

# BLACKBERRY PRESERVES

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Kirkland born **Marjorie Carrie McLaughlin** graduated from Kirkland High School in 1931 and the UW School of Law in 1935. In 1936 she passed the bar and became the youngest woman attorney in the state.

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## From the President

Loita Hawkinson

Hello to all. Kirkland has often been in the news for reasons we can all be proud. Now we are in the eye of a storm. Nothing more to say other than I wish you all well and we will hope for the best outcome of the Coronavirus outbreak.

KHS will keep the museum open unless we feel it necessary to close. We are in a City owned space so we will follow their guidelines. We are only open 5 hours a week and I suspect visitors will be at a minimum. However, we have been busier than expected as people feel house bound and want a place to go. It might be best to call before paying KHS a visit until further notice.

The March and April meetings have been postponed until the fall and we will then see where we stand. Our May meeting is still scheduled because another newsletter will be out by then with an update. Our meetings with *4Culture* and the *North End History Groups* have been either postponed or cancelled. The North End History Group meets twice a year so we will just cancel for March and put more energy into the September meeting.

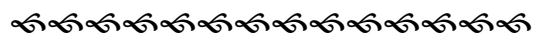
History month was quite the success. Bob and Janice Gerrish, Wayne and Linda Jatón, David Sherbrook, Frank Rosin and myself delivered almost all the plaques. The few remaining were put up in the museum. Bob and Janice covered Finn Hill and Juanita and could have used more plaques. So by next February we will have a few more.

The City will be recognizing *Black History Month*...also in February...and KHS will be partnering with them to help recognize our local black history. Two new plaques will feature this history. Over the years I have attempted to include black history in the January/February issues of *Blackberry Preserves*.

Many of the plaques continue to be displayed because of the health issues in our area. They will get a good wipe down once they return to the building....out of an "abundance of care" as they say.

The collections continue to grow. 366 images have been entered into the database since January 1, 2020. This includes objects, photos and history. It also includes 10 new donors. There is no light at the end of the tunnel. We still have a huge backlog of history plus more comes in weekly. We are not complaining...just sharing and explaining.

Until the next issue, love to you all. Loita



Windermere of Kirkland is in the historic Sears building on Market Street and 7th Avenue West. Windermere has a blog:

<https://wearekirkland.com/wak-blog>.

They have added a blog featuring Kirkland Heritage Society and some history of Kirkland. You might want to check it out.



## Programs

Karen would like suggestions for future programs:

Karen Schickling @ 425-273-6299 or [kschic1965@gmail.com](mailto:kschic1965@gmail.com).



## Amazing Scouts and an *Amazing Race*

Kirkland's Cub Scout Pack 550, was chartered by the Kirkland Kiwanis Club and serves Scouts from Lakeview Elementary and Peter Kirk Elementary.

Last year the troop did an *Amazing Race* style event around Houghton. It was so popular that this year they held their 2nd *Amazing Race* in downtown Kirkland. The race was on Saturday February 29th.

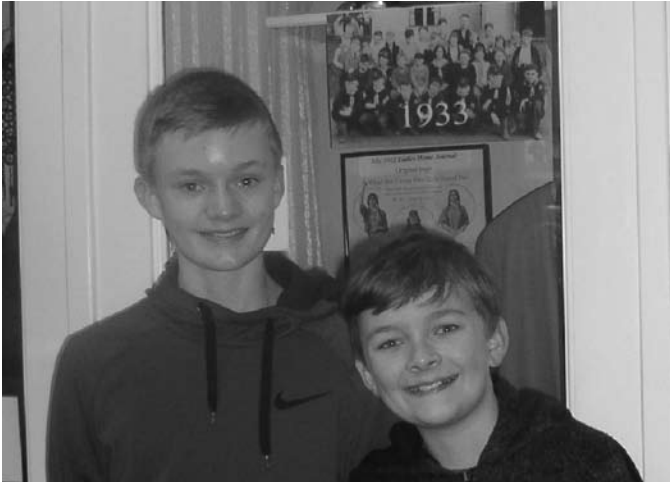
The forecast was to be cold and wet so we had hot chocolate ready. None was needed: it was warm and sunny and this was a race. 20 members in 9 separate groups came by Kirkland Heritage Society's museum. The Scouts learned about Mae Belle Esty, the first woman scout master in the U.S. and about how the Wolf Pack started in Kirkland in 1921 and is believed to be the first in the U.S. They learned about the lake lowering in 1916. As a give-a-way, they each received a photo of Mrs. Esty, a photo of her pack in 1935, and a 1935 Washington State Tax Token. They learned how tax tokens were used and it was amazing how they understood the value of a half cent during the Great Depression.

We need to thank Randy Morelli for donating a jar of 1935 tax tokens. They were first issued in 1935 so they are rather special. And thanks to Karen Schickling and Frank Rosin for joining me for the afternoon event. It was truly fun. Loita



The above family represents 4 generations in Scouting. The grandma in this group grew up in a home with a photo of her father with Lord Baden Powell.





It makes no difference who  
actually won the *Amazing Race*.  
They are all winners.



Marie Petersen Gelow Yesland, class of 1940, recently passed away. The family is slowly going through her school memories and donating to KHS. One of the items is this purple ceramic Kangaroo. Does anyone have any history about this Kangaroo? We know it was for the class of 1940 and was made by Nedra. Is this a one of a kind or was a Kang given to all graduates? We know that the school held ceramic classes and had an oven. It is thought that the oven malfunctioned in 1973 and burned down the original KHS which was then the Junior High. But we do not know if the school had such an oven in 1940. Any information about Nedra and the kangaroo would be appreciated. The Kangaroo is on display at KHS.

## Our 19th Amendment

As America celebrates the centennial of the 19th Constitutional Amendment that gave women the vote, we need to be reminded that Washington State gave women the vote 10 years earlier. The first thing Kirkland voters did was elect a woman to the town council. This was Miss Carrie Shumway of the historic Shumway family.

Washington's voting history is even more impressive when we go back to 1883. When Washington was a territory they gave women the vote, including women of color.

When women in the Washington Territory could vote, Julia Hawley served as both King County Grand Juror and Bailiff. Her neighbor and friend, Eliza Forbes, served as the first woman Justice of the Peace. They both lost their positions when they lost the vote in 1887 as Washington was preparing for statehood. Both these women then became very active in the suffrage movement.

Much of this has been covered in previous issues of *Blackberry Preserves* but since March is **Woman's History Month** and the country is acknowledging the 19th Constitutional Amendment, I thought it was a good time for a reminder. Washington and Kirkland in particular, have been historically progressive.



## Your help is needed

Peter Warren Kirk, son of Peter and Cora Kirk and grandson of Kirkland Founders Peter and Mary Kirk served during WWII. Peter was captured and survived the Bataan Death March. Peter was eventually rescued and went on to serve in Korea.

Peter later wrote: *Diary of a Bataan Prisoner*. This is a 376 page unpublished

manuscript. Copies of the manuscript were distributed to family and KHS has a copy. Now a request has been made by the Kirk family to either publish a book or put it on the web.

The copy that is archived by KHS is a copy of a copy. The quality is not good enough to digitize so that it is text searchable. It will need to be retyped page by page. This is where you can help if you have a computer and time. Pages would be scanned, emailed to you and then you could transcribe them and email the transcription to me. They would then be put in a Word Document. As long as we had the page number, they can be kept in order.

Once complete, we could ask for a grant from 4Culture to publish the manuscript. Or we could put it on our website. But first, these 376 pages need be transcribed. Call KHS at 425-827-3446 if you are interested. Loita





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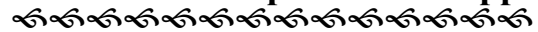
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Eighth graders at Finn Hill Middle School were studying Washington State History and their teachers wanted to include Kirkland History. KHS was asked if we could provide a program. On March 5th, 2020 they got an hour of history from the 1870s through 1950 when the last ferry left Kirkland. Seen here they are patiently waiting for the PowerPoint to be set up.

They are a beautiful group of kids.

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