

BLACKBERRY PRESERVES

The Journal of the

KIRKLAND HERITAGE SOCIETY



The Millar home from 128 12th Avenue in Norkirk on its way to Vancouver BC

Clyde and Alice Millar were married shortly after WWI and moved into their home on Washington Avenue on Capital Hill which is now 12th Avenue in Norkirk. Their young son watched Charles Lindbergh land at Sand Point from their kitchen window. This event marked his life and Bob Millar became a pilot. It is this view that made the property valuable and two view homes will be built. The Millar home had two owners in almost 100 years.

The City, Kirkland Parks and Lake Street West Neighbors worked together to allow this home to be loaded from a street end park. Marina Park is no longer an option. Many homes were moved via Marina Park after WWII and the wartime housing was no longer needed.



PRESIDENT'S LETTER

LOITA HAWKINSON

This letter was to be written by the newly elected president, Robert G. Burke. But as most of you know, Bob passed away May 20th. At that time, Barb Loomis withdrew her name from the slate of candidates. Fortunately, KHS has a wonderful membership who stepped up to the plate. Sally Jo Bechtel and Glenn Landguth filled in the slate of candidates. Vic Newhard agreed to take my position as secretary and I agreed to be president for another two year term. The new slate was approved and voted on at the May meeting which was held at the historic Kirkland Cannery. Glenn is a Kirkland native and Sally has roots that predate Peter Kirk's arrival. Six of the 9 board members are Kirkland natives.

Bob had recently been appointed by the City of Kirkland as its Special Representative to the King County Landmarks and Heritage Commission for a three year term ending March 31, 2016. Lynette Weber has now been appointed to the position. Lynette is also a King County Landmarks Commissioner so Kirkland will be well represented.

Our next large project is the booth during SummerFest which is August 9, 10 and 11. David Sherbrooke has offered his vehicle to move everything down to the space and help assemble. That helps a great deal. Now to see about filling in the three days of work shifts.



For some old time family fun, **Imagination Theater** will be performing July 22, 2013 at the Kirkland Performance Center, 350 Kirkland Avenue. All seats are \$10.00 and the performance starts at 7:30. These performances are recorded live so you can catch them on KVI throughout the year and hear yourself clap and cheer.

Robert G. Burke

1934 - 2013



Family, friends, colleagues gave a toast to Bob Burke at his Celebration of Life, July 6, 2013.



KHS Monthly Meeting

July, 2013

No Program

August, 2013

No Program

Have a wonderful summer and we will see you during SummerFest



Our annual meeting was held at the historic Kirkland Cannery. Owner Thad Pound shared his memories growing up here. Others shared their memories of their mothers using the cannery.

The Nov/Dec 2009 issue of *Blackberry Preserves* featured an interview with Thad. If you missed it, it is available on the KHS website.



Wolf Cub Pack 567 came in for a history lesson to help them earn their History Patch.

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Kirkland Heritage Society and Museum



Karen Schickling started a Facebook account named Kirkland Heritage Society and Museum. If you use Facebook, please give us a look and offer suggestions. You can go directly from the KHS website.



Kirkland Historic Property Inventory Lynette Friberg Weber

Last Fall Phase 1 of the Historic Property Inventory Update was accomplished with the help of KHS volunteers, City of Kirkland Planning Department, King County Preservation Officers and a Cultural Resource Consultant to oversee the project. This summer Phase 2 will begin with the entire update to be fully completed by December 31, 2013.

In Phase 1, the existing inventory of over 300 properties was updated with current photographs and status information. In the next phase, the newly annexed areas of Kirkland's historic properties will be included in the existing inventory. An estimated 150 properties will be surveyed on a reconnaissance level as well as photographed by volunteers and King County staff.

This information is being digitized on a statewide database which will be available for public viewing as well as being an accessible comprehensive planning tool with which to work from on future projects. The City's Planning Department needs to have current and accurate information for preservation planning and implementation of its existing preservation policies and regulations which are designed to protect historic properties.

Watch for updates in future BP newsletters as Phase 2 moves along!



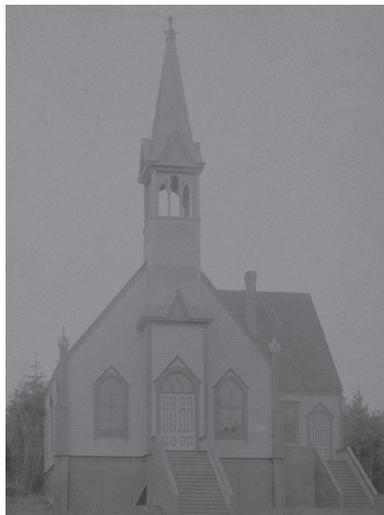
KHS receives 100% commission from the sales of Bob Neir's *A City Comes of Age* and Steve Lamson's *The Power of a Dream*. Both are available at Parkplace Books.

First Baptist Church 1891-2013

Kirkland lost another icon in June. The American Legion Hall was torn down to make room for development. The City has asked the new owners to provide an historic marker on the site. KHS was given square nails and wood from the original walls. It is not what we wanted for this building but we are grateful for their sensitivity. It was like saying goodbye to an old friend.

The history of the American Legion Hall dates back to 1890 when the Kirkland Land Company donated the land for the First Baptist Church. There are many photos and records for this church. When Kirkland failed to grow as had been expected, they found they had too many churches. The First Baptist Church was remodeled and became the Baptist Mission. There are very few photos of the Baptist Mission and little is known about it at this time. What we know is gained from those rare photos and tax records. The vestibule was removed, the roofline lowered and the windows changed. It was unremarkable in appearance and blended in with the neighborhood. In 1934, the mission was purchased by the American Legion and scheduled to be remodeled by the Works Progress Administration. So with the loss of this building, Kirkland also lost one of our few remaining WPA buildings. The Cannery is now the very last.

We should not expect the City to buy all of our historic buildings as they become endangered. We cannot begrudge an owner



**First Baptist Church
1890's**

who purchased the building as an investment. But we can try to inform people of the historic integrity of a building and offer guidance as to the tax and grant incentives available to owners of historic properties. Lynette Weber will be writing future columns that will shed some light on the details of historic property ownership.



1908 from Central School. Baptist Mission is behind the maypole
Photo taken by Olivia French



July 4, 2013



The Seafair Pirates were back and appear to be chasing our Antique Model A's down Waverly. Bad Pirates.....

This is 16th in this series and the ship canal is finally mentioned. Kirkland had had several defining events in its history. With the arrival of Peter Kirk, the town was founded and the streets platted. With the ship canal, Lake Washington was lowered by 9 feet and stabilized. Prior to the canal, Lake Washington went up and down seasonally. Lee Johnson field often flooded in the spring. It was on the site of Lee Johnson field that the original steel mill was platted in 1889. The high water may have been why the mill was built on Rose Hill. One day we may find a newspaper or diary telling us. As of now, it is an educated guess. The canal was planned and then abandoned in the 1870's, 1880's, 1890's, and finally became reality in 1916.... a significant event for the Kirkland area.



Kirkland's WWII Veteran, **Sid Ryseff** during the 4th of July Parade.



Mayor McBride with Sue & Jim. Wayne and Linda are manning the KHS table.

SEATTLE'S
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KIRKLAND

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SUBURB

As a result of years of experience in the real estate business in Seattle, and a thorough study of the trend of the city, Burke & Farrar, Inc., became convinced that Seattle, as it grew, must inevitably spread to the eastward across the lake and to the finely situated reach of available territory beyond. Their interest in the east side was further awakened by pending legislation looking toward the opening of the Lake Washington canal (within six months after the purchase of Kirkland Congress appropriated \$2,275,000 for building the Lake Washington canal locks) and so negotiations were begun, as will be told Wednesday evening.

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

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LITTLE STORIES OF KIRKLAND
NO. 16.

Seattle Times-- Sept. 9, 1915

THANK YOU TO:

Katy Coleman's grandparents were friends of Mac and Sterling Dawson who owned the historic Market Street Log Cabin. Katy has an invitation her grandparents received inviting them to a 1937 New Years Eve party at the cabin. Now Katy has found photos of the Dawson's in her grandmother's photo album. Three were taken in 1930 and 3 were taken in 1938. None were in Kirkland but at least now we have a face for the original owners of this cabin. The Dawson's did not have children so it is likely that these are the only photos that will ever surface. Katy scanned the photos and sent them to be put in the database. Photo prints have been made for archiving. Thanks much Katy.

Nora Carlson with the Kirkland Chamber of Commerce brought in two formal portraits of two of their past presidents: Chuck Morgan and Bill Petter. Both were added to the Chamber's Collection.

Chris Orr came into the KHS Resource Center to see what he could learn about family that came to Kirkland in 1941. It is always exciting to help locate family history. Chris seemed to have quite a bit of time that day so we got to talking and I learned that he was a man of many skills. He is developing websites and has agreed to help me with some issues I have with the website....

cannot add to the menu list. I am itching to add neighborhood history, the Chris Neir Scholarship Recipients, property inventories, etc. But...it takes one more link and I need help.

Then on a whim I asked Chris if he could service the large laser printers and he could. So while I did more browsing for his family history, he put in a drum kit...have no idea what that is but the printer needed it. This printer was donated to KHS and is how we do our booklets and membership brochures. Saves KHS a lot of money and we get professional results. So...thank you Chris.

Joanne Forbes Deligan donated her collection of *Lake Washington World* which was the school newspaper. Joanne had the entire 1951-1952 school year and some earlier issues that belonged to her brother Dorr Forbes. The ads are great in these papers. There is an April Fools issue for 1952. One day these papers should be digitized. They are full of history.

Pat Lee Shinstrom occassionly stops by the hall with some family treasures. Scott Shinstom, son of Dick and Pat, coached softball in 1981. KHS now has pins from this season. Robert Lee, KHS class of 1940, died tragically in 1942 at the age of 19. Pat has kept some of her brothers mementos for all these years and has now donated an award and Bob's 1940 Reveille. Pat also had two magazines from 1925 that had a mailing label for Harry Kean of Kirkland. Harry Kean died in 1971 and this is the third donor of items that had belonged to him. Thank you Pat for trusting KHS with these treasures.

Frank Rosin once again arranged to have the Model A Car Club represent KHS in the 4th of July Parade. It was an impressive line-up.

Thanks to the Jatons for setting up the tables along the parade route. And thanks to the Radcliff's for helping tear it down. Never have a committee for the 4th of July. It just happens and it looks so organized!

Thanks to Lynette Weber for driving up to Mukilteo to pick up 5 cases of Sarsaparilla for SummerFest. This year we got Earp Sarsaparilla, named for a descendent of Wyatt Earp. Then when we talked to the man who took our order, we learned he was a descendent of Captain Frank Gilbert. When the last ferry left Kirkland in 1950, it was Captain Gilbert who was in the pilot house, with tears in his eyes.

More than a year ago, Judy McDaniels Landguth donated her program from the 1961 LWHS production of Twelve Angry Jurors. At long last the program is in the database and is archived. Thank you Judy.

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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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January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013

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Call Nicci Osborn at Kirkland Parks

425 587-3342



American Legion Hall

Minutes later this 1890's wall fell. Built with old growth and hand forged square nails. Samples were saved by the builder for KHS for which we are grateful. The small insert was taken by Clyde Millar shortly after the Mission was purchased by the American Legion. Clyde's home is on the front page.

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