



## **The East Side Magazine - 1946**

*This is the cover of the June - July - August issue of East Side Magazine  
inviting everyone to come to Kirkland for the Summer Festival.*

*It seems that Summer Festivals are a long time tradition in Kirkland!  
From the City of Kirkland/Charles Morgan Collection/East Side Magazine*



## PRESIDENT'S LETTER AUGUST / SEPTEMBER

**BOB BURKE**

Five years ago KHS should have celebrated our 25th Anniversary; but 2002 was a very eventful year with all of the effort related to the renovation of Heritage Hall, fundraising, work parties and continuing to have programs, etc. So, we didn't do anything special. We are still very busy, but we need to at least recognize our 30 Years! We will share some stories at the Annual Blackberry Sundae Social on August 29th at 7:00 at Heritage Hall! Be sure to attend!

I see the history and evolution of the Kirkland Heritage Society as having occurred in five phases:

### **1977 to 1989:**

Beginning of the organization with emphasis on restoring historic buildings and home tours culminating in the large tour with the help of the **Kirkland Woman's Club** to celebrate the State Centennial in 1989;

### **1989 to 1992:**

Limited activity by the group;

### **1992 to 1999:**

Restarting of the Society by **Barbara Loomis** with major efforts on conducting oral histories, documenting historic properties, placing policies in the City's Comprehensive Plan for historic preservation, initiating efforts to interpret our history, culminating in the City's decision to accept the donation of the First Church of Christ Scientist, Kirkland;

### **1999 to 2005:**

Preservation and restoration of Heritage Hall and establishing a permanent home for the Kirkland Heritage Society. The building was dedicated in September 2003 and KHS moved into its space in February 2004. This phase culminated in the celebration of the City's Centennial in 2005, beginning with a month-long exhibit in Heritage Hall on "100 Years of Kirkland History", monthly exhibits at City Hall and a History and Arts display at the Kirkland Arts Center.

### **2006 to Present:**

Moving KHS into professional management of our collections and organizing for better service to members and citizens. Placing all of our information into PastPerfect our new data base is a five year task.

During the past 15 years, KHS has done a great deal to further our mission. Our successes have resulted from a combination of partnering with other organizations and the efforts of individuals who have devoted a lot of time! Please come and share the fun and reminisce about the 30 years of KHS history.

## **August 29th Meeting**

**KHS Annual Blackberry Sundae Social  
and 30th Year Celebration  
7 pm - August 29th  
Heritage Hall**

Be sure to come to one of our favorite programs-our Annual Blackberry Sunday Social at Heritage Hall. This is always a lot of fun; a time to enjoy the summer's bounty of tasty blackberries and ice cream! This year we will reminisce about the 30 years that the Kirkland Heritage Society has been in existence. Come share some of your stories.

### **NEW DISPLAYS AT CITY HALL**

Thanks to **Loita Hawkinson** we have new photographs in the frames we previously installed in the lower lobby of City Hall. In the wall unit of the main lobby there is an exhibit of the **Kirkland World Champion Little League Team** that were recently the Grand Marshals of the 4th of July parade

Take a minute to look at these reminders of Kirkland's history when you are at City Hall. The East-side Heritage Center also has an exhibit in one of the main corridor display cases.

### **PROGRAM COMMITTEE**

We had two people sign up to help on the Program Committee: **Penny Sweet** will help set-up later this fall and **Vic Newhard** has agreed to help arrange programs. We still need two more people to help organize the monthly programs and to help with refreshments. Please call **Lynette Friberg Weber**, 890-9058, or **Bob Burke**, 828-4095, if you can help! Thanks.

## ELECTION RESULTS

The Nominating Committee was made up of Vic Newhard, Chair, Cathy Smith and Stephen Lamson. Vic presented the Committee's recommendations and asked for any nominations from the floor for each of the positions. None were made. Carolyn Hayek made a motion that a unanimous ballot be cast and it was seconded by Penny Sweet. The vote was affirmative. The Officers and their terms are:

- Bob Burke**, President, two Years
- Loita Hawkinson**, Secretary, Two Years
- Barbara Loomis**, At-Large, Two Years
- Lisa Kirk Capron**, At-Large, One Year

## LISA KIRK CAPRON

*We asked Lisa to provide a statement to introduce herself to KHS Members. It is unique situation where she is a direct descendant of Peter Kirk, Kirkland's founder. Welcome to the Board!*

I was born in the town of Friday Harbor on San Juan Island as the third child of Molly Joellen (Sandwith) and Victor James Capron, Jr. Both of my parent's families have been on the island for several generations. I am a fifth generation islander on my mother's side of the family.



My great-grandfather on my mother's side of the family, Dr. Reed, came to the Pacific Northwest from Kentucky. Dr. Reed had a private medical practice in Friday Harbor. When he joined the cavalry during World War I, he sold his Friday Harbor practice to Dr. Victor James Capron. Dr. Capron had recently moved to the island from Hawaii, where he had served as one of the Hawaiian Royal Physicians.

While living on San Juan Island, Dr. Capron met and married Fanny Valentine Kirk, daughter of Peter and Fanny Kirk. The Kirks had a summer home on the island at Roche Harbor, not far from Dr. Capron's home. Dr. Capron was a dynamic and charismatic individual and he quickly ingrained himself into the local island history.

My interest in genealogy and history was mainly fostered by my mother's family. My Grandma Sandwith, a school teacher, taught me first grade at the local elementary school. She and Grandpa Sandwith had each traced their family lineages back many generations and made several trips to Europe to visit relatives. History and genealogy were common topics of discussion during my upbringing.

My mother was quite active in the local San Juan Island Historical Society and held the position of President. Last year, my sister Julie Ann Capron-Ashcraft followed suit and also held the position of President for the historical society.

In 1993, I moved to the mainland to attend the University of Washington. After graduating with a degree in Biochemistry I accepted a position at a facility located in Bothell, Washington. As I had always loved the quiet look and feel of Kirkland, I decided to make Kirkland my permanent home.

My involvement with KHS came about when I moved into the Juanita Neighborhood of Kirkland; the local Welcome Wagon representative came to visit. During our casual visit, I mentioned that I was a descendent of the Kirk family. Not long after, I was invited to attend a meeting at KHS. I joined and helped organize the first Kirk Family Reunion during the Centennial.

## KIRK FAMILY NEWS

KHS just received an e-mail from **Dan Morrill** with the news that **Mike and Penny Craven** from England will be visiting Vancouver in October and also will be going to Friday Harbor. Penny is a great-great grand daughter of Peter Kirk (Florence). Penny and Mike visited **Chuck Morgan** here in Kirkland in the 90's. Dan was here for the Kirk Family Reunion in 2005 and is the person responsible for the detailed Kirk Family genealogy. He said he would inform us of any event taking place when they visit.

## Oral Histories by Loita Hawkinson

Arnie Berkey was born in the family home in Kirkland. **Dr. McKibben, Sr.** was late for his birth and Arnie's mother never let Dr. McKibben live it down! This sets the general tone of the three hours of recording the memories of Arnold Berkey. It was fun from beginning to end.



Arnie never knew why his father started raising rabbits for food and fur but the East Side Journal has story after story about the rabbit business. The fur was sold to the military. This was a family run business and 5-year-old Arnie had his chore of turning the hides. This was the depression and each family did what was necessary.

This oral history seemed to have serendipity! Months before this taping a niece of **Louie Todd** of **Todd Feed** wrote KHS asking for information about the murder of her uncle Louie. The niece **Mrs. Knox** now 86, had been shielded from the details of this tragedy and she was determined to learn what she could. KHS had sent Mrs. Knox several packets of news articles about the trial. But the paper just gives cold dry details. Now Arnie was talking about the rabbits, his pet guinea pigs and his regular visits to Todd Feed. Here we learn that Louie Todd had a fun time running his business and making sure Arnie got yet another guinea pig. Arnie and his father clearly enjoyed their friendship with Louie Todd. Arnie was sitting at the fountain of the corner drug store when he heard the shots he later learned had killed his friend. An employee kept Arnie inside until things had been cleared and there was nothing for him to see. Arnie ran home to tell his mother, she didn't believe him, he tattled on his mother, she apologized, he smarted off and he got in trouble from his father! Arnie's fond memories of Louie Todd were sent to Mrs. Knox to be shared with the family. Todd has grandchildren and great-grandchildren that should know this more gentle side of their history as well.

Arnie, a Kirkland native now has three generations of family graduating from Kirkland schools.

### SESSIONS FAMILY

Thankfully, the **Sessions** family allowed us to video tape as well as audio tape their oral history. We were treated to the memories of **Sterling and Dorothy Sessions** and **Milton and Coralie Wescott Sessions**. All four have strong ties with Kirkland. Without the help of the video, transcribing would be impossible.

**Milt and Sterling** are the grandsons of **Elmer Sessions**, owner/operator of **Sessions Funeral Home** (until recently, the home of Hope Link). As kids, they did not like that their grandfather was a mortician but they did have some fun stories that will have to be shared during some KHS Halloween meeting. Their own father, **Manley Sessions**, had a store on Lake Street and their uncle **Lawrence** also had a Kirkland business. So at one time Elmer Sessions and his two sons all had independent businesses in Kirkland.

The Sessions family home was at 327 6th Avenue. This home is still standing with some minor additions. The Catholic Church they attended was across the street. They loaned KHS a photo of the church and of the Kirkland view from their backyard. These photos have been scanned and added to the KHS photo collection. The original photos have been returned.

One of the stories that they would all like to forget was when Sterling bought a new car and loaned it to his kid brother. Milton was on a bit of a joy ride and the car ended up getting sideswiped and totaled. The car got replaced, the brothers are still talking and it just reminds us that kids have always been kids. Almost every oral history tells about the trouble kids of the day got into. Thankfully the vast majority lived to talk and laugh about it.



Sterling and Dorothy

Milton and Coralie

## WHAT IS SO PERFECT ABOUT PASTPERFECT?

**Loita Hawkinson**

KHS has been referring to our new PastPerfect Museum software database program and we want everyone to know what this will be doing for Kirkland's history.

With PastPerfect we will enter collections with all the details that have been provided. The photos and negatives and memorabilia will continue to be stored in the archive. Each item will have a number unique to that item. The numbers look much like our social security numbers; there are three sets of digits. The first number tells us the year it was acquired, the middle number is connected to the donor, and the last number is for the item.

Perhaps the biggest benefit with PastPerfect is what it will do for the people who want to research their family or local history. PastPerfect will be on the Resource Center main room computer. Members and visitors will be able to sit down and do a word (or multiple word) search: name, event, detail...anything. Every document will come up that has that word or words. They can be in the title, the description or the details (such as who donated the item, the photographer, etc).

And for those that have donated to KHS, it will let you know exactly where the item is. Might be in the archive, in a file drawer, on the library shelves, or displayed. PastPerfect will tell you.

And if there has been any benefit to our water soaked floors, it is that it slowed down our progress and did not allow us to purchase PastPerfect before now. The last release has many more features and allows photos and even video clips. We would have had to buy the upgrade and that is never as good as getting the new complete package.

## HISTORIC PRESERVATION INCENTIVES IN MARKET & NORKIRK NEIGHBORHOODS

In the neighborhood plan update process for both Norkirk and Market, citizens expressed concern about the size of new homes, lack of small homes and the loss of historic properties which are typically

smaller. Policies were placed in each of those plans to provide incentives to encourage smaller homes and to preserve historic houses by allowing them on smaller lots. These have gone through an extensive public process and deliberation by the Planning Commission. On June 18th the City Council adopted both ordinances which will go into effect in August.

Thanks to the Planning Staff, particularly **Joan Lieberman Brill** who was the Senior Planner and to **Julie Koler**, Preservation Officer of King County who assisted through the City's Interlocal agreement. We have already been contacted on a couple properties. **Lynette Friberg Weber** is busy providing information on the properties inventoried in 1999.

## WORK ON HERITAGE HALL

**Bob Burke**



If you have driven by Heritage Hall lately you have noticed a lot of work: the tennis court and north building terrace are gone and they have removed the sidewalk and landscaping from the northeast planting bed. The new drainage system improves the drainage

for Heritage Hall and the new Centennial Garden and connects directly to the storm drain in Market Street. (No water in the Hall from that torrential downpour Sunday August 19th) Recently the concrete terrace next to the meeting room and sidewalk were replaced. It includes footings for future columns for the future arbor.

In May the City painted Heritage Hall. In July, the bases for the columns were replaced and the columns were repaired and painted. The design work was done by PTF Architects and the contractor was Plut Construction Co. Inc. KHS received two grants from 4Culture for both the architectural study and the construction work on the columns. Flo Lentz has been our grant coordinator

## THANK YOU TO:

**Martha Storie** for her large donation of photos from her husband **David Storie**. Mr. Storie was a teacher in Kirkland and had saved all his class photos. Martha had everything in archival sleeves and well organized. Martha also gave KHS a large collection of school photos from retired teacher **Harriett Holt**. Mrs. Holt's class photos are named. Both collections will be added to the PastPerfect database with every name given.

**Larry Miller** for bringing KHS a large box of Juanita Golf Course history. Much of it is from the 1980's when there was a campaign to save the golf course. There are two vintage photos. This collection came through **Joyce Connors Fowler**. Thanks again to both Larry and Joyce for seeing that this history is preserved.

**Roger Johnson** for his oral history. A summary will be in a future BP. And thanks also to **Linda Johnson Jatou**, baby sister of Roger, for making the arrangements.

**Jerry Rutherford** for donating photos and news clippings back in 2005. Jerry gave names and details for all the people in the photos. This made putting them in our PastPerfect database quick and easy.

**Agneta Larsson** for transcribing a 1903 letter written to **Anna Larson Ostberg** of Juanita's **McAuliffe Park**. This letter was written in Swedish and Agneta, from Sweden was able to translate the letter. The transcribed letter is with the Ostberg Diaries on the library shelf at the KHS Resource Center.

**Steve and Cindy Anderson** for donating 2 Reel to Reel tape recorders what will be used for archiving oral histories. The Andersons had previously donated the Kirkland City Park sign. This sign was used until 1955 when City Park became Waverly Park.

**Betty Gaudy** of Arizona for two large boxes of Kirkland history and memorabilia. The boxes were packed with great care and mailed to KHS in care of **Robert Burke**. It will take time before this collection can be added to the PastPerfect database because it is rather large but very important.

## CALENDAR

- August 29 Blackberry Sundae Social - Special Celebration KHS is "30" - 7 pm  
Sept. 20 Board Meeting 7 pm  
Sept. 26 *How to Make Your New Home Look Old* Members Only Tour  
Oct, 18 Board Meeting 7 pm  
Oct. 24 Joe Follansbee, Author-*The Story of the Schooner Wawona*  
Nov. 22 Thanksgiving - No Board Meeting  
Nov. 28 Traditional Holiday Decorations 7 pm  
Dec. No Board Meeting - Annual Cookie Exchange To Be Determined

Unless otherwise noted all KHS meetings are held at Heritage Hall, 7 pm, on the last Wednesday of the month.

## AKCHO UPDATE

**Lynette Friberg Weber**

The 2007 **AKCHO (Association of King County Historical Organizations)** Awards Ceremony was held on Tuesday evening of April 24. It was hosted by **MOHAI, the Museum of History & Industry** in Seattle. This year's Annual Awards Event for AKCHO was to honor those who have made significant and memorable contributions to King County's heritage. The Exhibit Award was given to **Eastside Heritage Center** located in Bellevue for their "Mini Museum". For more information on viewing the exhibit, call 425-45-1049 or connect to [www.EastsideHeritageCenter.org](http://www.EastsideHeritageCenter.org).

The Museum of History & Industry (MOHAI) was also given the Exhibit Award for "Essential Seattle". All attending the ceremony were given the opportunity for an exclusive after-hours tour of the premier exhibit of metropolitan Seattle history. For more information and times of exhibit call 206-324-1126 or connect to [www.seattlehistory.org](http://www.seattlehistory.org). Both are a must see!

**Heather Trescases**, Executive Director of Eastside Heritage, for giving KHS a copy of their book, *Lake Washington The East Side*. This book is filled with area photos, many of Kirkland. It is on the library shelf in the KHS Resource Center.

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Annual Ice Cream Sundae Social**

**August 29, 2007  
7 pm  
Heritage Hall**

**Help us Celebrate  
Kirkland Heritage Society's  
30th Anniversary**

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