displays are changed every two months.

**Dr. Ernie McKibben** for donating an old original photo of businessmen in Kirkland. Dr. McKibben also gave the history of our oldest archived newspapers. The oldest paper is now 102 years old and we thank him for making sure they are still in Kirkland.

**Judy Lang** for donating six matchbook covers. All were different and all from Kirkland. Among them was the illusive **Flame Steak & Seafood House**. Thank you Judy.

## BP Crossword 001



### ACROSS

- 3 Originally Pleasant Bay.
- 7 Kirkland celebrated in 2005.
- 8 KHS or LWHS Mascot.
- 12 This newsletter.
- 13 Practiced on LW Shipyard grounds.
- 14 Mrs. Peter Kirk.
- 15 Before Waverly Beach.
- 16 Kirkland High School's grassy slope.
- 17 "A City Comes of Age" author.
- 18 Early settler or language.

### DOWN

- 1 Woolen Mill name when it burned.
- 2 Kirkland's cold case expert.
- 4 Kirkland born singer.
- 5 Doctoring Family.
- 6 School, Mayor, Founder.
- 9 Lake Kirkland now.
- 10 George who changed Kirkland signs to olde.
- 11 Historic barn in McAuliffe Park.
- 14 Nelson Bay after Peter Kirk.
- 16 Kirkland had pig races how many times?

See KHS website for answers.

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**Thank You For Your Support!  
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**Quilt block signed by Mary Patty. Her daughter, Belle Patty Brooks, also signed the quilt. Dated 1895 on 2 blocks.**

Donna Porter Collection 2008.08.23

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