

BLACKBERRY PRESERVES

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KIRKLAND HERITAGE SOCIETY



The Lute and Mattie Marsh home in Neillsville, Wisconsin.

Lute and Mattie Schuster Marsh with their sons, Phil and Louie

This home was built with much of the detail seen in the Marsh Mansion. Mattie's brother, Jeff Schuster, designed the elaborate parquet floors that have been preserved in this home. Jeff also did the floors in Kirkland's Marsh Mansion

Fun bit of Marsh trivia: Phil could not say Louie and called his little brother 2E. For all of his life, the Boeing engineer was called 2E by his family and close friends. Lute was called "Pop" while working at Boeing.

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

LOITA HAWKINSON

The January member's meeting is going to be different. It is a week early and at Parkplace Books. Our program will be a music trio led by folksinger, Coty Hogue. There is a new concert venue called a House Concert. Small concerts are held in homes or small meeting areas. They are designed to be warm and friendly. Coty just happens to be a friend of Laura Bradley, great-granddaughter of Kirkland founder, J. Montgomery Sears. Laura is in Italy and Coty is from Montana. They keep in touch via email. Laura was telling Coty about some of the newly discovered Sears family history here in Kirkland. Coty will be performing in Seattle in January and became interested in visiting Kirkland and the archives in order to get some inspiration for possibly writing a song about Kirkland. One thing led to another and voila...we will be getting a House Concert that is being paid for by Laura. Rebecca and Mary, owners of Parkplace Books, agreed to host the event because Heritage Hall was already spoken for on January 18. Please show Coty and her band a warm welcome. And we give Rebecca and Mary our thanks for continuing to be such a wonderful local business.



Program Chair Needed.

Starting in 2012, we need someone to help find programs that are of local interest. **Linda Jatón** is on the committee: she and **Wayne** set up the refreshments. Members are very good with suggestions so it is mostly organizing the dates and the reminders. Programs are needed for 8 meetings plus the Holiday Cookie Exchange. This would be a good position to share. Please call the hall at 425-827-3446 if you can help.

Kirkland History Month

Mark Amick

February 2012 is Kirkland History Month. In the past, we have supported Founders Week in mid-February to honor the birthday of Peter Kirk on February 15 and all of Kirkland's founders. Due to positive feedback, moving forward, we are expanding this event to the entire month of February. The objective is to create an awareness of Kirkland's unique history and promote a positive image of the Kirkland Heritage Society. The Mayor is expected to issue the proclamation recognizing Kirkland History Month at a council meeting in January 2012.

Last year we had 15 businesses in downtown Kirkland participate by displaying historic photos and stories in their windows. This year, in addition to downtown, we are expanding our reach to include Carillon Point, Market Street and Juanita. Look for as many as 60 signs in these locations as well as banners on the light posts and a historic display in City Hall.

Next year we hope to expand to more areas of Kirkland and include the newly integrated neighborhoods. To do so we need your support with additional photos of your neighborhood. Please contact Mark Amick or Loita Hawkinson for questions or to donate/lend old photos to be included in future events.



 **Support for the Kirkland Heritage Society** 

CULTURE 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.



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KHS Monthly Meeting

7:00 p.m.

January 18, 2012
Parkplace Books

Note, this is a week early and a different location.

Coty Hogue House Concert



Coty Hogue grew up in Philipsburg, Montana and has been called the “Emmylou Harris of a new generation.” Singing with banjo and guitar accompaniment she mixes traditional, contemporary and original songs, taking you on an Americana music journey. Her rendition of the traditional song ‘Going to the West’ charted #1 on the Folk-DJ radio charts this past summer. <http://www.cotyhogue.com>



February 29, 2012
Back at Heritage Hall

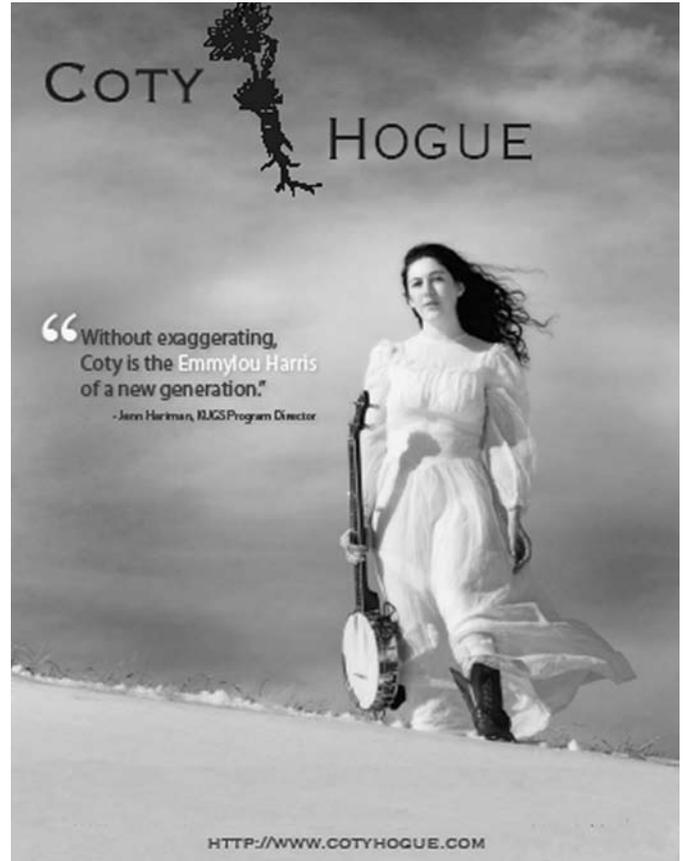
Harold Philip Everest

Find out why H.P. Everest was called Dick Everest when he was never a Richard! Dick Everest is the namesake for Everest Park and the Everest Neighborhood.

Presented by Loita Hawkinson

Dick Everest

**Kirkland High
School Class of 1912**



**2011 Cookie Exchange at the
historic Newberry Home**



A Local Love Story for Valentine's Day

The Schuster and Marsh families left their Wisconsin homes where they had deep roots and prestige hoping to escape Tuberculosis. Three Schuster children had already died from the disease and it was feared that Mattie Schuster Marsh also had TB. In 1905 three generations settled in Houghton on the property that is now the site of Marsh Commons. They were the elder Herman and Mary Schuster; their daughter and son-in-law, Mattie and Lute Marsh; grandsons, Louie and Phil. Several more Schuster siblings joined the Wisconsin exodus, building their own small homes on the property.

The Schuster/Marsh families were like many pioneers that settled in Juanita, Kirkland and Houghton. They came with extended families. This may be why the Eastside was so resilient during the economic ups and downs. The family roots of the Brooks', Collins', Nettleton's, Patty's, Curtis', Wiley's, Barrie's, Marsh's, Josten's, Langdon's and Griswold's are just a few examples. You can trace each of these families significant impact on our local history.

Mattie Schuster Marsh did have TB as feared and died in 1916. After Mattie's death, Lute went back to Neillsville to visit his brothers. He told them how lonely he was. Lute had a childhood classmate who taught school and the brothers said that Nellie Blaser had never married and still lived in the area. By the time Lute returned home to Houghton, he had renewed his friendship with Nellie. Nellie and Lute married in 1920. But this is only half the love story I am writing about.

Nellie had a niece who often visited her aunt, her new step-uncle and her two step-cousins. It was her new cousin, the Boeing Engineer Louie Marsh, that caught Katherine Blaser's eye. And it is because of Katherine that the Marsh mansion was built in 1930. The Blaser's were a prestigious family in Wisconsin and Louie Marsh held prestige locally. The new home fit their place in the community.

Because of tuberculosis and the devastating impact it had on the family, the mansion's bedrooms were designed with screened windows that allowed the maximum cross ventilation. The impressive views of Lake Washington were ignored: airflow determined the sleeping chambers.

Katherine Blaser and Louis Marsh were married in 1930. Katherine Blaser Marsh died in 1956. The Katherine Marsh Hall at St. John's on State Street is named in her honor. The Marsh's were founding members of the local St. Johns Episcopal Church.

And this love story is a good example of how people must study history carefully. On first viewing of the records, it would seem that Louie Marsh married his first cousin. He did but it was a first cousin through marriage and they met when they were nearing middle age. It was Louie Marsh's cousin, Patricia Struble who added the tenderness and charm to the cold facts. Pat's uncles were the brothers who helped kindle the fire for Lute and Nellie. Pat still lives in Neillsville. Lute and Mattie's home still stands and is a Neillsville historic treasure. And it is our connection with Pat that Marsh history is still being recorded.

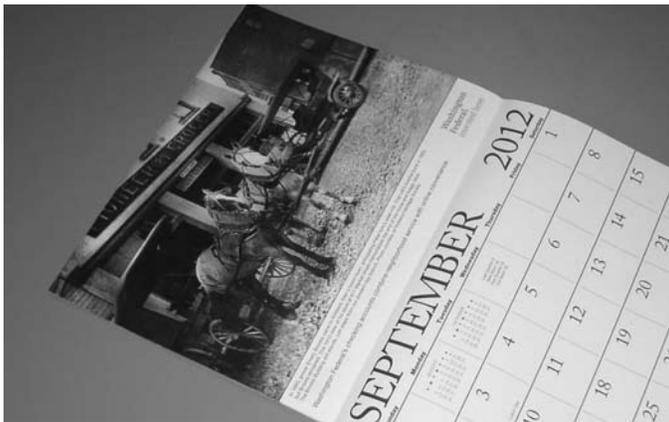


**Lute & Mattie
Marsh**

Their Wedding
Portraits

KHS made the 2012 Calendar

If you are a customer of Washington Federal Savings, be sure to ask for your complimentary 2012 calendar. September features the Pioneer Grocery on Market, commonly known as the Brooks Grocery. Taken when Market and 7th Avenue was still the town center, the photo shows the Brooks' horses and an auto. The photo, taken about 1908, was marked "Dad's horses". We must thank the Brook's family descendents for preserving this historic glimpse of olde Kirkland.



Phil Marsh with his mother, Mattie, in Houghton.



She was the grandmother of our Jerry Marsh. Phil was his father.



Louie Marsh with his bride, Katherine Blaser. She was known as Kate.

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Additions to Kirkland were laid out by promoters and lots sold rapidly at fancy prices. One of the most active of the promoters of that day was Harry White, then mayor of Seattle. A separate company was formed to operate the steel plant, known as the Great Western Iron and Steel Works. Some of the big men of the country, such as General Alger, Joshua M. Sears of Boston, and Mr. Fausett of New York, became co-owners with Peter Kirk and his associates. What happened will be told later.

Every day in the classified section of The Times you can find some property in Kirkland described.

BURKE & FARRAR, INC.,
 Owners of Kirkland Townsite
 CAPITAL AND SURPLUS \$1,000,000.
 2d Floor N. Y. Block, Over Dexter
 Horton National Bank.

LITTLE STORIES OF KIRKLAND
NO. 7.

Seattle Times-- August 12, 1915

THANK YOU TO:

Linda Jatton let us copy an older photo of **Lakeview Elementary School**. We are trying to get good prints of all the old schools. They are great to print poster size and have former students sign. Plus, good photos are needed to archive for future generations.

Milt Sessions loaned his parents album of large photos taken during the Seattle regrade. These are marvelous photos. They have been scanned and will be printed for future generations. Not Kirkland history but oh my, what history.



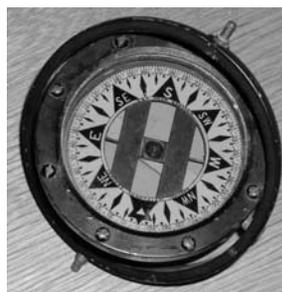
Mark Amick spent a day antiquing in Snohomish and found an old metal sign from Kirkland Drug. **Kirkland Drug** became **Rex Drug** in 1924. Mark purchased the sign and donated it to KHS. It is now displayed at the hall...where it will have to stay until the City buys us a museum!

Kathy Stewart for opening her historic home to KHS members during the annual Holiday Cookie Exchange. Kathy lives in the **Newberry** home. We were able to secure this site during the summer when Kathy stopped by the KHS booth.



Kathy and Bob

Russ McClintick has donated his US Marine banner that his mother proudly displayed when Russ was serving during WWII. Russ left high school to be a Marine. His mother got his diploma for him. When he came home, he became a principal! Cannot tell that story often enough. The banner is displayed with the WWII collection



Mark Amick, for bidding on a gimbal compass that was listed on eBay. This was a very collectible item and we wanted it badly because it was made by the **Nautical Instrument Company** in Kirkland

Please, if anyone can give us history of this company, let us know. Mark placed our bid at the very last second so the compass is once again at home. It is displayed in a glass case with other transportation history.

Clarence and Sandi Stone took their membership dues seriously and became Life Members. Wow. And thank you both.



One of the eight Seattle Regrade photos loaned by Milt. They are amazing.



Time to renew

Thank you to everyone who has renewed their membership to Kirkland Heritage Society. If you do not know if you have paid for 2012, please call Janeen at 425-822-5205.

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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.
Webmaster: The late Dale W. Hawkinson.

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**KHS is 100% volunteer with no paid staff.
Your memberships make it happen.**



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January 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011

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The Marsh family at the new Marsh Mansion. Louie and Kate are in the front. Lute and Nellie are in the rear. The woman standing behind the car is unidentified but is Blaser family. Story page 4.

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