

# BLACKBERRY PRESERVES

## The Journal of the

# KIRKLAND HERITAGE SOCIETY

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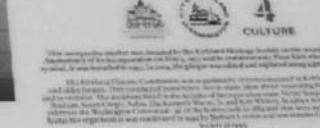


The Legacy of Peter Kirk



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In 2002 historic markers were placed around Kirkland. After the first few years these markers began to deteriorate. Thanks to the City and 4Culture, they have been replaced with corrected history and improved photos. New technology will guarantee the photos will stand the test of time.



## From the President

Loita Hawkinson

Dear members and community,

KHS is humming along as best we can. We continue to receive donations and phone calls asking for history. Memberships - both new and renewal are coming in. There have been no board meetings. With no activities there is nothing to discuss or vote on. Any money spent is for operating expenses and those are already approved.

The museum is open by appointment which allows for research and for donations to be dropped off. Since early March we have had a nice supply of masks and sanitizers. Face masks are required and we now have a forehead thermometer. Because we have three rooms, we can keep our distance.

The back page of this newsletter has East Side Journal clippings from the 1918 Spanish Flu pandemic. I have one dear friend who remembers the Spanish Flu because of the face masks. Doris was born in Seattle so this is her second pandemic.

The more we read the 1918 history, the more we can see the similarities between 1918 and 2020. But one major difference is in communication. In 1918 they did not have radio. News traveled by word of mouth, letter, telegram and weekly newspapers. People had to rely on their wits to stay entertained. It was war time so Victory Gardens helped keep kids busy.

The front page gives a sample of the four new and improved historic markers. There is a new one at the Kirkland Art Center and at the Louis S. Marsh marker at Marsh Park. We can thank the Planning & Historic Sites team of Kim Hartman and Lynette Weber for working with the City. KHS provided the photos and corrected text. The City applied for a grant from 4Culture. It was a team effort and they are beautiful.

Christine Morrow donated a large limited edition print of the historic French House. We thought it would be archived but by moving a photo to another wall, the print is displayed in the French Collection Corner. Somehow, things do find a home.

And by the time you get this newsletter, we may have an antique chandelier from the 1891 Hotel Jackson. It was later owned by the Leland family and is now coming to KHS.

Can't say it enough. Stay well. Loita



## Golden Grads 2020

Ray Lincoln reported that Golden Grads is being cancelled this year. No explanation necessary.

See you next year.



## New life for old things

Repurpose a vintage hankie or glove guard for 2020. Years ago ladies dared not be without a linen or cotton hankie. They often used a decorative Hankie-Guard to keep one handy. These pretty clips did double duty for gloves. Today....they would be great for our masks. So if there is one tucked away in your old jewelry box or in the grandchildren's craft box...put it back in service.





## KHS Monthly Programs

7:00 p.m.

Heritage Hall

203 Market Street

Programs will return when we are told it is safe. We will then follow the current guidelines. Heritage Hall is large enough to allow for safe distancing. Linda's wonderful cookies might be a thing of the past for a while as long as we have to wear a mask. Time will tell.

### 2020

Jan McLaughlin and her brother Jock McLaughlin are third generation in Kirkland. They grew up in the Market Neighborhood in a now gone historic home that had been their grandmothers. Both graduated from Lake Washington High School. Their dad Bill was a coach at LWHS and Mac Field is named in his honor. They will be giving us a history of their family in Kirkland with photos.

### 2020

**Randy Morelli**

Part II of his memories of his Morelli family life.

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 will re-open:  
Monday from 10 to noon  
Wednesday from 2 to 5 when allowed by the City.



### Life Members:

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

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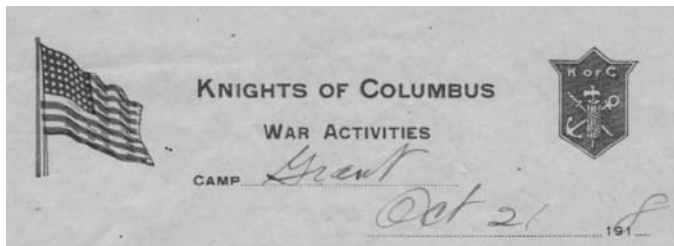


## In the mail

### A 102 year old letter Could have been written last week

Kirkland born **Jill Keeney** recently discovered a very timely letter that was written by her grandparents to her great grandparents. Jill scanned and transcribed this 1918 letter and sent the files to KHS. The family will be keeping the original letter.

The letter was mailed from **Camp Grant** on **Knights of Columbus War Activities** letterhead. Jill's grandfather tells about the Spanish Influenza pandemic. We think you will be amazed how little things have changed in 102 years. Bill Siemens became a Seattle doctor. Thank you, Jill, for sharing.



October 21, 1918

Dear Home Folks:

Your letter rec'd this A.M. and pleased to know you are well yet and no doubt will remain so.

Gertrude and I are happy & well yet. She is off duty here now, was at the Base Hosp. just 2 weeks. She rather enjoyed it, though it was hard work it never-the-less was a great experience for her.

The Spanish Flu is much better now only 7-10 deaths per 24 hours & most of them are old cases, in a few more days It will be all

over I believe. All the extra nurses and other extra help have left the Hosp. now. Sure too bad so many should have died from this disease in so short a time don't know if it has any special significance or not, there have been other diseases in times gone by that have caused the death of many more people than the Spanish flu did this fall. So many cases on record where whole towns died off so fast that they could not even find enough well people to bury them & this has not been nearly so severe as that.

About preventives for Spanish Flu we use nothing in particular, no preventive is known. we are told here to be careful about our hands & keep them well washed, bathe often, drink lots of water, not eat too heavy, take a laxative if needed. Do not let anyone cough or sneeze in your face and keep away from theaters, churches and all public gatherings. Get lots of fresh air in the house & get out of doors often. Put your bedding and mattress out in the sun for half a day twice per week.

"Conny" and I have been using some FORMAMINT tablets which I am sure are very good to take 2 or 3 times a day & oftener if your throat is sore.

Yes, I had a sick spell twice but just quit eating till I felt ok again. Had the flu the first time I am sure & came very near reporting for sick call to go in the Hosp. as a patient. Am glad now I didn't even though I did feel mighty bum for a few days. Had my last attack a week ago Sunday so don't think I will have it any more.

I will likely be here at least this winter & by spring the war may be over. Must close.

Hello to all.  
Lovingly  
Conny & Bill



## How to save your family treasurers

Hints by Loita Hawkinson

With all the self isolation, a lot of people are going through their drawers. This is a good time to offer some advice on how to preserve your history.

First of all be sure to name and date photos. Write on the back on the upper or lower edge so that the photo itself will not be creased. Give full names so that generations ahead will know. Avoid writing: me, Mom, Dad, Grandpa, Grandma and so forth unless you give their full given names too. Takes time but if you do not take the time, the photos will one day be dumped.

Do not use tape or Post-its. The glue will damage. Do not use any paper clips. Some will rust, all will crease. Avoid rubber bands at all times. They all will get gummy and then dry out (think of the poor worms on a sidewalk after a good rain).

Do not use any soft plastic bags. The bags have a gas in them to make them soft and pliable. This gas will harm anything stored in them for a period of time. Today you can get PVC free sandwich bags but once out of their box...who will know if they are PVC free or not. Best to avoid. Any clear plastic bag that crinkles (think candy wrapping in a quiet movie theater) are good to use. The clear archival sleeves found at Costco in boxes of 250 or more are ideal for photos, cloth, papers, etc.

I prefer using a clear bag and not an archival paper sleeve. It is very easy for a paper sleeve to be overlooked or even tossed with something of interest or value inside. Linen and unbleached muslin are ideal to protect fabrics. Thrift-stores offer linen and cotton table cloths for very little cost. Wash using no soap or fabric softener.

If you have small family mementos, Dollar Tree sells small organza draw string bags that are opaque. A tag can be attached telling of the history. This will not guarantee your family will keep the memento, but at least when it is donated or sold, they will know that it was "The little pin Grandpa gave Grandma Jones before they were married. He didn't have much money but wanted her to know he liked her. She always treasured it".



If you have negatives, keep them even if you have a print. The print only has so much information and any copy will be only as good as the print. But the negative has much more information and with today's technology you can see much more detail. The paper will only hold so much data but the larger the paper, the more data. An example is my mother was born July 30, 1915. My grandpa took a photo of her aunts outside the house while my mother was being born inside the house. The door is

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wide open but it is black inside. Scanning the negative and then lightening the photo revealed the kitchen stove with coffee pot, a purse on the end table, etc. Another example was of my Grandmother holding my mother on the porch. This negative was scanned, edited and cropped and it is framed and in my living room. It looks like a portrait. It does not take a high end photo program to do this. And it is fun if you have the time....and we do.

Keep those negatives in the paper sleeves from the photo shop. They are glassine and archival. If you have glass negatives, search the WEB for how to handle them. Do not toss glass negatives just because no one knows how to process them these days. They can be scanned on a negative film scanner. Contact KHS and I will do it for you.

Keep clothes in a clear brittle plastic box. Some candies come in these boxes and are ideal for smaller items. Do not store in any of the traditional storage containers... again they emit a gas that will damage over the years. Those hard plastic file boxes work well...just label on all four sides.

Cotton paper is easy to find and will protect papers from damaging other papers. Simply sleeve the historic papers with 100% cotton paper. Do not worry about using cotton gloves. Just keep your hands clean and free of any lotion or food. Keep your hands away from your face to protect from oils.

If you find you need some archival materials and do not wish to buy a large supply, for a small donation KHS will provide them. Just leave a message at 425-827-3446 and we will work something out. Loita

## Paver update

To those who have been patiently waiting for news about the final order of pavers there is an update. The order was placed nearly a year ago. The last we heard was that they are ready and we just need to wait until the engraver has an order to deliver near Kirkland. We get free delivery by waiting.

The board decided that this will be the last order. The walk is nearly full and there have been wear issues that were not anticipated.

Thanks to all who have supported this 18 year fundraiser. The proceeds from the pavers went for building maintenance. The City is now doing our maintenance so the remaining funds will go towards a future special project.



**Mask-Distance-Barrier**

then

**Fold-Seal-Label-Stamp**



## Programs

Karen would like suggestions for future programs:

Karen Schickling @ 425-273-6299 or  
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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.

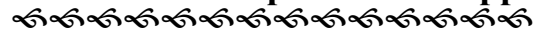
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### 2020 MEMBERSHIP

Kirkland Heritage Society

January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020

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### Membership Category

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203 Market Street  
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425-587-3300**



# All East Side Meetings Forbidden By Co. Physician

Fifteen Cases of Spanish Influenza Reported In Kirkland and Immediate Vicinity by Local Health Officer--Extreme Precautions Will Prevent Further Spread

## INFLUENZA UNDER BETTER CONTROL ON EAST SIDE

While it seems that the influenza situation is under better control one day, it breaks forth with increased force the next.

Seattle is taking drastic measures to subdue it. Gauze masks must be worn by everybody according to the health officers. The crowds in stores are closely regulated. Street car travel is under restrictions requiring ventilation and no crowded cars.

## SCHOOL IS ON AGAIN, OFF AGAIN, TO PUPILS DELIGHT

Clippings from the 1918  
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