

BLACKBERRY PRESERVES

The Journal of the

KIRKLAND HERITAGE SOCIETY



Rose Bartsch Tompkins with her son, Chester Tompkins

The 1889 Tompkins home is still standing in the Market Neighborhood. John and Elizabeth Bartsch came to Kirkland during the Kirk era. Mr. Bartsch built the Kirk home (the KHS logo), Central School, the original Rose Hill School and the Shumway Mansion. They had 7 daughters and 1 son.

History has been scarce about this historic family. Thank you **Vicki Tompkins Bilyeu** for attending Matt McCauley's book signing at Parkplace Books. Vicki is a Great-granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Bartsch, the granddaughter of Rose and Harrie Tompkins and the daughter of Chester Tompkins. Vicki has history and photos of this family that includes Rose Tompkins, Minnie Sample, Mae Brooks, Elizabeth Blau, Agnes Elwood, and George Bartsch.



PRESIDENT'S LETTER
LOITA HAWKINSON

The first annual Founders Week event has come and gone with 15 downtown businesses participating. This was a small event this year because we were testing the waters and because we were using KHS funds. Bob Burke has now applied for a grant from 4Culture. Once we hear back about that grant, we will start planning for next year. What we learned is that one week is too short a time so from now on, it will be Founders Month. That will allow businesses time to promote the 1888 theme by offering \$18.88 specials on goods and services. By next year, the area covered will be larger. Mark Amick delivered and picked up the signs this year. By next year, we will need assistance and know that many of you will be happy to help. With the 4th of July parade, the booth at Uncorked and now Founders Month, Kirkland Heritage Society is making our presence known in the community. The list of possible participants was much longer than 15. The first 15 businesses said yes and I had to stop there. That alone tells us something about our town.

The Cannery Museum may be more of a reality than a dream. Most of our parks were purchased when the economy was down. Kirkland seems to treasure value. A Museum is much like a park. They cost money to run and they return little money to the city. But people know their value to a community. A Cannery Museum just seems to fit. The building needs to be preserved as maybe the last WPA cannery in the U.S. It is the last WPA built facility in Kirkland and one of the few remaining in King County. And with the iron works, the shipyard, the woolen mill, our sports teams, etc.....we can certainly fill it with history.

Elections in May 2011

The new bylaws are in effect and elections are in May of odd years. The 2011 Nominating Committee is Clarence Stone, Sandy Ekins, Alice Stoops, Linda Jatton and Bob Burke. Please see these people if you have an interest in serving on the board. All nine positions are open.



The Civil War ended April 9, 1865. There are twelve known Civil War veterans who made Kirkland their home: Dorr Forbes, Jay O'Conner, Stiles Nettleton, John Patty, Obed Patty, Charles Daniels, Ben Cathcart, Stephen Dickerson, James Stipes, George Tompkins, Charles Dunlap, Porter Langdon. Most are buried in the Kirkland Cemetery. Please call 425-827-3446 if you know of more Civil War Vets who lived in Kirkland.



Thanks to the **Hank Melton Memorial Fund**, KHS was able to buy the 2010 WEST jersey that was made and worn for ESPN's **Little Big Men** documentary about Kirkland's 1982 Little League World Champs. It is wonderful that this jersey can be preserved for future generations by KHS. The World Champs display can be seen in the lobby of Kirkland City Hall.



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KHS Monthly Meeting

7:00 p.m. Heritage Hall

March 30, 2011

Matt McCauley

“While swimming in Lake Washington or boating across the lake, have you ever wondered what was below the surface? Just what lay on the bottom of the lake?

Well Matt McCauley explored that area. Matt is an experienced diver. While his journey to the bottom of Lake Washington did not uncover a Lochness Monster, he did discover the remains of the beloved Lake Washington ferryboat the Dawn (era early 1900s). Matt has uncovered in the lake at the Sand Point area a World War II Curtiss SB2C Helldiver/A-25 Shrike dive bomber.

Matt will share with all he discovered on the bottom of the lake at the Kirkland Please come and bring your friends for a very exciting evening.

April 27, 2011

Ed Lincoln with Lincoln Towing

The Lincoln Toe Truck served as the corporate symbol of Lincoln Towing Co. Built nearly 25 years ago, the Toe Truck became a local landmark for millions of motorists during the more than two decades it was displayed outside the Lincoln Towing yard at Fairview Avenue North and Mercer Street.



Join us for an exciting presentation of history of the “Pink Toe Truck” given by Ed Lincoln of Lincoln Towing



Rain or Shine

Kirkland Heritage Resource Center open:

Monday: from 9 to 12 noon.

Wednesday from 2 to 5.

203 Market Street, Lower Level



A MEETING OF THE MINDS

The minds of the Eastside Heritage/Historical Societies: Kirkland, Woodinville, Redmond & Kenmore met on the snowy day of February 23. Representatives from these organizations gathered at the Woodinville Museum (DeYoung house) to explore the opportunities of working together on future projects. To share ideas & experiences with one another for festivals, newsletters, programs, by-laws, advertising - this & more was on the agenda. This group will be meeting on a quarterly or at least on a half yearly basis. Present were Judy Moore & Joe Townsend (Redmond), Elmer Skold, Annette Eaton, Priscilla Drogey (Kenmore), Lucy DeYoung, Suzi Freeman (Woodinville), Loita Hawkinson, Lynette Weber (Kirkland). Bothell was missed but will be at future meetings.

Thank you to Woodinville Heritage Society for hosting & providing a tasty lunch!!

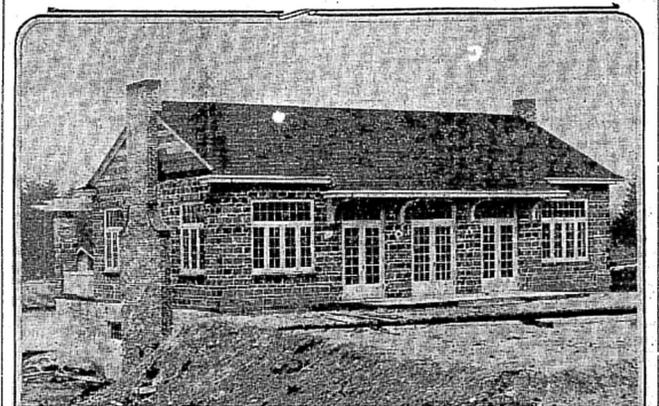
~Lynette Weber reporting~



Thank you City of Kirkland for the use of the center display at City Hall. February featured our Kirkland Founders.

KIRKLAND WOMEN RAISE LIBRARY FUND

Chicken Dinners and Rummage Sales Held



If a chicken dinner is the way to a man's heart, a rummage sale is the way to a woman's.

A messy library in the rear of the Council chamber, with books in piles on the floor and in general disorder, finally led to a rebellion in Kirkland about a year ago. The Kirkland Woman's Club led the attack and, after asking for a new library building and not getting it, announced the club would build one. The men folks laughed—but the women didn't. They were energetic and determined—and when a woman is determined and energetic, she is.

The long and short of the story is that the workers, knowing man's weakness, gave frequent chicken dinners, and admitting their own fondness for bargains, held rummage sales until Kirkland closets were bare of hoarded treasures and cast-offs. The net result is a handsome new library building of hollow tile and French windows. It has been built at a cost of approximately \$7,000, including more than \$2,000 worth of donated materials. The building has not been dedicated because it is still unfurnished and awaiting interior decoration, but it will be complete in the near future, because as a climax of the year's work the women have announced a May festival for next Saturday, May 9 in Kirkland Park, and all Seattle and the surrounding country is invited to come and participate in a fine program, and incidentally, add the cap sheaf to the building.

Big Festival Arranged.

For the benefit of the building fund, for furnishing and decorations, the Woman's Club has arranged the big festival; and it has been combined with the Snoqualmie Valley School's annual track meet and field day. Boy Scouts and Camp Fire Girls. Blue Birds and Wolf Cubs, as well as the school children of Kirkland and the valley, are participating in the program and it promises to be something decidedly interesting. Kirkland Park is a beauty spot and an ideal place to spend the day and with the added lure of the program, the program committee is expecting a record crowd. The admission charge to the park will be 25 cents for adults and 10 cents for children.

An archery contest will be one of the features of the program and there will be a Maypole dance. Miss Lois Edwards, an attractive Kirkland High School senior, has been elected queen of the festival and the crowning of her majesty will be a part of the program, with Mayor E. C. McKibben officiating at the coronation.

Lois Isabel Edwards
1925
Kirkland High
graduate



This **Woman's Club** feature was in the May 9, 1925 *Seattle Times*. The *Seattle Times* has been digitized and has unlocked more Kirkland history. It is Kirkland's and Redmond's goal to one day have the *East Side Journal* digitized. But because of the 1914 fire that burned the *Kirkland Independent*, few old papers exist. Thankfully, Seattle published eastside news.



Angie Eggers

1920 – 2011

Angie could even make Chuck look tall!!!

Angie always made me feel wonderful because she would absolutely glow whenever we met. At her Memorial, I learned that she made everyone feel special. She was a love. Kirkland Heritage Society thanks Angie's family for asking that any memorials be made to KHS. They are coming in and the funds will be used for something in her honor.

Loita Hawkinson reporting

Notice to all KHS Members & Interested Citizens

The Rescheduled Woman's Club/Kirkland City Landmark Nomination /King County Landmarks Commission evening will be held March 24, a Thursday at 7 p.m. at The Woman's Club located at 407 First Street. The February meeting was cancelled because of snow.



The Resource Center now has signs to direct visitors. Thank you Bob Burke.



Support for the Kirkland Heritage Society is provided by our members, 4 Culture & City of Kirkland



KHS receives 100% commission from the sales of Bob Neir's *A City Comes of Age* and Steve Lamson's *The Power of a Dream*. Both are available at Parkplace Books.

SEATTLE'S MOST

KIRKLAND

IMPORTANT SUBURB

More visitors will be in Seattle this summer than ever before or perhaps ever again. It is the one great opportunity to so impress these tourists with Seattle that the city will be talked of the country over. Every citizen can help by disseminating accurate information among the strangers he meets. We are going to do our share by buying newspaper space in which to tell of Kirkland—the great suburban center of romantic past, prosperous present and assured future.

These little stories will appear Tuesday, Thursday and Friday evenings. Cut them out and mail the series to some friend or relation back East that you want to move to Seattle.

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LITTLE STORIES OF KIRKLAND
NO. 1.

Seattle Times-- July 9, 1915

THANK YOU TO:

Dick Ekins for his manual on the Slide Rule from before WWII. It is on display with the globe from Central School from Frank Rosin's collection.

Virginia Kaiser for copies on the history of the Kirkland Woman's Club. The Woman's Club histories written by Lilly May Davis Anderson and Dorothy Sutherland have now been entered into the database for easy research. The newspaper clippings are in a binder.

Ray Lincoln gave a print of the 50-year reunion photo complete with names and a graph. 62 out of the class of 148 attended this 1948 reunion.

MG Melton continues to find things she knows KHS will find of interest. A rare Kirkland bumper sticker from the Parks Department is now on display. MG also gave KHS a binder of letters from Helen Evelyn Primley. Helen lived in Japan from 1930 through 1934 and these letters give a wonderful history of her time in Japan.

William McCauley is scanning and dating photos. Mr. McCauley's two children, Matt and Marla, are the subject of the photos but he is a good photographer so the history of Juanita Beach was captured in the background.

Karen Lebrun Schickling for the loan of four original photos. One is of the Lincoln with Fort Jackson in view. This rare photo was taken by Karen's grandfather, **Olaf Molck**.

Yvonne Vogele for the loan of a print of her three children playing at Marina Park in 1973.

Parkplace Books for the wonderful history event and Matt McCauley for the slideshow at this event.

Susie Cregor, long time owner of the Trueblood Home (Piccadilly/7th Avenue) has donated her file of history on the Trueblood Home and her involvement in the Kirkland Historic Commission. Included were original notes and letters from the files of former **Mayor Doris Cooper** who was a great advocate of the Commission and their tours. If anyone has history on the Trueblood family, please let us know. Mrs. Trueblood was a widow and the mother of former Kirkland Mayor Albert Newell. When Zarah Newell Trueblood died, the paper printed the mayor's photo. She was the grandmother of Coal and Clover Newell so we know there must be family photos and more history somewhere

Dave and Betty Roberts for the tip that lead to three rare Lake Washington Shipyard photos.

Stan Denton for a copy of a journal written in 1846 by his great grandmother when she was 17 and the family was moving by wagon from Ohio to Wisconsin. Sarah Foote wrote at night in private. She recorded the ordinary events of each day....a life that is fascinating and far from ordinary in 2011. The book is shelved in the family history section at the KHS Resource Center

Laura Westlund for slides of Moss Bay Days. Once Dale H gets them scanned, we will try to get the people identified. They are a great reminder of how much fun Moss Bay Days were.

Dale Hawkinson for going beyond the call of duty and getting the Resource Center Computers back on their feet. It was touch and go for a week and we did not know for sure that this newsletter so actually going to get printed.

Frank Rosin` for the tall book rack. It easily holds the books KHS has for sale.

Thank yous to be continued.....

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** During WWI, the Hello Girls were ladies who served as telephone operators. For KHS, these sweet ladies call and remind you of the next meeting or event.

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Known at Boeing as **Pop Marsh**, Lute Marsh was superintendent of the Woodworking Division of Boeing for 12 years before retiring at age 75. This was the division that made furniture. But clearly he worked on planes before building furniture. Seen here with fellow Boeing employees (that's "**Pop**" near the center in the white shirt and his arms crossed), with the GA-2 Armored Attack plane. The plane was too heavy and only two were built. Boeing photo taken December 19, 1921. Louis and Phil Marsh's Boeing careers overshadowed their father's Boeing career and we thank Boeing for sharing this wonderful photo.

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