

# BLACKBERRY PRESERVES

The Journal of the

## KIRKLAND HERITAGE SOCIETY



### **A familiar Corner at Lake Street and Central Way in 1948 or 1949.**

MacDougall's opened their business here in 1948. Mulligans Variety burned in 1949. The Anderson Ferry Clock was built in this corner building in 1934 and then repaired in 1945.

Built as a hardware store, many remember it as Fortuna Books, then Triple J's, and now Zoka's.

From the collection of Sandy Allen Anders



**PRESIDENT'S LETTER**

**LOITA HAWKINSON**

It has been a busy summer. KHS participated in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade. Linda and Wayne Jaton set up our tables and Cathy and Michael Radcliff helped take it down. It is a busy day and it is nice to share the work load. KHS also participated in the new SummerFest. The festival attracted families and the weather cooperated. KHS has never had so many visitors to our booth.

The website is being kept up to date as I find the skill to do it. Have lots to learn but programs and events are kept up to date. All the history that Dale assembled is still there. If anyone knows of a web savvy person with time to spare.....you know who to call. (425-827-3446).

We are still in need of a treasurer to work with the KHS Controller, Stu Clarke. Stu pays the bills, does the reports, etc. But this year's insurance was paid without meeting with an agent. Our needs have not changed but the treasurer generally goes over it. Last year Mark Amick saved KHS a few dollars. The treasurer is also a board position so they have a vote.

We still need a Programs Chairman. This position could be fun for two or three people to co-chair. Seems everyone is busy. Please consider it.

This is a double issue since there was no summer BP issue. Between computer trouble and cataract surgeries it was a good time to skip an issue. Thank you for your understanding.



**2012 SummerFest booth.**

Cathy Radcliff, Loita Hawkinson, Vic Newhard & Lynette Weber were the set-up crew. Like the old booth, it takes four.



**Cathy and Vic**

**Shift #1**

**Wayne and Linda**

**Shift #2**



**Janeen Ryseff**

**Shift #3**

**Lynette Weber and David Sherbrooke**

**Shift #4**



**Loita, Merrily Dicks, Lynette Shift #5.**

**Anita Maxwell worked Shift #4 too but we did not get a photo of her. ☹☹☹**



**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



September 26, 2012  
7:00 p.m.

Book-It Repertory Theatre will present "The Future Remembered," celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Seattle's 1962 World's Fair. The performance is an adaptation of Paula Becker and Alan Stein's historic book, *The Future Remembered*. The production is funded through 4Culture. Alan plans to be there and we will have Blackberry Sundaes which will again be served in old glass fountain dishes by Girl Scout Troop 52875



Saturday, October 27, 2012  
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Peter Kirk Community Center  
Lobby Meeting room

Program to be announced. We are working on several ideas. ☺☺☺

Please note...new location  
and new time



January 1, 1935.

## Milt Sessions

1924-2012



Milt at the 2011 Golden Grads



Frank Rosin in his Model A in the 2012 4th of July parade.



Wayne & Linda Jatón on the 4th



The Jatón's at the Norkirk Picnic

## The Anderson Ferry Clock by Loita Hawkinson

On January 1, 1935 Kirkland and ferry riders received a gift from Captain John Anderson. The gift was a clock on Kirkland Avenue West at the ferry dock. Captain Harrie Tompkins presented the clock to Mayor Irving Gates on behalf of Captain Anderson.

In 1945 the clock stopped and was taken down and apparently sent to the scrap heap. We can all thank Captain Tompkins for salvaging the Ferry Clock and paying for its repair. His long time friend, Captain Anderson had died in 1941.

The clock is historic as a reminder of a time that some of our residents still remember and miss; the regular running of the ferries. Kirkland bustled during those years and businesses thrived on the purchases of daily commuters.

The ferry clock has a useful tool displaying a clock and ferry schedule. After the ferry stopped running in 1950, the schedule was covered with advertisements. Twice it has been modernized. Several years ago the clock stopped running but few seemed to notice or care. Then last year, Sue Contreras decided something had to be done. The clock was taken down and now is in the hands of the City Public Works.

A small committee has been meeting with Mark Padgett with Public Works to see just what it will take to restore the clock to its 1935 condition. Bids have been received and Frank Rosin provided a paint sample because his family's paint business probably made the original paint.



**Sue Contreras, Mark Padgett, Bob Burke discuss the possibilities at the City Garage.**

The ferry clock represents the past but it also represents Kirkland. Fred Zable, a sign maker, made the first clock. His business is where Zoka's is today. In 1945 Art Needham repaired the clock in his electric shop – again where Zoka's is. Captain Harrie Tompkins presented the clock in 1935 and paid for the repair in 1945.

This is of note because Harrie Tompkins and George Bartsch had the boatyard when they took on their business partner, Captain John Anderson. The boatyard became the Anderson Steamboat Company which later became the Lake Washington Shipyards. The original boatyard was started by Captain Frank Curtis and his sons. The Curtis's lost their boatyard because a yearlong draught lowered the lake and the Curtis's could not get their boats to market through the Black River. Ten years later, the lake was so high the ferry docks were under water. Captain Anderson became a very vocal advocate of the Ship Canal that finally stabilized Lake Washington in 1916. In 1922, Chester Tompkins, son of Captain Tompkins and Rosa Bartsch Tompkins was the witness for Maynette Curtis, daughter of Captain Walter Curtis, when she married, proving to us that there were no harsh feelings that one family may have profited at an others loss.

This spirit of cooperation and friendship is the foundation of Kirkland. And you can feel this same spirit today as citizens, the City of Kirkland, and businesses are coming together to restore the Anderson Ferry Clock. Fundraising is starting in earnest. If you would like to donate, please make your tax deductible check out to:

**Kirkland Heritage Society: Ferry Clock**  
203 Market Street, lower level  
Kirkland, WA 98033.

Sue will send you a tax receipt.

# Sad News: Ferry Clock No Longer Will Keep Time

The passing of a ten-year landmark in Kirkland was mourned at the Commercial Club Tuesday when the members heard Jim McEvoy report that the town clock would run no longer.

A gift of the late Captain Anderson to city, the huge clock has surveyed ten years of swift changes and the excitement has proved too great.

She first gave out when Hitler decided to move in on Czechoslovakia but the watchmakers had her back in running order by the time the shipyards began to boom. However, when Rundstadt opened up his Belgium drive, the clock shuddered her last tick and quit for good.

Kirkland Commercial Club members plan to cover the landmark with a water-proof shroud and have placed all further arrangements in the hands of Chet Green and J. R. Clark.

A touch of humor suggests that the Anderson ferry clock was to be trashed. Arrangements were in the hands of Chet Green and J.R. Clark, owners of the two Kirkland mortuaries.



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IMPORTANT SUBURB

The townsite having been cleared of timber while the steel works were building, a wonderful little city began to rise out of the then wilderness on the east shore of Lake Washington. Substantial brick and stone buildings were to be seen on all sides. Joshua M. Sears of Boston put up a bank building, D. B. Jackson erected a big hotel, rivaling anything in Seattle. Many of these buildings yet stand, of romantic and historical interest, mute evidence of the belief of those captains of industry of a past generation in themselves and the future of Kirkland. Why their plans failed will be told Friday evening.

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. 10.

Seattle Times-- August 19, 1915

### THANK YOU TO:

Patricia Gedney found some Kirkland photos in her mother's belongings. Pat searched the web and found KHS through the website and has now donated Kirkland photos from before 1930 when her mother lived here. Pat remembers seeing others so there may be more to come. Thank you so much.

Ted Tillman, son of Florence Brooks Tillman and grandson of Emery and Annabelle Brooks, for a Brook's Grocery photo, 1937 aerial view of Kirkland, a 1936 Recipe book compiled by the pioneering ladies of Kirkland and a personal history of his memories of his Grandpa Brooks. Mr. Tillman has also sent several donations and become a member. We can also thank Martha Burr Millar because she has been forwarding her newsletter to Ted when it mentioned the Brooks family. More threads of history.

Sue Gyselinck Selmer for sharing her family photos. Sue's parents had the Lake Park Nursery in Juanita. Karen Schickling is responsible for getting KHS this collection.

Karen Schickling has been making time to spend at the KHS Recourse Center and is working with the collections. Since she is third generation in Kirkland, she has a vested interest in the history.

Sue Contreras for a campaign button for LWSD board member, Bob Hughes. This is recent history but unless we think to preserve it now, future generations will have the same problems that we are having today.

Lynette Weber for researching, pricing and then picking up the new KHS tent that we will now use for events. It is the same size as the booth but is much easier to work with.

Laura Bradley-Pierucci continues to keep in touch. Laura is the Great Granddaughter of Kirkland Founder J. Montgomery Sears. More history will hopefully turn up.

Sandy Allen Anders for donating photos of the MacDougall building which is now Zoka's. Pam Owens was the "middleman" in getting these historic images. This building is where the Ferry Clock was built and repaired. The timing was wonderful.

Coty Hogue sent a box of chocolates from the Sweet Palace in her hometown of Philipsburg. The box was passed around during the June meeting. Coty sent the sweets as a thank you for hosting her concert in May. We are the ones who thank Coty, Kat and Aaron.

Karen Lightfeldt is working on the Juanita Beach historic markers. Karen has been keeping KHS in the loop as she does her research with the Forbes family and we have been the beneficiary of more Forbes photos and history. This is such an important family and it just boggles the mind that Joanne Deligan is the granddaughter of these 1877 pioneers.

### *Ferry Clock Now Working Fine*

Resolution thanking Captain Tompkins of the Lake Washington Ferries for financing repair of the Kirkland town clock was passed Tuesday by the Kirkland Commercial Club.

The club also expressed its appreciation to Art Needham of Needham's Electric who rescued the workings from the junk pile and proved to the satisfaction of all that the machinery could be repaired.

And a special thank you to Captain Tompkins for saving our clock in 1945. Captain Tompkins' granddaughter receives Blackberry Preserves. Vicki Tompkins Bilyeu is the donor of rare historic photos.

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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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### 2012 MEMBERSHIP

Kirkland Heritage Society

**January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012**

KHS qualifies for tax exemption under 501(c) (3) and your contribution is deductible to the extent allowed by law. We qualify for matching gift contributions by those employers who offer this benefit.

#### Membership Category

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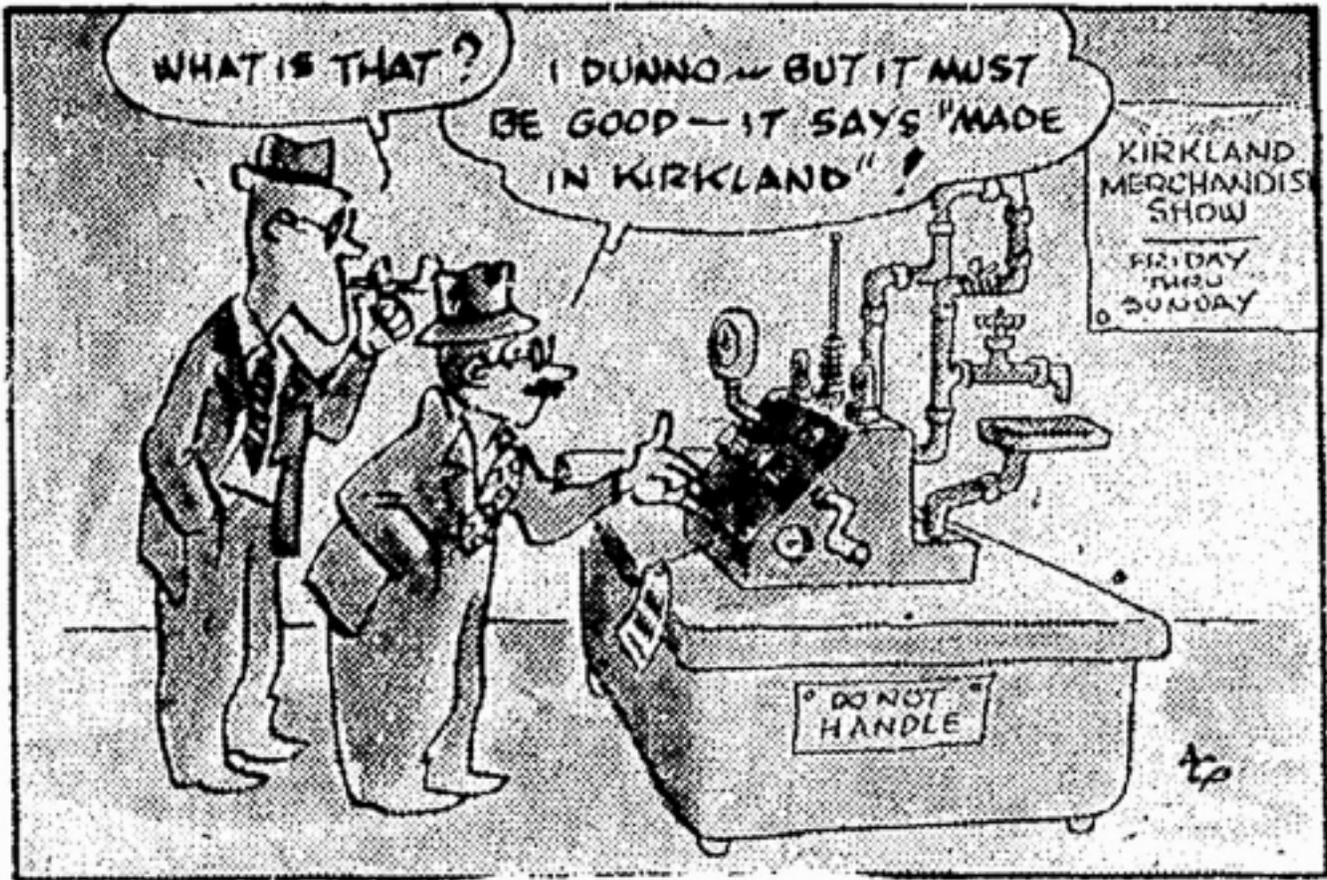
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Kirkland Heritage Society  
Heritage Hall, Lower Level  
203 Market Street  
Kirkland, WA 98033.



## TO RENT HERITAGE HALL

**Call Nicci Osborn at Kirkland Parks  
425 587-3342**



Cartoon from 1949 that accompanied a *Seattle Times* article about the many manufacturing businesses in Kirkland. The Ferry Clock was built and repaired in Kirkland. The 2012 restoration bid is going to a Kirkland business as well.

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