

BLACKBERRY PRESERVES

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Center of town about 1908



E.A. Brooks built the Pioneer Grocery on Market Street.

Built in 1905, the wood framed building is still standing on the west side of Market. The **Jackson Hotel** (later called the Leland) is on the right. The second floor of the Jackson has no windows because it was Kirkland's first theatre. The **Gateway Theatre** started here before building on Central Way. This photo was taken of the Brooks' horses; the buildings were not the focus.

Klemmedson Collection

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

LOITA HAWKINSON

Kirkland Heritage Society has its struggles but KHS is the envy of many societies because of our Resource Center and our modern archive. Those things are easy to see. But not as easily seen is the strength of our membership. Many of our members are natives. Many are descendents of early Pioneers. Some go back to before Peter Kirk. All are generous with their resources. You could not ask for a nicer group of people.

KHS has benefited from the retirement of several people who donated office equipment, supplies and technology. Much of Bob Burke's former office is at the hall. Michael Weber donated items that usually require a special grant. Other members have given office supplies and displays. We cannot thank everyone, but it is all of you that make KHS click and keep us solvent.

Our one weakness is also our strength. We have entered the technical world. This newsletter uses the latest program, which can be baffling to me. Our collection is entered in a database that can be confusing. But we all muddle through and as younger people join and volunteer, they will not face the same challenges because this technology is second nature to them. Until then, we are doing fine.



Mystery photo

One Lakeview Second Grader recognized this cute little girl. Answer page 5.



Margaret Gallagher Hassel, granddaughter of Emery and Belle Brooks, holds a scoop from Brooks Grocery. And she gave the scoop on her historic pioneering family.



Brooks/Patty descendents loaned three collections to KHS. We thank them for their trust in KHS.



4th of July, 2010



Mark your Calendar:

September 19, 2010 Redmond Walking Tour of History Redmond, by Tom Hitzroth. \$8 for 1.5 hours of history. Meet at 1:00 p.m. at the Justice White House, 7730 Leary Way (across from Half Price Books).

Golden Grads is scheduled for September 25, 2010. Last word is that it will be at the old high school...what is left of it.

KHS Monthly Meeting

7:00 p.m. Heritage Hall

July 2010

No meeting

Have a happy & healthy summer!!!

August 25, 2010

Blackberry Sundae Social

Time to get your annual fix of fresh Blackberries and Vanilla Ice-cream, served in old-time glass fountain dishes.



Welcome Home Matt.

All good things come home to Kirkland. First the Gilbert Safe and now **Matt McCauley**. Matt is the original editor of *Blackberry Preserves* which won an award under his direction. Matt has boundless energy, a nose for history, and is a stickler for detail. And as if that is not enough, he is young!



May & June ATTENDEES

Diana Blake*, Nancy Landguth Bock, Bob Burke, Stu Clarke, Dorothy Daily, Joanne Forbes Deligan, Marjorie J. Denton, Sandy Ekins, Betty Fields, Yvonne Hayward, Dale & Loita Hawkinson, Corrine Hieb, Bev Hoerlein, Marilyn Johnson, Ray Lincoln**, Anita Maxwell, Russ McClintick, Matt McCauley, MG Melton, Larry Miller, Vic Newhard, Julie Reid, Betty & Dave Roberts, Frank Rosin, Janeen Ryseff, Dee Miller Saunders, Milt Sessions, Sterling Sessions, Pat & Dick Shinstrom, Clarence & Sandy Stone, Alice & Vern Stoops, Inge Theisen, Carol Trapp, Lynette Weber

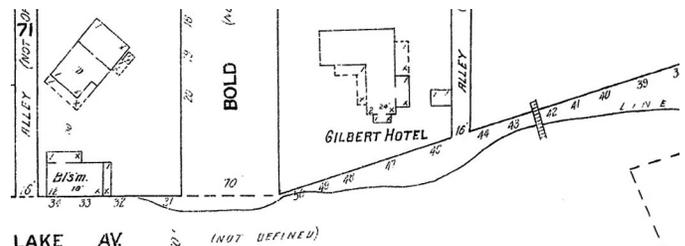
*First Timers & Guests

**New Members



Safe is on its way home

Elmer E. Gilbert, Great Grandfather of **Anita Maxwell**, arrived in Kirkland during the Kirk boom years. He started out with a blacksmith shop but later had the **Gilbert Hotel** on the hill above Lake Street (now Central Way). The hotel burned but the safe was saved and was a wedding gift to his granddaughter in 1942. The wonderful old safe is now in Arizona and has been offered to KHS providing we can get it delivered to Kirkland. Time was an issue; we had three days to move it. Thankfully, **Lynette and Michael Weber** have recently purchased a home in Phoenix. Because of quick action and emails, the safe is now stored in their garage. The next step is getting the 400-pound safe home again. Hopefully by the next meeting in August, you can pay it a visit.



The **Gilbert Hotel** was on Lake Street near Bold, now Central Way and 1st Street. The **Gateway Theatre** was later built on this site.

The Brooks Family

by Loita Hawkinson

Kirkland has many fascinating and historic eras. There is the pre Kirk time when the Clark, Forbes, Langdon, Josten, French, O'Conner, Fish, Tompkin, Curtis, DeMott, Cartwright, Tuttle families called Juanita and Houghton home. Then there was the Kirk boom era that brought the Brooks, Collins, Everest, Patty, Wiley, Bartsch, Anderson, Gilbert, Tillman, Niblock families. Kirkland incorporated in 1905 with most of these families taking an active part in the community. The Marsh, Nettleton, Everest (Albert Everest left but returned) and Shumway family then came to town. Burke & Farrar purchased most of the undeveloped area in 1910 and that brought Nell Berry Taylor, Lewis Lee, David Burr, Stiles Nettleton and Clark Nettleton. When Lake Washington was lower in 1916, the area grew with new beachfront and town center. The Shipyards and wars brought many of Kirkland's current families.

Kirkland, Juanita, and Houghton's history is so young that we can still touch the past. The Brooks family makes an annual visit to the Kirkland Cemetery on Memorial Day weekend. This year Dale and I joined them and then spent a few hours at the hall to try to capture some of the past.

Margaret Gallagher Hassel is now the matriarch of the Brooks clan. As a child she would ask her Grandma Brooks, why she had so many names..... Sarah Frances Annabelle Patty Brooks. Grandma Brooks told her that she was such a beautiful baby that all her aunts wanted to name her. Kirkland knew Mrs. Brooks as Belle and Annabelle. The Brooks and their two little girls came to Kirkland in 1890 to run the Pioneer Grocery near the soon to open steel works. Henry Brooks was born in their home above that store. When the mill failed to open, the family moved to the Campbell building and two more daughters were born, again in their home above their store. They then moved to the Jackson building (Now the site of Leland Place). Weary of having the rent raised, Emery Brooks built his 1905 store on Market. This narrow 100 foot deep building still stands. (see front page photo)



Margaret Hassel and Laurie Klemmedson explaining the Brooks/Family family connection. It is a wonderful Kirkland history.

To look at the old photos of the Brooks family, you would think they lived a carefree life. But their lives give us a window into that time. The Brooks lost three of their sons-in-law in two years. In 1916 Robert Wiley, a Seattle Police Officer, died in Seattle's first multiple police murder. His partner, John Weedin was killed outright and Robert lived a week. Robert Wiley was mortally wounded but managed to fire the shot that killed their killer. Then in 1917, Percy Boart, was Kirkland's first WWI fatality. In 1918, Forrest Woodruff, died. By 1918, three of the four Brooks daughters were widows. Their two grandchildren were fatherless. Henry Brooks also served during WWI. He died in 1949 when a logging truck lost its load while passing Henry's car.

Mrs. Brooks has always taken a back seat historically. But she has even more threads to the area history. Mrs. Brooks was a Patty, one of nine. Her father and uncle were both civil war veterans who were born in the south but fought for the north. They are both buried in the Kirkland Cemetery. The children of Obed and John Patty married into the Clark, Fish, Patty, Brooks, Kirtley, Tillman families. But it does not stop there. Emery Brook's nephew married a Bartsch. With that marriage the families of Blau, Sample, Tompkins and Elwood joined the Brooks/Patty/Clark clan. When Ollis Patty came to visit his cousin, Belle Patty Brooks, he met the cute Lutie Clark. Ollis was on his way to the Yukon to seek his fortune. Instead, he and Lutie married and he became Kirkland's first Marshal and then city treasurer for 40 years. From that marriage, the family tree grew another historic branch that reaches into Redmond's past. George Bartsch was Kirkland's first student and graduate in 1889, Lutie Clark Patty was Central's first graduate in 1902, Alice Patty was Kirkland's first second generation graduating from Kirkland's schools. The history marches on.





The parade went on

KHS usually has a row of vintage cars in the 4th of July parade. Due to health and mechanical trouble, no cars could make the parade. But thanks to neighborly networking, **Kirkland Weddings** allowed KHS to put signs on **Craig Kvam's** Model A Ford Roadster which carried a wedding couple in the rumble seat. **Judge Carolyn Hayek** lead the way on foot. This also allowed the **Kirklandweddings.com** entry to move up from 55 to 14 which is better for these vintage cars. In a last minute decision, Lynette and Loita joined the parade in the Weber's Mini Cooper. It is always fun to ride in the parade and take photos of the parade route. Kirkland may be all grown up now, but residents still enjoy the hometown holiday fun. The Kvam name will ring a bell for many. **Craig Kvam** is the son of **Gil Kvam**, owner of **Kvam Drugs** on Lake Street.



Dean Ostlund

Dean Ostlund's grandmother taught him to type on a large manual Smith/Corona. These childhood skills are now being put to use. Dean has been entering the names on class photos. Dean types fast and he is accurate. Three cheers to the grandmothers of the world. ☺☺☺☺☺



Larry Miller organized the name tags after they got dropped.



Photo night. Thanks to all that turned out to identify photos. From the stack of named photos, about 10% were named. This is an ongoing annual event and one day, every last photo will be named.



Mystery photo: It is our Mayor, **Joan McBride**. Joan was a 6th grader at Central School which is now the site of City Hall. Maybe this is why Joan seems so much at home.



Rain or Shine

Kirkland Heritage Resource Center is open Wednesdays from 2 to 5. Volunteers are still needed with modest computer skills and a love for Kirkland

THANK YOU TO:

Dean Ostlund and Stu Clarke for seeing the “house keeping” that needs to be done. Dean has been running the vacuum (donated by Michael Radcliff) and washing windows. Stu sweeps the lower lever walk, which picks up leaves and petals with every little breeze.

Sandra Ekins for two Seattle Transit Tokens from her Seattle childhood. One token is an adult fare and one was for a child’s fare. These tokens are from before WWII. Also donated was a small Red Cross metal button from WWII. The button is displayed in the WWII display case.

Clarence Stone for two Cold War era pieces of history. One is the 32-page pamphlet for building and stocking a Family Fallout Shelter. The other is an Air Raid Instruction sheet that was to be posted in all homes. There is now a display of cold war items.

Janeen Wentz Ryseff grew up on Rose Hill. Janeen’s mother, Dorothea Lee Wentz was born in Kirkland in 1912. Janeen has just loaned the first of six photograph albums filled with Rose Hill and Kirkland history. 145 photos have been copied at this time. Among them were Steel Works ruins and the Seattle Woolen Mill where Janeen’s great grandfather worked part-time as a guard. This collection gives us a valuable glimpse into the life of Rose Hill back in the 1920’s. You can see that it was a wonderful community to grow up in.

Milton Session for his patience. Collections worked on Milt for years to loan KHS photos of his family and grandparents. He entrusted KHS with his family album and negatives. The originals have now been returned.

Frank Rosin` donated dozens of negatives dating back to the 1940’s. Frank will get a CD of the photos once Dale has them scanned.

Lydia Krisinger’s family found a series of unused 1971 School District ballots in her belongings. Lydia, who passed away in June 2009, was active in the school district and community. **Jill Kenney** mailed the ballots to KHS.

We are getting spoiled. **Nancy Bock** brought another wonderful cake and then **Corrine Hieb** brought strawberries. And now there are photo decorated cookies from **Anita Maxwell**.

The **Brooks and Patty** families came to Kirkland during the Kirk boom years. They remained in Kirkland after the Steel Works failure and married into some of the original pre-Kirk pioneering families. KHS has been sadly lacking history and photos of these pioneering families. Three of the Brooks/Patty families loaned their collections to KHS. Thanks to: **Margaret Gallagher Hassel**, granddaughter to Emery and Annabelle Brooks; great-granddaughters **Laurie Van Wyck Klemmedson** and **Mary Spiers Cazabon**,

Clarence Stone for the donation of his **1955 Reveille** yearbook. This leaves only 1954, 1956 and 1960 missing from the collection.

Helen McMahon for a wallet sized Kirkland ferry schedule. Five-year-old Helen moved to Woodinville in 1923. This schedule belonged to her. It is in perfect condition and is displayed in a glass case at the Resource Center. Helen is an active member in the **Woodinville Historical Society**. It is Helen’s drawings that are featured in Woodinville’s new coloring book.

Ray Lincoln donated Lake Washington Basketball pictures and a 1943 Kirkland Wasp softball photo. Most of the boys are named. Ray also joined KHS and paid for five years.

Jim Vaux stopped by the Resource Center and donated some local historic items. His mother had saved newspapers clippings that featured events in Kirkland starting in 1947. Also donated was a September 1901 newspaper covering the death of President McKinley and the swearing in of President Theodore Roosevelt. We are honored that Jim has entrusted KHS with their safe keeping.

Frank Rosin` for his Old Time Radio CD’s that are given as door prizes. Aside from the entertainment, the ads are full of wartime history. The shortages and rationing were always on people minds.



Wanted: Membership Chair

The membership person records dues, makes labels and writes thank you notes for donations. Must know Excel. This was Sally Jo Bechtel’s position that still needs to be filled.

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June 2, 2010, the second grade classes from **Lakeview Elementary** walked to Heritage Hall for a presentation on the history of Kirkland. The program was dedicated to our own **Jean Jayne**. Jean taught first grade when Lakeview opened. After touring KHS, the students walked over to city hall to meet Mayor McBride and tour the Police Station. The program at KHS touched on Peter Kirk, the location of the steel works, the Shipyard, WWI, WWII, women's history in Kirkland, Kirkland's notables. As a finale, we talked about how it would be up to them to preserve Heritage Hall in 50 years. All buildings, old and new, need paint, repair and new roofs. They were reminded that even when money is scarce, wonderful things can happen if people work together. These second graders were perfectly behaved. Lakeview can be proud.

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