

# BLACKBERRY PRESERVES

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Cap Pringle, Mr. Frank Rosin & Frankie Rosin, c1940

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## From the President

Loita Hawkinson

Thank you for your patience. This newsletter is very late but lots to share so did not want to skip an issue.

At the last membership meeting, February 28, 2018, the newly amended bylaws were approved by an unanimous vote. At the board meeting that evening, both Lynette Weber and David Sherbrooke rejoined the board. They have both been on the board previously and we welcome them back. Dave's family has deep historic roots in Kirkland. He has previously served as At-Large and as Secretary. Lynette is our Brick & Mortar Queen. She has previously served as President, Secretary and At-Large. Lynette keeps a watchful eye out for any historic properties that are in danger. They cannot all be saved but none would be saved recently if not for her watchful eye and determination.

The KHS collection continues to grow. This February, 25 telephone books were donated by Louis Forthoffer Wolfrom. These phone books date back to 1928 and end in 1952. So much history is in these phone books: ads, phone numbers, names. Twenty-three have been digitized and printed. The originals are archived, the printed copies are in the KHS library. The digitized version is on the web at [www.kirklandheritage.org](http://www.kirklandheritage.org). CD's with all the telephone books will be for sale. These phone books are one reason you are receiving this newsletter so very late.

Many of you knew the late Al Locke, Kirkland's first City Manager. Recently, Sants Contreras read a letter written by former mayor Bill Woods endorsing the naming of the Marine Park Pavilion, The Al Locke Pavilion. It is quite possible that had it not been for the direction Mr. Locke led Kirkland, Kirkland would be a very different town. He is not responsible for the traffic and congestion, but he is responsible for many of Kirkland's parks. I hope most, if not all, will agree with this small honor and recognition.

History Month was celebrated in February. More signs were made. For next year, if any of you are able to help distribute signs, please let us know. This year the crew was Karen Lightfeldt, Wayne & Linda Jatton, Vic Newhard, Frank Rosin, and myself (Loita). February's weather often seems to be disagreeable, and we could use the help.

The 2018 Summerfest will be either a 2 day or 3 day event for KHS. This means more opportunity to man the booth. We try for 2 hours shifts so no one gets too worn out. It is a fun event with lots of visitors. Please give us a call if you will be available August, 10, 11 or 12. Our phone is 425-827-3446. Often classmates or neighbors will sign up and work together.

## Happy Northwest Spring



Libbi & Frank...getting the bylaws ready to mail.

You can see that not a square inch of space is being wasted. The table and chairs were donated by David Davis. They belonged to his grandparents, Harry and Rosa French.



## Programs

Karen and Linda would like suggestions for future programs:

Linda Jatton @ 425-898-4853,  
Karen Schickling @ 425-273-6299 or  
[kschic1965@gmail.com](mailto:kschic1965@gmail.com).

# KHS Monthly Programs

7:00 p.m.

Heritage Hall

203 Market Street

☞☞ **March 2018** ☞☞

No Membership Meeting  
Happy Spring

☞☞ **April 25, 2018** ☞☞

Matt McCauley

Matt's long awaited book: *Early Kirkland* is now at BookTree and on Amazon. Matt will discuss his book and the process for writing it.

☞☞ **May 30, 2018** ☞☞

Photo Night

It has been several years since we have tackled the large number of unidentified photos in the City of Kirkland/C.O. Morgan Collection. There are 3 bankers boxes. Please help and bring family, friends, neighbors, and Kirkland business people.

☞☞ **June, 2018** ☞☞

No Membership Meeting  
See you at the July 4th parade

☞☞ **July, 2018** ☞☞

No Membership Meeting  
At last, Summer should be here

☞☞ **August, 2018** ☞☞

No Membership Meeting  
See you at Summerfest  
August 10, 11, 12



At the 2017 Golden Grads, 6 postcards and a pull down wall map was left to be donated to KHS. This person said they were a member and would be stopping in to the KHS offices. Please let us know who you are so we can get these items in the database and give you credit. The map is displayed in the school display area. It is very fitting.



Thank you Dick Rosenthal for February program on the history on Lake Washington.



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.5% does not amount to much but every penny helps support Kirkland's history.

### Robert "Cap" Pringle

by Frank Rosin

These are some of the things that were told to me and my brother by Robert 'Cap' Pringle during the time he stayed in our back bedroom about 1946 – 1948..

He was born in Scotland. When he was 13 or 14 he was sent to a store in Scotland to purchase a list of things for his mother. He was hit on the head on the way there and woke up at sea. He never returned to his home - was at sea the rest of his life. I don't recall that he ever told us what he did as a youth.. He finally was with 'Alaska Steam' owned by Norton Clapp. There were yarns of many most horrible storms encountered in those years, so exciting for us 10 to 12 year old twin boys.

Finally he was the captain of 'El Primero' the steam yacht owned by Norton Clapp. 'El Primero' was moored at the Shipyards in Houghton when Clapp obtained the property after the shipyards closed.

Cap lived alone in one of the brick buildings, Leland Hotel no longer there, at 7th and Market. He was married at least once, the ex wife was living near Ocean Shores. A telephone call there when he died (a long distance phone call there was no easy thing in 1948) the ex wife only said she thought he had died years ago - didn't want to know any details - that ended the phone call.

Cap hung around mostly the 'Pastime Cafe' for meals and the other taverns in Kirkland. 'The Smoke House Tavern' was one of them. He must have had a small pension to live on.

Cap often came to our paint factory to help and to our place for dinner. That puts him in Kirkland before the WW2. When he left 'El Primero' he kept the ship barometer which he gave to me and my brother. It has a small dent and a cracked glass that was made during one of those horrible storms up in the

Gulf of Alaska. I still have the barometer in my kitchen and glance at it in passing every morning to see if the air pressure is going up or down or steady.

He was an 'old sea dog' and a charming person to young boys like us. He showed us how to tie a 'Turk's Head' knot. That took a long time to figure out and learn what it was used for at our age. He never thought to tell but we finally did even though it was not of any use to us. (Knot — not, a little pun there.)

When he was walking out of his living quarters at 7th and Market one evening he was hit by a car driving toward Kirkland. Broken shin bone, languished at Harberview for some time without healing. TB of the bone and lungs. At one point were going to amputate - even marked on his skin where they were going to cut. He didn't want that.

Not having a car my mother and us boys took a bus to town with a table radio for him at the hospital. He showed us the amputation mark and the circle of a black wound on the skin where the bone was broken. We always took the ferry to town - this was a rare time we used the bus and the original floating bridge. Before toll was removed even the bus paid toll, the driver had to count passengers there was a fee for each passenger too.

Some weeks later he wrote a letter to us asking for us to find a place in Kirkland he could live - he didn't want to die in the hospital.

My folks made arrangements and brought him to our home and housed him the bedroom us boys had been using. We had our beds in the work/laundry room for the next couple years.

Because of his unhealed broken bone and somewhat open black sore he was fairly disabled. He was able to get around on

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crutches slowly. He was able to get the 2 blocks downtown to sit and visit and have lunch at the 'Pastime Cafe' or the 'Smoke House Tavern'.

Cap was having a cough from deep down. He had TB which had gotten into his bones, the reason the break didn't heal. He had a comfortable chair in his room and listened to radio programs on the small used table model Zenith Radio we had given him that we purchased at Bryant's Hardware in Kirkland. Two days before Cap died a small young stray dog befriended him. The dog followed him to the 'Pastime Cafe'. The dog he called 'Captain' hopped up on his bed and slept with him. The day when Cap was found dead, the dog had vanished, we never saw it again.

Dr. Ernie McKibben Sr. was renting our office building next door for his medical practice. The very first day Dr. Ernie McKibben Jr. came to join his father's practice was the day Cap died. The very first case Dr. Ernie Jr. had to begin his medical practice in Kirkland was to examine Cap and fill out the death certificate. It was indeed TB. All these years my brother and I never had TB but always tested positive because of the exposure.

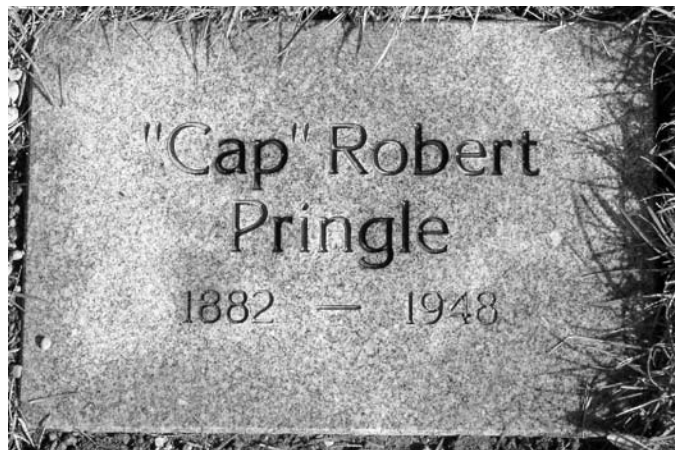


Cap Pringle  
Photo by one of the Rosin's

My family paid for the simple burial in the Kirkland Cemetery over near the East Wall. Chet Green had some nice new suits that were donated for poverty cases like Cap. He was buried wearing a handsome new dress suit. I don't know if Chet Green provided a funeral for him and if he did, I didn't go, but us boys were at the grave side service in the Kirkland Cemetery when he was buried. Cap was a fine gentle and polite man that was a long time resident of Kirkland, not one of the social elite but was one of the colorful Kirkland citizens of his time and well liked. He had nothing and asked for nothing but friendship from his many friends at the 'Smoke House' and the 'Pastime Cafe'.



Editors note: In 1948, the Rosin family paid for the burial plot for Cap Pringle. With no family, Chet Green probably did not charge for any of his service. For all these years, the grave has been unmarked. In 2017 Frank donated the funds to the KHS Cemetery Committee to have his grave marked. In keeping with the kind and generous spirit in Kirkland, the Parks Department placed the marker at no charge.



## Paver anyone???

The next paver order will be placed as soon as we get one or two more orders. The order forms are on the website at: [www.kirklandheritage.org](http://www.kirklandheritage.org). The small paver continues to be \$50 for 2 lines. The large paver is \$350. Please order soon.

## Are You Willing to Leave Future Generations with a Legacy?

by Lynette Weber

One of the most frequently asked questions is “How many buildings are landmarked in Kirkland?” It was big news in the 1980’s and early 90’s although now it seems we have become complacent with our town’s historical accomplishments. So, time for a refresher course!

Listed on the National Register are the following: Peter Kirk Building (620 Market St.), Sears Building (701 Market St.), Campbell Building/Masonic Lodge (700 Market St.), Loomis House (304 8th Avenue West), Woman’s Club (407 1st St.), Marsh Mansion (6604 Lake Wash. Blvd.), and Buchanan (formerly Trueblood) House (129 6th Ave.). The Kellet/Harris House is on the State Landmark Register. These properties are all given this honorary landmark status, however, it does not give our buildings any protection from demolition!!

On the other hand we have properties listed in the last several years on the Local City of Kirkland/King County Landmark Register which are protected in perpetuity. Among these are the Peter Kirk Building, Woman’s Club, Marsh Mansion, Loomis House, the Ferry Clock (Lake St. & Kirkland Ave.) and Heritage Hall (203 Market St.). The City of Kirkland will be holding a public landmark nomination hearing on May 24 to consider the Buchanan (formerly Trueblood) house as a City of Kirkland Landmark.

The other good news about being a landmarked property: tax incentives and grant monies are available to help the owners keep up with those pesky issues such as roof and window repairs, painting, foundations or most anything else that is plaguing a 50 plus year old architecturally significant building. So who wouldn’t want to do this, you ask? Good question! People made an intentional choice at some point, even 120 years ago,

to say. “This is going to be built, and it will be remembered for future generations.” Are you willing to leave a legacy for future generations?

Over the past twenty five years, the City of Kirkland has been involved in grant funded surveys in which more than 400 historical properties have been identified as architecturally significant with some having possible landmark status. The buildings which are already on the National Register and not yet locally landmarked would be the highest priority, such as the Sears and Campbell (Masonic Lodge) buildings. Is your property among those with national or local landmark status possibilities? If interested, contact your Kirkland Heritage & Landmark Commissioner, Lynette Friberg Weber at 425-890-9058 or email at [lynetterose@frontier.com](mailto:lynetterose@frontier.com).



### A Very Special Invitation

Mark your calendars for Thursday, May 24, 7:00 p.m., at Kirkland City Hall. The City of Kirkland and King County Landmark Commission will be holding a public hearing to consider the Buchanan (formerly Trueblood) house for local landmark status as well as re-instating the house on the National Landmark Register. Learn of Dr. Buchanan and his family plus the true origins of the house itself. Meet the new owners. And what about Dr. Trueblood? This has been a long time coming; since the move off the original 7th Avenue property in 2016 to the Lakeside Church lot, then finally to her new home on 6th Avenue in 2017. Please celebrate with us the saving & rehabilitation of this Grand Dame from 1890, an important icon of Kirkland’s historic roots.



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\* Kirkland Natives or deep roots serving KHS.

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The Buchanan home, Kirkland's first hospital or surgery, during its final move in 2017. See page 6 for invitation.

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