

# BLACKBERRY PRESERVES

The Journal of the

## KIRKLAND HERITAGE SOCIETY



Photo from **Olivia French**'s photo album. Newspaper clipping from *The Seattle Times*. The Boy Scouts joined the Camp Fire Girls when presenting Hiawatha.

### HIAWATHA WILL LIVE IN LAKE SHORE PAGEANT

*Kirkland Camp Fire Girls to Present Indian Spectacle*



—Photo by Livingston Studio, Kirkland.



## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

LOITA HAWKINSON

It was an inquiry from Mark Amick in 2010 that introduced him to KHS. He and Amy had purchased the 1914 Nettleton Mansion. They are a busy professional couple but Mark still wanted to make time for Kirkland's history. They thought they might be putting down roots. Last year Mark became treasurer and chaired the recent 2012 Kirkland History Month. Then after Christmas, Mark let me in on a surprise. They were expecting a baby and had decided they wanted to be closer to the soon to be grandparents. There are several life events that are stressful: selling a home, moving, having a baby, changing jobs. Mark and Amy have just tackled all at once. In spite of it, Mark still managed to sign up the majority of the 50+ participants for History Month. He then delivered many of the signs. He has left us with his report on how he would like to see this proceed next year. Kirkland may now be out of sight for the Amick family, but Kirkland will never be out of mind. We are thankful for the time they gave us.

The board has decided to change our board meetings to the last Wednesday of the month at 5:30. This will force shorter meetings and hopefully make it easier on the board and committee chairs. This is a good time to remind you all; our board/committee meetings are open to all members. Your voice is important.

At the February program, membership showed their support to renaming the Houghton Beach Park, the **Doris Cooper Houghton Beach Park**. Doris was such a supporter of our parks and worked tirelessly to expand our park system. The KHS board does not endorse politicians or political issues. This was not an endorsement but it was a nice show of membership support for our first woman mayor.

## A final word from Mark

I announced at our board meeting the past January, my wife, Amy, and I will be relocating to Raleigh, NC this spring. As a result of this decision, I will need to resign my position as Treasurer and member of the Board for the Kirkland Heritage Society. This resignation will take effect March 1, 2012.

It is with a heavy heart that Amy and I have made this decision. We have really enjoyed living in Kirkland and becoming a part of its history as the first owners of the restored Nettleton Mansion. Kirkland is truly a great community and we know we made the right decision in moving here.

I have very much enjoyed working with each of you to promote Kirkland's unique history and to find ways in which to improve the organization. Kirkland Heritage Society and the City are fortunate to have such a committed Board and Committee Chairpersons. I look forward to reading and hearing about your future endeavors.

Regards, Mark A. Amick



## Mark & Amy in July 2011

Editors note: This is the very last photo Dale took.

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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.

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



## KHS Monthly Meeting Heritage Hall



**March 28, 2012**

**7:00 p.m.**

### Joanne Forbes Deligan Juanita Beach history

Joanne is the grand-daughter of Dorr and Eliza Forbes, early Rose Hill and Juanita piooneers. Her parents were Les and Alicia Forbes who had the Juanita Beach so many of you remember. Promises to be a wonderful evening.

**April 25, 2012**

**7:00 p.m.**

### Marin Harris

#### The Kellett Family

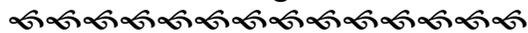
Marin is a senior at LWHS and her senior project is the Kellett home and family. This her her dad's family home and is still owned by her grandmother, Joann Harris. Marin has recorded an oral history with her grandmother and has uncovered history found in the 1888 attic. Kirkland is lucky indeed.



### History Month in Kirkland



One of the 12 double sided banners placed around Kirkland during February's History Month. Banners were displayed from Carillon Pt to Juanita and Totem Lake. Over 50 businesses participated showing signs in their windows.



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### Treasured Kirkland Teacher

**Jean Jayne  
1920 - 2012**



### Redmond Historical Founder

**Naomi Hardy  
1945 - 2012**



### Program Chair Needed.

Starting in 2012, we need someone to help find programs that are of local interest. **Linda Jatton** 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.



**Camp Fire Girls display at City Hall**

## Campfire Girls in Kirkland by Loita Hawkinson

Camp Fire Girls of America was established in 1910. The mission of Camp Fire Girls was to give girls the skills and service opportunities that Boy Scouts gave the boys. During the Great War (WWI), the 95,000 national members received physical training and used their energies to save food, plant gardens and assist the Red Cross. President Wilson approved a new uniform that required fewer resources. After the War, the Camp Fire Girls received recognition right along with the Red Cross.

The Camp Fire dress uniform was always a white middie blouse, navy skirt and sash. Their ceremonial dress was the Indian dress that could be made from leather or khaki. Girls earned beads as they achieved their skills. Ten small beads were traded for one large bead of the same design. Old button boxes across America have these treasured wooden beads.

Camp Fire Girls has a long rich history in Kirkland. In 1911 Federal Way and Kirkland organized the first two troops on the Pacific Coast. In contrast, Seattle did not organize until 1919.\* Kirkland has been described as a sleepy little town made up of blue collar families until the dot-com era discovered us. Nothing can be further from the truth. Kirkland was founded by men with top hats and collar stays and was sustained by families of movers, shakers and visionaries. Before the founding of Kirkland, Juanita and Houghton were settled by educated hard working families.

Blue collar workers are the backbone of our country. But when used as a label, it has taken on a negative tone.

**Amelia Newberry  
and her husband,  
the Rev. Charles  
Newberry.**



It was Emilia Newberry, wife of Rev. Charles Newberry, who started Camp Fire Girls in Kirkland. Her original group had 15 girls. Those known are: Ruth Huntington, Marjorie Coman Hennan, Maynette Curtis Howland, Margaret Farmer Buckley, Thres Morris McNamara, Olive Burt Ruffin, Alys Rerick Wallstead, Mabel Wiley Erickson, Mae Baker Whitaker, Cora Richards McPhail, Eunice Morris Curtis, Opel Bronson Clemmons. This leaves three girls that continue to slip through the historic cracks. Many of the original group met annually. In 1977 there were 9 members that continued to keep in touch. They were still meeting in 1981. After that, the trail runs cold...historically speaking.

Kirkland Heritage has a wonderful collection of Camp Fire gowns, photos, books and projects. Thanks to the collections of Betty McClintick Gaudy, Janeen Wentz Ryseff, Roger & Joyce Kirk, Elaine Josten McKenna, Martha Burr Millar, Al Locke, Roy W. Buckley (son of original member), and Olivia French Davis (daughter of Harry and Rosa French), we can document this history.

Editor's note: It is the Camp Fire History and our Kirkland history that dates Kirkland's first Camp Fire Troop in 1911. History often gives 1912 as the date. \*Camp Fire history dates Seattle as organizing in 1919. However *The Seattle Times* was reporting on the Seattle Camp Fire Girls by 1914. Kirkland and Seattle often shared programs and events. The Seattle Camp Fire Girls were very active during WWI. We are having the same historic confusion with the Cub Scouts. Thank goodness for the local newspapers...they are our Primary Source. Because of the continuing discovery of events as they happened and not as they were remembered years later, our history is being documented more accurately. We can thank the dot-com era for that!

The wall display at Kirkland City Hall is filled with Kirkland's Camp Fire Girl history. We are celebrating the Kirkland Centennial a year late. Photo page 3.

### Membership Report

2012 Membership response has been excellent. We now have 96 paid members and 1 new life member. This is an excellent response and supports Kirkland Heritage Society with their daily operation and mailings. This has surpassed last year's paid membership. If you haven't sent in your membership dues there is still time. Use the form in the Blackberry and if you have an email, change of address, or phone please include that. I always check that when I get your information. Don't forget if you have time to help with one event or setup it would be a great help. Just let us know what you are interested in helping with. If you have any questions on membership email me at janeenryseff@comcast.net or call 425-822-5205. Janeen Ryseff, Membership chairman



These *Little Stories* are full of bits of history. We have known that Bonnell Nursery sold out in 1926 and that the City purchased the land for parks in 1938 but not much more. Bonnell was the official florist for Seattle AYP Exposition in 1909. Seattle ignored the Eastside hoping to draw attention to Seattle and only Seattle. But somehow we got some attention. Burke & Farrar purchased the town site in 1910 and Bonnell purchased the land that is now Peter Kirk Park and Lee Johnson Field in 1910. The brick factory and yard were where the library and Heathman are today.

**BONNELL'S NURSERIES**

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**Growing Department**  
**Kirkland, Washington**  
 Special Attention Given to  
 Suburban Planting

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**BONNELL'S NURSERIES**

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**KIRKLAND**

IMPORTANT SUBURE

With 200 men employed, construction of the first big steel works in the Pacific Northwest proceeded; meanwhile 300 tons of pig, 2,000,000 fire brick and 500 barrels each of fire clay and cement being on the way over from England. Red bricks were made at Kirkland, where Bonnell's nursery now is, and there were 200,000 on hand, along with 2,000,000 feet of lumber. This, by far the most important industrial project yet conceived in the new country, was meant to be permanent, as will be shown 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. 8.

Seattle Times-- August 14, 1915

## THANK YOU TO:

\***Chuck Fowler and Dan Withers** have written a new book about *Patrol and Rescue Boats on Puget Sound*. Pickett boats were made during WWII at **Kirkland Marine and Boat Works** and they used the photos and history in the **Philip Toman Collection**. Mr. Toman wrote the history of his father, also Philip Toman over twenty years ago. We can be certain that it was his hope that one day this history would be used to help preserve this history. Five photos from the Toman Collection were published. An autographed copy was sent to KHS and is shelved with the local history books. Please come by and have a look. For in house use only. Feel free to use the copier if needed.

\***Victor J. Capron** has donated two patents from Kirkland's namesake, **Peter Kirk**. The 3 page document describes Kirk's Centrifugal Machine for Manufacturing Compressed Steel Weldless Rings. An 8 page document describes manufacturing Compressed Steel Bars & Billets. The documents are almost 120 years old and look new. Victor Capron, known as Jim, is the great grandson of Peter and Mary Kirk. It is because of Jim and his family that Kirkland Heritage is honored with so much founder history.

\***Karen Lightfeldt** is working on the Juanita Beach Park interpretive markers so she is on a quest for photos. Karen let me (Loita) tag along when she visited **Joanne Forbes Deligan, Leslie Damm Darley and Sara Deligan Hooper**. Joanne, Leslie and Sara are the granddaughter, gr granddaughter and gr gr granddaughter of Dorr and Eliza Forbes. KHS now has more Forbes and Juanita photos than ever before. Reminder....photos from this collection will be shown at the March 28th meeting.

\***Finn Hill** neighborhood leader, **Kathy Schuler**, also let me join her when she visited with **Doris Raines Snow, Sandy Haug and Kay Lindquist Leary** to hear about the history of Big Finn Hill. All three are daughters of early Finnish settlers and are filled with history. KHS now has the start of a very nice Big Finn Hill collection with

promises of more to come. KHS has always collected Finn Hill history and we are excited to be enlarging our collection.

\***Timing is everything**. Now that **Anderson Ferry Clock** has been removed and is awaiting repair and restoration at the Kirkland City Garage, we have been scrambling for history. There is a great deal of history about Captain John L. Anderson but little about the clock. **Georgie Kilrain and Karen Lightfeldt** both helped with the repair and beautification of the clock in 1987. They had to contact Captain Bob Matson, nephew to Captain Anderson for any history. They mostly received history about Captain Anderson. Georgie donated the file to KHS via Bob Burke. Thank you all for keeping and sharing records.

The 1935 *East Side Journal* provides the most history about the clock. We still do not know the original colors but we do know that it was made in Kirkland at the **East Side Sign & Point Co** by **Fred Zable**. It was presented to Mayor Gates by Captain Tompkins on behalf of Captain Anderson. Granddaughters of Tompkins and Gates, **Vicki Tompkins Bilyue and Pam Gates Owens**, are members of KHS. Thanks to **Frank Rosin**, we know that an existing streetlight post was used so that post is historic as well. All information is being shared with the City.

\*At our February meeting, **Linda Jatton** shared her wonderful homemade bread and **Vic Newhard** provided Primroses for the drawing. Thanks much.



Finn Hill Pioneers  
Kay, Doris, Sandy

Four generations of Forbes descendants  
Leslie, Sara, Joanne, Gavin, Rory



# Blackberry Preserves

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\* Chair or Co-chairs

\*\* 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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January 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011

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Shown at the 25th anniversary of Camp Fire Girls. The original 1911 addendees from Kirkland were: Mrs. Charles E. Newberry (seated, center), Eunice Morris Curtis, to her left, seated, and Miss Ruth Huntington, to her right, seated. In the back row were Cora Richards McPhail, Mae Whitaker Baker, Thres Morris McNamara, Margaret Farmer Buckley, Alys Rerick Wallsted and Mabel Wiley Erickson. **Frank Buckley Collection.**

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