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Atlanta Park Dance Hall under construction at the Bartsch-Tompkins Boatyard in 1908, preparing for the AYPE. After serving as a dance hall, it was used by the Anderson Steamboat Company. When the lake was lowered in 1916, it was moved across Lake Wash. Blvd and was used by Lake Washington Shipyard as a pattern shop. Area now Carillon Point.



Antoinette at Atlantic Park about 1912. Photo taken by *Olivia French Davis*, daughter of Houghton Pioneer Harry French. Atlanta Park was used for many Kirkland High School senior parties but this is the only photo showing the Atlanta Park building in the KHS collection.

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER
LYNETTE FRIBERG WEBER

Thank you all for your participation in the summer events of KHS. It was a scorcher during the Juanita Market, 4th of July parade and the Uncorked booth times; we certainly did a brisk business of selling Sarsaparilla in the heat! Thanks to **Vic Newhard** for personally obtaining it from our source in Mukilteo.

Fall has arrived with a whole new venue of exciting and fun happenings. September 30, 7:00 p.m., you are all invited to Heritage Hall for the performance of **"Two Wheels North"**; a true adventure story of two young men who bicycled 100 years ago from California to the AYPE (Alaska Yukon Pacific Exhibition) in Seattle. This will be presented by **Book-It Repertory Theatre** and sponsored by **4Culture**. Thanks to **KPC** for the loan, delivery and set up of stage risers.

Speaking of the AYPE, **Loita Hawkinson** will be giving a presentation of the historic Eastside connections to the AYPE for a **MOHAI** (Museum of History and Industry) conference held on Saturday, October 3, at MOHAI. Check out their website, www.seattlehistory.org, for further details.



A. Y. P. Fruit Salad.

Chop one Yakima apple, one banana, one dozen English walnuts, three long sticks of celery and mix together with a mayonnaise salad dressing. Place on three plates, each garnished with a lettuce leaf, spread over with whipped cream and arrange half slices of one orange around the edges and three Kennewick strawberries on top of the cream. Serve cold. (1909 recipe from the Washington Women's Cook Book).

WANTED

Administrative Secretary/Committee Member for Christine Neir Memorial Fund Scholarship Committee.

This would include several committee meetings during the year, one of which would be the judging of scholarship applicants. Also would include thank you letters to fund donors, a year end letter announcing the award information to donors, article in the local newspaper and for the KHS newsletter. Computer experience necessary. Contact Lynette for details.



Looks like a meeting but they might just be watching the slideshow of past Sundae Socials that ran non-stop.



The Resource Center is filling up.

There are displays of Kirkland history and shelves of books including all the yearbooks. Stop by any Wednesday from 2 - 5.





**Anita and Pam
Stoney and Sandy**



Jean and Larry



Bob and Pam



Russ and Irene



Bob and Barb



Sue and Sants



Laura and Alice



Loita, Sally Jo and Marjorie

Kirkland & the AYPE by Loita Hawkinson

KHS Past-President, Alan Stein, told me two years ago to keep an eye out for anything related to the Alaska Yukon Pacific Exposition and Kirkland. 2009 is the Centennial for Seattle's first fair.

Kirkland does have a rich history connected to the AYPE but it is elusive at first glance. The few Kirkland Newspapers in the Kirkland Heritage Society collection speak of the AYPE with pride and good cheer. But the lack of any eastside mention in the Times or PI suggests that the AYPE was to promote Seattle and not the eastside. The first clue might be that with Spokane Day, Yakima Day, Oregon Day, Bellingham Day, etc, why no Eastside Day? I do not think this was an oversight.

Houghton resident and Seattle theatre magnet, John Cort, produced *The Alaskan*, an opera that was the opening performance of the new Moore Theatre. The Moore Theatre was built by John Cort in anticipation of the AYPE.

Captain John Anderson built luxury steamers for Lake Washington cruises during the AYPE. The Eastside papers had steamer schedules for excursions around Lake Washington during 1909. The Seattle papers had excursion schedules for Elliott Bay but not Lake Washington.

The Atlanta Park Dance Hall was built on the Anderson Steamboat Company property. Atlanta Park was a popular destination during the fair. This building eventually became part of the Lake Washington Shipyard. It was torn down during the development of Carillon Point.

Norway Day was August 30, 1909. A Viking ship had been built in Bothell and sailed from Kirkland to the fair grounds. The Bothell Historical Museum has the history of the ship including the donors and builders. The Norway Day event was reported with photos of the ship but with no mention of either Bothell or Kirkland.

Bonnell Nursery was the official Nursery for the AYPE. Kirkland also had a Bonnell Nursery at one time. The Bonnell Nursery property is now Lee Johnson sports field. To this date, we do not know if Bonnell Nursery was in Kirkland in 1909 or came after the fair. We do know that Bonnell left Kirkland in 1926 and the City purchased the property in 1938.

Seattle's first woman juror was Julia H. Hawley of Kirkland. Mrs. Hawley was very involved in the Suffrage Movement. A Kirkland Woman was on

the executive board. July 7, 1909 was Suffrage Day at the fair and the 1909 Washington Woman's Cookbook was sold. Six Kirkland women, including the wife and daughter of the pastor of the Kirkland Congregational Church, submitted recipes. Mrs. Hawley helped establish the Seattle Day Nursery in 1909. The Seattle Day Nursery is now Childhaven. Kirkland was a political and progressive community but nothing was in the Seattle papers in 1909.

In 1907, Kirkland published a charming AYPE poem written by Issaquah editor Carleton G. Garrelson. Mr. Garrelson was a songwriter and his arranger was Kirkland's Winifred Ross. Mrs. Ross was the daughter of the talented Kirkland Founder Walter Winston Williams and she was the mother of radio singing star Lanny Ross. Kirkland born Lanny Ross was a national idol during the 1930's and 1940's.

All this eastside history and no mention in the Seattle papers. I liken it to a big handsome brother (Seattle) and these pesky little sisters (Kirkland, Bothell, Redmond) who adore him and want to tag along.

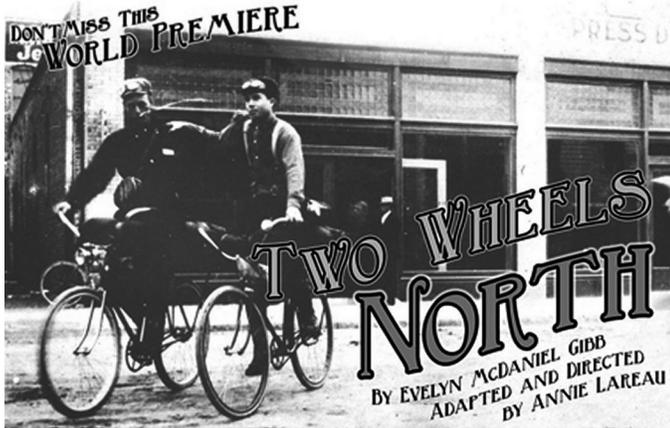
Kirkland was founded in 1888 and incorporated in 1905. There had been little growth of Kirkland following the Steel Mill failure. The Kirkland Land & Improvement Co. that owned much of the land did not sell and improve lots for fear their taxes would go up. This land was taxed by King County with little income. By 1907, Kirkland Land & Improvement Co had changed to Kirkland Land Company and its blue letterhead boasted: "Kirkland, the Oakland of Seattle". Was this sudden change in attitude a result of the planned Seattle Fair and their hope to take advantage of the new attention being paid to the Pacific Northwest?

Following the 1909 fair, Seattle businessmen, Burke & Farrar, purchased the newly organized Kirkland Development Company. It was Burke & Farrar that set the course of the current Kirkland by building family and retiree homes on 2 and 3 lots, allowing space for chickens and a garden. The town had been originally platted for density to house the 10,000 workers brought here by the success of the Moss Bay Iron & Steel Works. Burke & Farrar allowed breathing room and gardens for a fragile economy that had not recovered.

I believe that Burke & Farrar capitalized on the sudden spotlight on the Puget Sound area created by the AYPE. And I believe Kirkland was a large beneficiary in spite of Seattle's best efforts to keep the Eastside in the shadows.

Monthly Meeting

7:00 p.m. Heritage Hall



September 30, 2009
Two Wheels North

Book-It Repertory Theatre, in partnership with 4Culture’s Heritage and Site-Specific programs, is pleased to present a world premiere adaptation of the novel *Two Wheels North*, a thrilling true story by Evelyn McDaniel Gibb. One of the last events commemorating the centennial celebration of the Alaska Yukon Pacific Exposition, the historic novel will be presented in Kirkland at Heritage Hall.

In 1909, two fresh high school graduates, take on the challenge of cycling from their home in Santa Rosa, California to Seattle, Washington for the Alaska Yukon Pacific Exposition. It’s 1909; roads don’t even exist along many parts of the route; and the intrepid boys encounter nearly every imaginable natural and mechanical challenge—on their one-speed bikes. Adventure is their primary lure, although there is a promised purse of \$25 from the Post-Intelligencer waiting for them if they can only make it to Seattle before the final day of the A-Y-P.

October 28, 2009
History Panel Night

Stories of our past shared by a panel of Kirkland long timers. Audience participation is welcome and encouraged.



Tail board from the SS Atlanta. Carved in Houghton in 1908. Displayed at MOHAI in Seattle.



Pam Gates Owens worked two shifts at the KHS booth during Uncorked. Pam later said that she worked an extra shift because she needed the volunteer hours. Pam got a ticket in Redmond when she found herself in one of Redmond’s confusing road

Innocent??? construction areas. The judge threw the book at Pam and gave her twenty. Pam had six months to do twenty hours of community service. So dear members, if you ever find yourselves on the other side of the law, KHS has several volunteer opportunities to help you “do your time”.



August Meeting Participants

Sally Jo Bechtel, Shawn & Brenda Berry*, David Cantrill, Sue Carter, Ron Cats, Joanne Forbes Deligan, Tod Gobledale*, Matt Gregory*, Loita & Dale Hawkinson, Bev & Paul Hoerlein, Linda & Wayne Jatton, Russ McClintick, MG Melton, Helen Bingson Nash, Bob Neir, Vic Newhard, Pam Owens, Michael Radcliff, Pat & Dick Shinstrom, Cathy J. Smith, Vern & Alice Stoops, Inge Theisen, David & Patty Tucker, Lynette Friberg Weber, Mary Ringheim Zuizin

* Guests & First Timers



Need a notary on the weekend?

If you need a notary on the weekend, **Laura Westlund** has generously volunteered her notary services to KHS members. This is a free service offered by Laura. Her phone is: **425-827-6676**. Thanks so much Laura.

THANK YOU TO:

Odd Hauge, for two 1936 aerial views of Forbes Lake and North Rose Hill. Odd and Ella Hauge live on land that was part of the old steel mill site.

Bev Hoerlein for saving and organizing all her Blackberry Preserve Newsletters and dropping them off at the hall. They have been added to the past issues collection for anyone who needs a past issue.

Dick Shinstrom for spending a few hours at Heritage Hall naming photos in the Tracy Joy collection. These original photos are from the Kirkland News Advertiser and featured mostly business people. The Shinstrom family has been involved in Kirkland's business community and Dick remembers people from when he was young. The photos had originally belonged to Tracy's grandmother.

Thanks to for all that helped with the 2009 Blackberry Sundae Social. The Social always comes off without a hitch. Lynette did the most by getting balloons, ice-cream and fresh "linens". Anita and Vic set up. The berries just always arrive. And Sally Jo provided gloves for the servers which has been an oversight it past years.



Don't they look sweet after eating fresh berries and ice-cream???



Vic, Dale, Michael, Lynette during set up of booth.

All that worked the booth during the July 2009 Kirkland Uncorked weekend: Stoney & Sandy Stone, Anita Maxwell, Pam Gates Owens, Vic Newhard, Robert Burke, Barbara Loomis, Laura Westlund, Alice Stoops, Jean Jayne, Larry Miller, Russ McClintick, Irene Vitros-Rowe, Kevin Rowe, Sue & Sants Contreras, Michael & Lynette Weber, Sally Jo Bechtel, Marjorie Denton, Dale & Loita Hawkinson.

Matt Gregory for seven 8 by 10 aerial views of the Totem Lake area in 1983 and 1984. These views show housing, roads and areas under development. One has a rare view of Totem Lake. Totem Lake was originally named Lake Wittenmyer and the locals called it Mud Lake before being named Totem Lake

Jean Jayne for giving KHS a funeral program for Lydia Johanna Wagner Krisinger. Obituaries are the sad side of history but they are also a guarantee that people are not forgotten in their community.

Pat Shinstrom was able to provide the names of all the girls in one photo taken in May 1949 at Kirkland's new City Hall when it was on Main Street. Pat found the Bellevue paper that ran the photo and gave the names and history. The 17 girls were candidates for Queen in celebration of removing the toll on the Lake Washington Floating Bridge. The photo and story most likely ran in the Kirkland News Advertiser and other eastside papers.

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**This AYPE Norway Day Viking ship was built in Bothell.**

Picture is from August 1, 1909 when the ship was launched. Three Bothell men contributed \$200 each for the construction costs. MOHAI has a rare August 30, 1909 movie showing the ship filled with Norwegian dressed men and women sailing from Kirkland to the fair.

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Bothell Historical Museum Collection

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