

BLACKBERRY PRESERVES

The Journal of the

KIRKLAND HERITAGE SOCIETY



One of the two newly covered
Utility Boxes on Lake Street in Kirkland
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From the President

Loita Hawkinson

Well 2019 is off and running. Linda Jatton, Frank Rosin and myself were able to put out almost 100 signs for History Month. The snow kept us from doing more. My hope is that by next year, we will have more volunteers so that we can work in teams. As we are all getting older it helps to have a friend share the load.

Thankfully the snow storm was in the forecast so we could plan ahead. I worked on the unfinished Patty Fessenden Bernhardt Collection. Patty is the granddaughter of Obed Patty and Lucy Clark Patty. Lucy's history in Kirkland dates back before there was a Kirkland. This collection has been in the archives for years. I have pecked away at it over the years as time allowed. But with 6 days of snow and nothing else planned, the entire collection has been scanned and entered into the database.

The items in the Bernhardt collection are mostly one-of-a-kind or very rare. There are original photos, programs from concerts, a 1902 autograph book that Lucy Clark received as a birthday gift from her sister Margaret, Lucy and Obed's wedding album. There are two 5-year diaries from Stella Patty that have not been scanned but they would be a great project for a volunteer to transcribe.

The 1902 autograph book is displayed with an electronic photo frame flipping through all the pages. Many historic names can be found.

With spring in the air and more hours of daylight, we are having more visitors to our mini museum. It is cluttered to be sure, but it is impressive.....if I say so myself. Thank you donors.

Loita

Computer HELP

One of our KHS computers developed a mind of its own many months ago and has been making us nervous. The board approved funding for some paid tech support in January. But before money was spent, a plea for help was put out at the same board meeting. Don Winters came to the rescue.

Armed with his laptop and pages of notes he went to work. Don made no promises other than to try. Thanks to Don the computer is now behaving.

Thank you Don.



In February, ninth grader, Kellen Hoard, told how he crafted his essay on the development of the U.S. Mint. This essay took first place in the nation. Wow. Pictured are Kellen and KHS Board Member Shannon Harris.

KHS Monthly Programs

7:00 p.m.

Heritage Hall

203 Market Street

☞☞ **March 27, 2019** ☞☞

Kent Sullivan and Matt McCauley will tell us what they have learned about the Northern Pacific railroad in Kirkland. This will cover the Peter Kirk era to present.

☞☞ **April 24, 2019** ☞☞

Randy Morelli will speak about his family, focusing on his grandfather who started the Morelli era locally.

☞☞ **May 29, 2019** ☞☞

Don Schmitz is retired from the King County Marine Patrol. He has many stories about diving in Lake Washington.

☞☞ **June, 2019** ☞☞

No membership meeting.

☞☞ **July, 2019** ☞☞

No membership meeting. See you at the 4th of July Kirkland Parade. Watch for the Model A's from the Evergreen Chapter of the Model A Club.



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*.

Kirkland Heritage Society office and museum are open:
Monday from 10 to noon
Wednesday from 2 to 5



Life Members:

Maureen Baskin, Laura Bradley-Pierucci, Bob and Valerie Burmester, David and Tasha Davis, Steve Lamson, Matt McCauley, Robert Neir, Richard and Kathy Nelson, Michael and Cathy Radcliff, Larry Springer/Penny Sweet, Sandi Stone.



Programs

Karen and Linda would like suggestions for future programs: Linda Jatton @ 425-898-4853, Karen Schickling @ 425-273-6299 or kschic1965@gmail.com.



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The Roamer

by Frank P. Rosin

In 1924 my family purchased the first of our Lake Street South property. The paint factory wasn't built until 1933 and since there were no other buildings for many blocks my mother decided that 219 would be a good address number. Our paint factory and living quarters became that, still is there today the same building not much different, 219 Lake Street South.

Our building was built by 'Mort' Mortenson a long time friend from Seattle that had come from Denmark. He built his Kirkland home on 'Newcastle', 132nd now, between Redmond and Kirkland of logs from his property in the mid 1920s. He was a shipbuilder by trade. My mother expressed a desire to have a boat since she was now living on the lake so asked him. He built two boats on our property, one inside in spare space in the newly built paint factory.

In 1934 it was launching day. Friends and relatives gathered to carry the small outboard motor boat out of the paint factory and around the side of the building to launch in the lake. This launching area is where a large redwood tree now stands. The whole beach area in 1934 looked about the same as this for almost a quarter mile from downtown south for many years. Our nearest neighbor to the south along the lake was little more than that.



The Roamer being launched with help by my mother, Marge Rosin

(My twin & I were not born for several more years)

In those days it was rare to see a boat of any kind out on the lake aside from the ferry. If a boat came by we all went out to look, it was that rare an event.

With a new for 1934 outboard motor on that boat we named 'Roamer' explored up and down the Kirkland side of the lake from Juanita to Houghton. Went all the way to Seattle and out through the locks a few times. What fun summer weekends. The next year an offer was made for the small boat by a paint customer, it was sold, another larger one was begun, outside this time. It was to be 'Mort's' boat, much larger, this time to be used for fishing in the Gulf of Alaska. He used it until WW2 broke out. Wartime boarder crossings became more difficult, 'Mort' was never to use his boat for fishing again, it was sold in Canada.

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You might see there is a wood sidewalk along Lake Street South, it extended in those days all the way from downtown Kirkland to the Shipyards in Houghton. Alder trees had grown in the dry land created 18 years before when the lake was lowered. The shoreline along Lake Street South looked very much like this, wooded all the way from Kirkland to most of Houghton. It stayed very much like this until after WW2.



The folks in the photograph of the 'Roamer' in the water are facing the camera well enough to identify. F. W. Rosin, Mox Yearbeck, Marge Yearbeck, and Marge Rosin.



Yes, that is my father in the back of the 'Roamer' and my mother is sitting up front on the top of the cabin.



The Roamer on the Lake

We Know what they are!!!!?

On December 20th, I emailed Stoney (the late Clarence Stone) to see if he had any ideas about these glass end caps. Stoney had ideas and said he would forward my email to several of his electrician friends. This was the last I heard from Stoney before he passed away.

When the donor, Don Schmitz, came in, he verified what we all had suspected and added history.

The Lake Washington Shipyard was the first shipyard on the Pacific coast to weld rather than rivet. Arc welding took more energy than the eastside could provide. Puget Sound Energy laid cable under the lake. These glass end caps were used at the end of the cables.



Don Schmitz will be our guest speaker on May 29, 2019.



The KHS Money Team

Frank does the deposits, bill paying and reports to the board. Andrea does the record keeping and balancing. Hazel will continue to be on call as Andrea gets more familiar with the KHS system.



History Month signs displayed in the lobby of the Market on Market Street.



Telephone from back page

This is the first “hand free” phone mount. Using the original candlestick phones required two hands. Telegraph operators needed a free hand. This scissors mount was used in all telegraph offices and railroad depots during the candlestick phone era.

Both the phone and mount are original Kirkland Telephone Company equipment. **And the phone works.** From the Frank Rosin Collection.

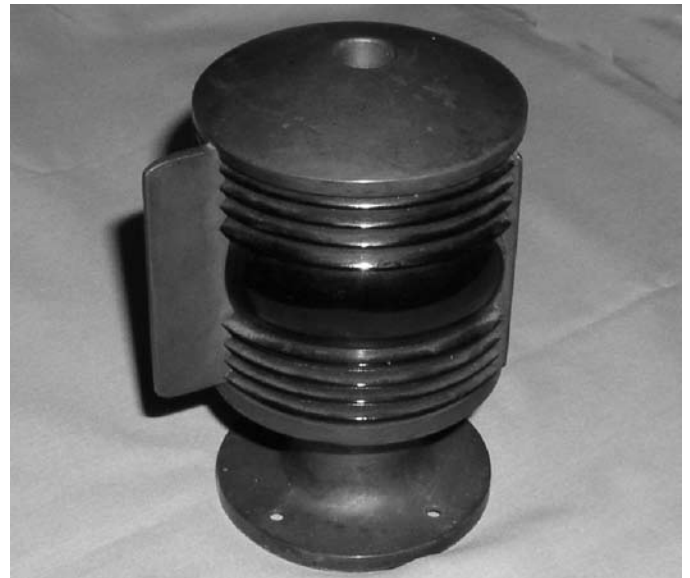
Utility boxes from page 1

Utility boxes on Lake Street & Central Way and Lake Street & Kirkland Avenue have been covered with historic photographs from the Kirkland Heritage Society Collection. As you look at the historic photos, you will be facing the current view. Some are completely different, others are familiar. Two photos have “you are here” to help get you oriented.

Photos from the collections of Ernie Fortescue, Martha Burr Millar, Art Knutson and Sandy Allen Anders have been used and credited.

Like Blackberry Preserves which is printed in Kirkland, the photographs on the utility boxes were printed by a Kirkland business.

Special thanks to Sue Contreras for getting the ball rolling on this project. And thanks to the City for finding the funds and seeing it through.



The brass Bow Light from the Roamer is now on display at the KHS Museum.

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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.

* Kirkland Natives or deep roots serving KHS.

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Candlestick telephone and scissor mount. See page 6

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