

# BLACKBERRY PRESERVES

The Journal of the

## KIRKLAND HERITAGE SOCIETY



Joseph Charles Buckley came to the US from England in 1880. By 1890 he was in Kirkland working for the Kirkland Lumber Mill. In 1891 he was working for the Great Western Iron and Steel Mill. Newspapers tell us he was active in Kirkland and knew everyone. His wife and children remained in England and Joseph sent money home. He died in 1913 while under the care of Dr. George Davis. The Buckley family is trying to piece together his history in America. It has been a treasure hunt. His grave is unmarked in the Kirkland Cemetery so the family is deciding what they want on his marker. The KHS Cemetery Committee will see that his grave gets marked. J.C. Buckley is not related to the better known Buckley families who resided in Redmond and Kirkland.

## From the President

Loita Hawkinson

**Kirkland Summerfest 2019** was a whopping success for Kirkland Heritage Society. The museum was open both Saturday and Sunday. We had volunteers galore so no one was overwhelmed. Thanks to: Wayne and Linda Jatton, Karen Schickling, Frank Rosin, Bonnie McLeod, Mary Cote, Lynette Friberg, Kim Hartman, Dave Sherbrooke, Pam Owens, Libbi Wright, Carl and Angel Waluconis, Randy Morelli, Victor Bahma, Marilyn Johnson and Vinnie DiGulio. Several worked more than one shift.

The year is winding down but KHS is still busy. It was a good year for Blackberries so hopefully those in the area will attend the Blackberry Social September 25th and help identify some photos from the East Side Journal. The *North-end Eastside History Group* will meet at KHS September 18th. This is our time to share ideas on how to manage our small volunteer organizations that preserve local history. We meet twice a year. There is more to report...but I am out of space. Thank you all and Happy Fall. Loita



Oops

Ray Lincoln caught an error in the last issue of Blackberry Preserves. Don YOUNG owned and operated the Sporting Goods store, not Don SMITH.



1981

During Summerfest, Darren Tuck registered in the Born in the Kirkland Hospital directory.



2019

## 2019 Golden Grads

Honoring the class of '69

Hosted by the Class of '66.

September 21, 2019 from 1 to 4

Lake Washington High School.

12033 80th Street NE.

If you are in the area, please attend. Some of the former classmates come a distance and are disappointed when so few of their classmates attend.

And if you did not graduate from KHS or LWHS but attended, please come.



## WWI

Another Kirkland resident has been discovered to have served during WWI: Charlie Younger of Younger's Mint fame.



## Madison House

Kirkland's Madison House is our only corporate member and they are a great support for KHS's operations. Recently the director of Madison House asked for long time residents to write their memories of Kirkland. Bob Ovink (class of 1940), Marjorie Schultz Shawhan (class of 1942), Beth Summers, Barbara Fisher Kennedy (class of 1952) and Sheila Jarvis submitted their personal memories. They have now been entered into the database. We thank Madison House for their foresight in acknowledging how valuable these memories are for the preservation of history.



## Programs

Karen would like suggestions for future programs:

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

❧❧ **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.  
Happy Fall and Thanksgiving.

❧❧ **December, 2019** ❧❧

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



The City is giving the Heritage  
Hall columns some much needed  
T.L.C.

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  
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penny helps support Kirkland's history.

## Remembering Wally's

By Carl Waluconis (Wally Coins)

### *Wally's Book and Comic Exchange*

on Park Lane was a meeting place for those who loved to read. It sold inexpensive books and comic books, which could at times be quite expensive. The store, with an upstairs and downstairs, had more than five rooms of reading material.

As you walked in the door, in front of you stretched a long counter, at the end of which were stools for sitting and talking. So, people took the opportunity to sit and talk about what they were reading, had read, and planned to read. They also talked about what they were doing, had done, were planning to do, as well as what the world was doing to them. One of the customers told me, in a friendly way, "I know what you are. You're a booktender!" I wanted to object to his play on words, but I really couldn't. He had me, and we continued to exchange views. As we talked, above us on the wall, higher priced and more desirable comic books were displayed.

Formerly a *McDonald's Book Exchange*, the remade Wally's was a relatively early arrival among the comic book specialty shops, also once called the "comic shop movement". At that time, newsstands were the main place to buy comics, but Wally's offered them weeks before they appeared on the newsstands and also carried back issues. The high prices for old books astounded many customers.

Customer: "What - \$450 for a comic book?. I remember when they were a dime."



Wally: "Well, this was 12 cents once, but it is the first appearance of the Spider-Man title."

Wally's sold a number of those. I wish had saved one or two. Currently people are paying over \$30,000 for one in nice condition.

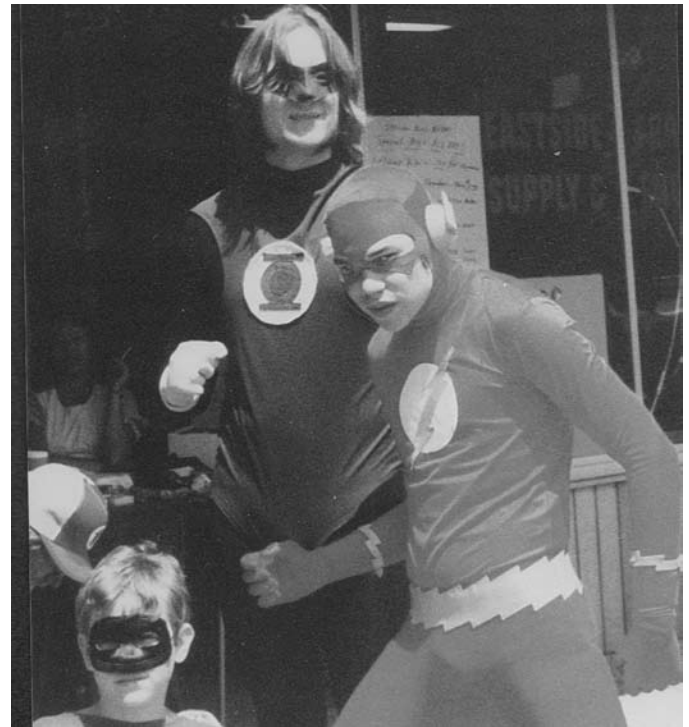
Wally's had plenty of kids, often visiting with their parents, who I occasionally see again I in my walks around Kirkland. A cashier in a supermarket asked me if I remember the comics I sold to her son.

Wally: "Was it X-Men?" (Lucky guess)

Cashier and Mother: "That's right. Well he sold them and they paid for his last two years of college."

Along the same line, a contractor building homes on my street ran out to greet me with the question, "Do you remember those Tarzan and Spider-man comics you sold me? Well I sold them to start my business building homes."

"Imagine that", I thought, "Kirkland homes financed by Spider-Man and Tarzan."



Carl as the Green Lantern, Bryan as The Flash, Robert as Robin. Dressed in costumes for the Kirkland Moss Bay Celebration Parade about 1982.

Paperback books were another mainstay at the store. Before and after the store, I taught college classes in writing and literature. But I never realized until my years in Wally's the number of "mad" readers who devoured book after book. The book exchange part of Wally's provided a lifeline for them. I measured them by how many grocery bags of books read they brought in to exchange for more books to read. Romance readers topped the list with six or more sacks each. Then came Western readers with four or so. Third were mystery readers with two-to-three sacks. Science fiction readers also read enormous amounts, but tended to collect. We sold some collectors' science fiction along with collectors' comics. During that time, I published a science fiction novel, "Whispers of Heavenly Death" and some short stories in "Amazing Stories", so I had the unique privilege of doing signings in my own store. My pen name was Wally Coins.

I remember one young man especially interested in looking through back issues, and going past closing time to pursue his interests. Well, one evening I really had to be somewhere else, so I told him he had to leave. That was a mistake. Turned out it was the son of Lenny Wilkins, the coach of the area's world champion basketball team. In hindsight, I should have just waited for the dad and asked for an autograph.

My memories of that time are mostly filled with people sharing their views and recommendations with each other, a sort of public space, community Goodread's. There was of course no accessible online forum at the time, so patrons created an atmosphere in the store which for me still does not seem entirely possible online. I realized though after a while that there was a place designed for these discussions around reading, a place outside of commercial enterprise, and it was called college. I returned to the college classroom, but I will always look back on Wally's and its community as a special time and place.

## Museum Visitors



Maddie at the old school desk



"P" for Paige. Not quite 3...



Kim & Lynette. The "Brick & Mortar Team"

2019 Summerfest Crew



Karen Lebrun Schickling



Vinnie DiGulio & Vic Newhard



Randy Morelli & Vic Newhard



Classmates Frank Rosin & Marilyn  
Timmerman Johnson



Wayne Jatton & Linda Johnson Jatton



Carl & Angel Huang Waluconis



Victor Bahma, Pam Gates Owens, Dave  
Sherbrooke



Classmates Bonnie McLeod &  
Mary Jolgen Cote



Lynette Weber, Kim Hartman, Marilyn  
Timmerman Johnson.



Libbi Wright

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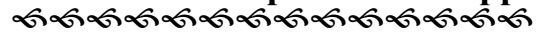
\*\* During WWI, the Hello Girls were ladies who served as telephone operators. For KHS, these sweet ladies call and remind you of the next meeting or event.

## Kirkland Heritage Society

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Your memberships make it happen.**



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**Kirkland Heritage Society**

**January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019**

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