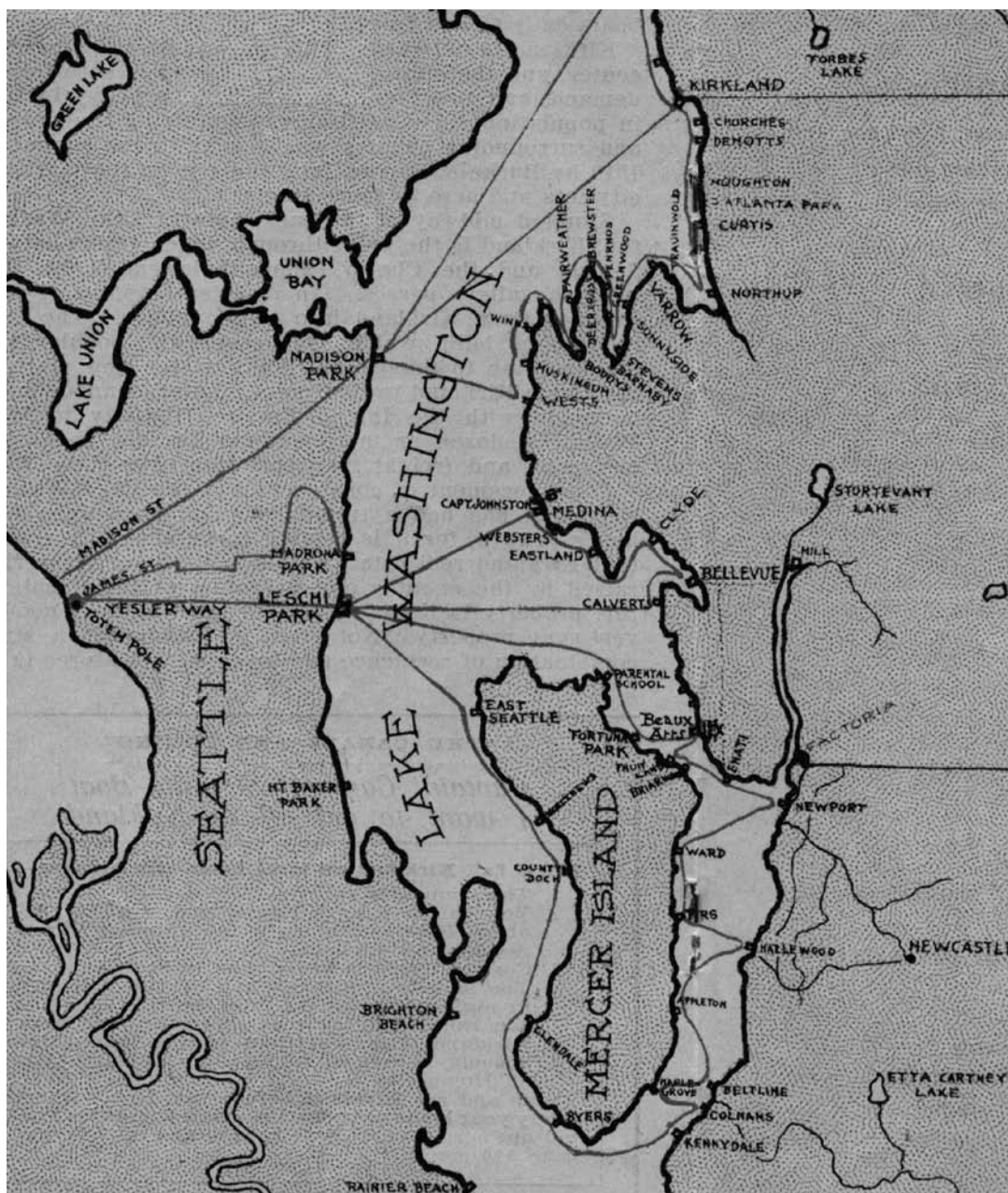


BLACKBERRY PRESERVES

The Journal of the

KIRKLAND HERITAGE SOCIETY



Ferry Route Map from the 1911 John Anderson Ferry Lines schedule.

McCauley Collection

See Page 2 for more information

From the President

Loita Hawkinson

KHS's official year started July 1, 2019 with the same board members as the previous two years. The election was on May 29, 2019. Thank you all for continuing to serve.

Ann Tagland continues to keep the membership report up to date and is transcribing WWII letters we purchased on eBay. Andrea Kyrala is keeping the money recorded and accounts balanced. Andrea is still working so must make the time on weekends. We seldom overlap but she is not "out of sight, out of mind". We know just how lucky we are to have her. Frank Rosin continues to pay the bills on time. Libbi Wright keeps the filing of new PastPerfect records up to date and then takes on projects that she finds important. After a person has volunteered for a year or so, they often know what has been overlooked.

And now Carl Waluconis has taken an interest in KHS. He is a retired professor with experience in history, writing and grants. Many of you will remember Carl from Wally's Comics on Commercial. Carl is learning how KHS operates and has given wonderful input.

Summerfest is July 26, 27, 28. KHS will have the Museum/Resource Center open on the 27th and 28th. That is Saturday and Sunday. We are running 4 hour shifts with at least 5 per shift. It is easy duty that is climate controlled with chairs, a kitchenette and bathroom. If you can help, please call 425-827-2446. Many of you have classmates who could keep you company. They do not need to be members. Just someone to keep the space open and secure. The displays are signed so your knowledge of Kirkland can be minimal.

Hope to see you at Summerfest, even if you cannot work a shift.

Happy Summer. Loita



Don Schmitz, retired from the King County Marine Patrol gave an amazing talk about the Patrol. He has been invited to speak at other gatherings because of his talk for KHS.



Programs

Karen would like suggestions for future programs:
Karen Schickling @ 425-273-6299
or kschic1965@gmail.com.



From front page:

Many old timers remember riding the Kirkland ferry to Madison Park and catching the Madison Street Car to downtown. This map shows how residents caught the ferry from their individual landings. This was before the ship canal and Lake Washington was 9 feet higher.

KHS Monthly Programs

7:00 p.m.

Heritage Hall

203 Market Street

July, 2019

No membership meeting.

8th Annual Summerfest
in Kirkland

July 26 - 28, 2019

Our Museum will be open!

August, 2019

No membership meeting.

September 25, 2019

Annual Blackberry Ice Cream
Social

If no program scheduled, we will
work on more of the unidentified
photos. Bring a friend please.

October 30, 2019

Matt McCauley & Kent Sullivan
will present Part II about the
railroads in Kirkland.

November, 2019

No membership meeting.

December, 2019

Holiday Cookie Exchange
Watch for your invitation with your
renewal letter.

KHS receives 100% commission from the sales of
Bob Neir's *A City Comes of Age* and Steve Lam-
son'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.

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Kirklandheritage.org

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

Kirkland's Pig Races

By Frank Rosin

After the somber days of WW2 in 1946 and 1947 us folks living in Kirkland began the fun 'Summer Festivals' for some good time festival activities now simply called 'Summer Fest'. Set your calendars, 'Summer Fest' will be July 26 & 28 this year.

In 1946 and 1947 we all thought the headliner at the 'Fest' had to be something special. We have used the expression, 'When Pigs Fly'. Well, it was thought they couldn't swim either but some folks being overseas at war assignments did see pigs swimming and decided to bring a water 'pig derby' to Kirkland.

The first year in 1946 the 'Pig Derby' was held at the 'City Park' at the end of Waverly Way and in 1947 was held at the 'South Kirkland Park' at the foot of 7th Street South.

These were young pigs, not tiny, not the really large ones. They were released down about four shoots to slide down in the water and swim 75 feet to shore rather ready or wanted to or not. There were floating boards to guide their lanes and some High School kids in the water to keep them from swimming astray. Most of the pigs swam toward shore but not often in their own lane and some even swam astray and had to be pointed the right direction.

Our rowboats were already in use at the 'City Park' in 1946, we had towed them the

mile there a few days earlier to help out in the 'derby' setup and other water events so we walked there to watch. In 1947 at 'South Kirkland Park' it was only about two blocks away. We could hear and see the excitement from home but not very well, it was a bit too far to see and hear very well. My twin brother and I at age 12 rowed there to take in the excitement. We could have walked or even swam there but figured we could take it in better from our rowboat. It was noisy with pigs making all the noise they could with their squeals, splashing, and a huge audience of spectators on the pier and shore yelling their favorite pig on. There was also a loud public address announcer relating who was swimming in what race and lane. There were a bunch of other folks that had decided the same as us that had ventured there in boats to take in the event. Us two 12 year olds spent the better part of that day wet, either splashed on or once in a while getting out of the rowboat to cool off. We even blocked one pig that had decided to leave the course and head for Seattle with an oar. What fun day a couple of 12 year old twins had growing up in Kirkland.

This was an unusual event. It was broadcast on the local radio, there was no television yet here in the Northwest. The movie news services were there filming the event to be shown in movie theatres all around the country the next week in the movie theatre newsreels. '*Life Magazine*' September 2, 1946 ran a feature article about the 'Kirkland Pig Derby' in the issue. It was printed in the local '*East Side Journal*' and the Seattle newspapers.



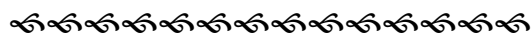
Thanks to eBay, KHS has the *1946 Life Magazine*

A word from the editor:

This is just a reminder that anyone who has memories of Kirkland is encouraged to submit an article to Blackberry Preserves. These first person accounts have historic value. Ray Lincoln has also written about the Pig Derby....Ray was one of the boys in the Lake keeping the pigs in line. Ray also told about Don Smith who owned the Sporting Goods store across the street from the High School when it was on Market Street. Mr. Smith would set a large speaker out on the sidewalk facing the high school so the kids could hear the World's Series. The teachers opened the school windows and stopped classes for the time. In 2014, Iva Boone wrote about Fred and Ruth Lott. These memories honor the past as well as the people.

When Arline Ely was researching for ***Our Foundering Fathers***, she learned that steamers were flagged down with a dish towel or lantern. The steamers would slow down for the men but came to a stop for the ladies. This was old timer's history 50 years ago. No one alive today remembers.

Unless these stories are published, this local history will be lost. Loita



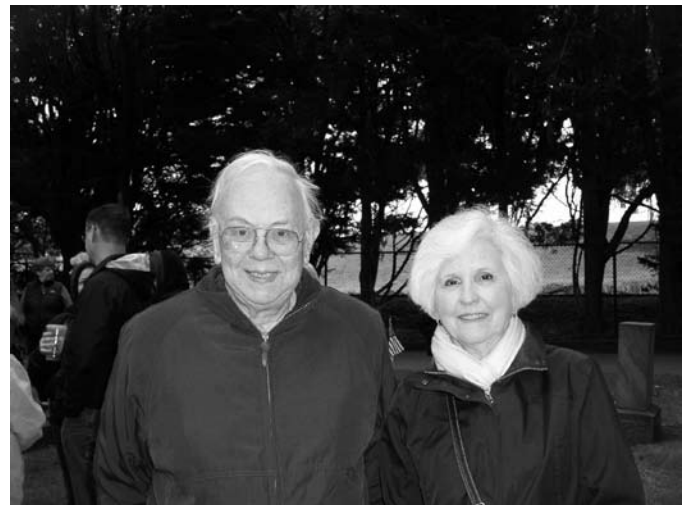
2019 Cemeter Tour

Saturday May 25, 2019 was a perfect day for Matt's Cemetery Tour.



Caroline Stamp Laskowski

Caroline's family arrived on the east side in the early 1870's. Her family is the earliest known settler in the Houghton area. Many of her family are buried in the Kirkland Cemetery. It is not known why her grandparents did not have a marker but the Edwin Stamp and Lucy Tuttle Stamp grave stone was placed last year using donations from the tour.



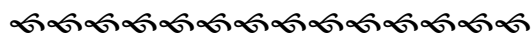
Frank and Vicki

Vicky Tompkins Bilyeu's family arrived during the Kirk Era and many are buried in the Kirkland Cemetery. Her grandfather Captain Harrie Tompkins and Uncle George Bartsch had B & T Transportation which became Lake Washington Shipyard. As a young boy, Frank knew Captain Bartsch.

New to the Collection



Leola Gilbert and Ruby Knauf at Grandparent's Home about 1919. Central School is behind them. Anita Maxwell Collection.



Do you remember?
Photo and article ran in the July 12,
1956 East Side Journal

Thank you again Frank for arranging the Evergreen Chapter of the Model A Club to represent Kirkland Heritage Society in the 2019 4th of July Parade. There were 17 cars and trucks this year... a record.



Frank had some precious cargo. Randy Morelli rode in front with Frank. Ann Tagland was in the back with the best cargo of all.... my two granddaughters, Josie and Sammy. Loita



Seventeen cars represented KHS. The model "A" was made between 1927 & 1931. The Model A replaced the Model T.

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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.

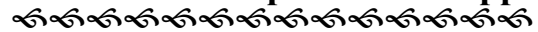
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Wayne and Linda Jatón
Tending the 4th of July parade table.

Wayne and Linda have just celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

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