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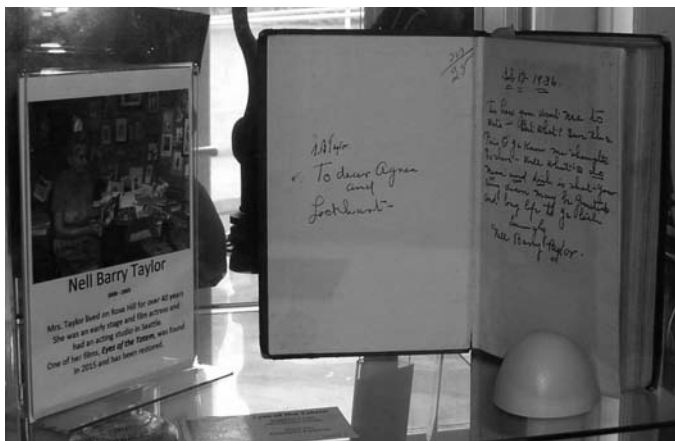


Three branches of the Ole and Marit Josten family lined the steps of Heritage Hall. They are divided into families by the handrails. Present are five generations. The matriarch of the Josten family is Elaine Josten McKenna, top center. Elaine grew up in Juanita, graduating from Kirkland High School in 1941. Her husband, Tom McKenna, was another Kirkland High grad. See page 6

A Kirkland Treasure

Jan Stack-Leuze was going through her fathers book collection and came across a book with a rather long message from a Nell Barry Taylor. When Jan checked the web to learn just who this Nell Barry Taylor might be, she found KHS.

Frank took her phone call and assured Jan that KHS would be honored to accept this book and put it on display. Jan mailed the book to KHS and it is now displayed with a photo of Mrs. Taylor in her home on Rose Hill. Also displayed is my ticket to the viewing of *Eyes of the Totem*. Nell had a rather important part in Totem and KHS thinks she stole the show back in 1926.



Look at the work that went into making this beadwork lace.

Another treasure comes home to Kirkland thanks to Wayne and Linda Jaton



Wayne and Linda took a day trip to Friday Harbor recently. As they toured the town, they came upon a shop who had some pieces of handwork belonging to Mary Quirk Kirk, wife of Peter Kirk.

These amazing pieces were tacked to various garments. They were easily removed so the lace could be shared or removed before laundry

Such pieces are highly collectible. And it was such items that Downton Abbey wardrobe designers used to create authenticity. Thank goodness this piece has survived for over 130 years.



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*.

KHS Monthly Programs

7:00 p.m.

Heritage Hall

203 Market Street

May 31, 2017

TIK TIK TIK: TYPE-IN KIRKLAND.

Cabot Guidry will bring some of his vintage typewriters to share.

And KHS has two vintage typewriters. One was donated by Frank Rosin and was from the typing class in both the Kirkland Union A High School and at the Lake Washington High School. So if you used the manual Underwood, you may have learned on this typewriter.

And the L.C. Smith typewriter from the estate of Chuck Morgan will be available. If you ever worked for the East Side Journal or the Journal American, you may have used this typewriter. It was purchased by Dick Everest, one time publisher and namesake of Everest Park and Everest Neighborhood.

Your homework will be to type a memory about Kirkland...something you would love to share.



June, July, Aug 2017

No membership meetings over the summer. See you at the summer events.

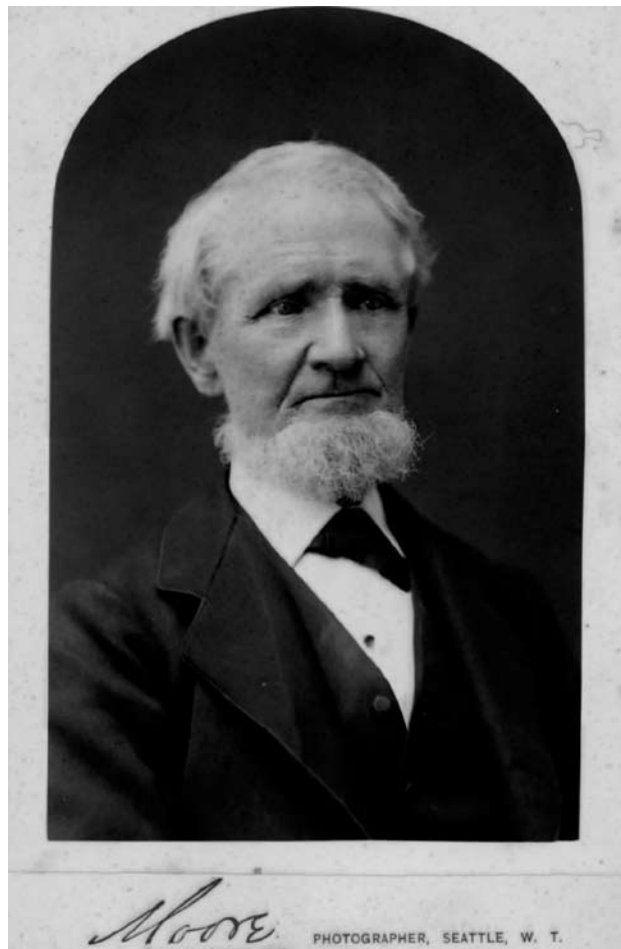
Have a safe and healthy summer.

Leonard Purley Smith

by Loita Hawkinson

Anne Johnson is the great great granddaughter of Leonard Purley Smith. Mr. Smith his deep historic ties to Seattle, being Seattle's first jeweler. And Mr. Smith was twice elected Mayor of Seattle starting in 1880.

But as much as L.P. Smith means to Seattle, he means even more to Kirkland. It was L.P. Smith who enticed Samuel Foster French, Caroline Fuller French, and their son Harry D. French to uproot from Maine and settle on the eastern shores of Lake Washington. L.P. Smith's son Alfred lived in Houghton for many years. Alfred is Anne Johnson's great grandfather.



Leonard Purley Smith

1814 - 1886

David Davis Collection

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A heartfelt thank you to Stoney and Sandi Stone

From Loita Hawkinson

Clarence and Sandi Stone quietly purchased a bench in the memory of my husband Dale. The bench has been installed behind Heritage Hall for some time and I just learned about it.

Dale enjoyed his visits with Stoney and always came home with a bag of beautiful home grown tomatoes.

The plaque on the bench simply says: In Honor of Dale Hawkinson. Photographer, Husband, Father, Friend. That pretty much says it all and Dale would be proud to be remembered this way.



Josephine Irene and Samantha Dale sitting on their grandpa's bench.

Thank you so much Stoney and Sandi. We feel honored by your generosity and thoughtfulness and I am humbled by your extreme patience waiting for an acknowledgement and thank you.

Your friend, Loita

And while remembering Dale, many people sent in memorials following his death. \$350 went to buy his paver which also confirms his love of photography. The balance of the Dale Hawkinson Memorial Account has been transferred to the Kirkland Cemetery Tour and Memorial Account. Donations to this account will be used to mark some of the unmarked graves in the Kirkland Cemetery. Some residents died without family to pay for a stone. Some were widows with little money. Many are from the depression era. The Memorial Account will buy the stones and the City has agreed to install the stones at no charge.



June 4, **Matt McCauley**, Kirkland Heritage Society Life Member and amateur Kirkland historian/author, will give a tour of the Kirkland Cemetery from 10:00 am - 12:00 noon. The flags and crosses that mark the graves of veterans will still be in place from Memorial Day. Meet at the fountain. No charge, but donations are encouraged and will be used to purchase markers for the unmarked graves of several historic Kirklanders. Matt will share his colorful stories of Kirkland's forefathers who rest in peace on Rose Hill.

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L.P. Smith Continued from page 3

The ties between the French family and the Smith's are confusing. Harry referred to L.P. and his wife as Uncle Leonard and Aunt Agnes. But no family ties have been found. KHS archives years of journals written by Harry French. In them he frequently mentions letters to and from Uncle Leonard. It has always been thought by KHS that they were very good friends and the title of aunt and uncle were out of respect. But more research will be done by Smith descendants and KHS.



Anne with the glasses case from her gr gr grandfathers optical shop

KHS will be learning even more from Anne Johnson who is one of the family historians. And Anne learned a bit from KHS. David Davis donated a leather glasses case that had belonged to his great grandmother, Caroline French. This case has gold embossing: L.P. Smith & Son Jewelers & Opticians 708 Front St. Seattle, WT. This is the first that the Smith family knew that L.P. Smith was also an optician.



Leather case and glasses belonging to Caroline Fuller French. Donated by gr gr grandson, David Davis.

It is likely that this gold embossed case is the last one in existence.

It is displayed in the French collection, on Harry French's desk.

Josten Park by Loita Hawkinson

At a 2015 membership meeting, I asked for membership support in the naming of a small neighborhood park in Juanita. It was a simple informal “raise your hand” vote. All agreed. The name Josten Park was then submitted to the Kirkland Park Board. They received 10 suggestions. Happily Josten Park made the final cut.

April 29, 2017, Josten Park was dedicated. Over 60 Ole and Marit Josten descendants attended the ribbon cutting. This was followed by a family reunion at Heritage Hall.



Three Generations of Josten descendants Center is Elaine Josten McKenna

July 24, 2015

Kirkland Heritage Society supports the naming of the North Juanita Open Space Josten Park. Annie Josten, sister of Ole Josten, was the original homesteader of the land that contains the North Juanita Open Space.

Ole immigrated from Norway in 1868, settling in Chicago and establishing his trade as a Master Wood Carver. Marit joined him in 1869. After 10 years of engagement, they married in Chicago.

The 1971 Chicago fire not only destroyed Ole’s tools but also his livelihood. Chicago was interested in rebuilding and not embellishing

It was then that Ole and Marit took out a homestead in Minnesota. Both Ole and Marit grew up on farms and were able to provide for their growing family. But both summers and winters were harsh and Ole’s heath was a concern. With a family to support, they sold their farm in 1882 and moved to Hubbard as Juanita was called at that time. Because Ole was a Master Wood Carver he fell back on that occupation. There was a job waiting for him when he arrived. Because Ole had already filed on a homestead in Minnesota, his sister Annie H. Josten filed a homestead for the family. It was then sold to Ole and Annie moved from the area.

As Ole and Marit’s children grew up, they worked the land while Ole commuted to Seattle to work as a master wood carver. The Green Mansion in Seattle is a fine example of his detailed work. The 1889 Seattle fire destroyed much of his work as well as his tools ... for a second time.

The Josten family eventually owned even more land in Juanita and descendents of Ole and Marit Josten remain in the area. They are graduates of the Kirkland School District and the Lake Washington School District.

The Josten’s are a pioneering family that remained and became the part of the fiber of this community. It would be wonderful to have the Josten family remembered by naming the park in their honor and memory.



Thank you to the Kirkland Park Board and the City of Kirkland Parks Department. Josten Park is truly a wonderful space.

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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.

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