

# BLACKBERRY PRESERVES

The Journal of the

## KIRKLAND HERITAGE SOCIETY



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## From the President

Loita Hawkinson

It has been quite the year. Much of what is displayed at the Kirkland Heritage Society was in Kirkland during the 1918 pandemic. This fact gives me an odd but cozy feel as I am working with the collection.

The museum continues to be closed and donations are still received by appointment. This will continue until early summer at the earliest. There has been no board meeting since January 2020 and we will try a Zoom meeting next year. Our annual budget will need to be approved. Everything else is pretty automatic.

When the newsletter is prepared for the mail, Frank and I wear masks and keep the door open. A large Plexiglas shield is between us. So we are following the rules as best we can.

With each and every donation, there is paperwork. This paperwork must be filed in the archives. It is tedious work and thankfully Libbi Wright enjoys tedious work. She is fast and she is accurate. Just hope she knows how much she is appreciated.

A big thank you is due to: Bob Gerrish for keeping the computers up to date and being the Membership Chair; Chris Neir for our new and improved website; Andrea Kyrala for keeping our financial records up to date and Frank for doing the financial paperwork.

Even though we are closed to visitors, we are open in every other sense of the word. We each have a key so we can work independently.

One of the last donations is a large slag glass chandelier that was in the Leland Hotel. Laura Mosing's mother was married to Al Leland. When the historic building was sold and torn down in 1964, Al saved this fixture. We had assumed that Fred Leland, Al's father, had installed the fixture. But now that it has been cleaned and inspected, this 16 panel light has hardware from much earlier. The brass sockets are marked 50CP for Candle Power... dating them from 1899 through 1910. This light most likely was installed about 1914 when Kirkland finally got electricity.

Hopefully the City can replace one of the lights that hangs over Harry and Rosa French's 1895 dining room table. If not, it will be hung as a swag light.

This is it for the year. Stay safe and healthy.  
Happy Holidays. Loita

## In the mail

Loved the Ted Tillman story! He was a classmate and good friend of my sister, Lorna Brennan Miller – six years older than me. I knew a lot of the names. Dorothy (Dorothy Brennan Daily).

I was very excited to read the article by Ted Tillman. I believe he was in my aunt's class. (Joyce Click Zierow) When he came to town many years ago, my mother, (Genevieve Click McLeod) and Aunt Joyce were giddy with excitement. I believe I met him at one of the brick houses on Waverly Way. I hope he knows how fondly he is remembered in his home town.  
Bonnie (Bonnie McLeod)

I should thank you for the article but that picture of me was taken by the Annual Photographer and I did not like it much. I had a delightful letter from Dorothy Daily, the younger sister of Lorna Brennan - one of my dear many year friends - starting about the 2nd year of school through High School. My best, Ted (Ted Tillman)



Libbi with her assistant, Jellee.

# 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.

## 2020

No holiday Cookie Exchange for December 2020  
Membership renewals will be mailed out in December.

## 2021

Jan McLaughlin and her brother Jock McLaughlin are third generation in Kirkland. They grew up in the Market Neighborhood in a now demolished 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.

## 2021

### 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 recommended by the City.

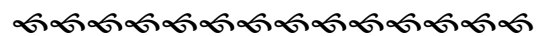


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[Kirklandheritage.org](http://Kirklandheritage.org)

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

## Quality Feed/Globe Feed A tangled history

Three acres on 6th Street South just north of the Google Campus has been Midlakes Feed, Quality Feed and Globe Feed. The Lawson family had been the owner/operator since 1920. In 1960 the company celebrated its 40th Anniversary.

Few people remember Quality Feed but many area residents remember Globe Feed. Few people have been able to shed light on the history of this long time Kirkland business. Newspaper articles only added to the confusion about the the feed mills that operated on 6th Avenue South.

When John DeYoung of Redmond's DeYoung's Farm & Garden donated three unused invoices from Globe Feed Mill, he gave a little history about Bernie Lawson whose parents originally owned Globe Feed. Having Bernie's name helped open the century old history of the Lawson family.

Bernie's parents, Jack and Manya Lawson, were born in Russia and came with their parents to Montreal, Canada in order to get an education. Jack and Manya met and married in Montreal before immigrating to the area in 1920. They moved to Kirkland after buying Midlakes Milling Company on 6th Avenue South. The mill also had a small grocery to serve the immediate neighborhood. This mill and grocery burned in 1921. Lawson's quickly rebuilt and soon changed the name to Quality Feed. They no longer operated a grocery but focused on the mill.

Their only child, Bernard Irving Lawson, was born in 1924. Bernie attended Kirkland schools, served in the Army during WWII and worked at the mill.

WWII brought many changes to the Lawson family. Bernie left school and the mill

when he enlisted. Then in 1943, the U.S. Government leased Quality Feed Mill to store materials for the Lake Washington Shipyard. This lease continued until the end of the war.

During the war years the Lawson's purchased and operated Globe Feed Mill in Seattle. When the government leases ended and the Kirkland mill was returned to the Lawson's, the Lawson's sold their Seattle feed business but retained the name of Globe Feed. Jack, Manya and Bernie continued to operate Quality Feed Mill as Globe Feed Mill.



1943, from TheNational Archives  
Inside the warehouse.

Now about the Lawson's. They were Kirkland's only Jewish family and Mrs. Lawson kept a kosher home. The Leschi Ferry brought kosher meat from Seattle and they went to Seattle for all the Jewish holidays. The Lawsons were very active and popular in Kirkland. They would visit and enjoy their neighbors but did not eat with them unless it was Kosher which it often was.

Jack Lawson went on many business trips buying the quality ingredients for their mill. Manya Lawson worked in the office. When

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Jack died in 1948, Manya continued working with Bernie. Manya retired in 1968 and Bernie continued operating the mill until 1972. Bernie then closed the mill because 6th Avenue South was no longer rural. Kirkland had grown up around it. New costly restrictions forced the mill to close. Bernie worked for DeYoung's Farm & Garden until declining health forced his retirement. Bernie's two sons also worked for DeYoung's.

Much of the feed mill history came from a 1974 oral history with Manya Lawson. The interview was a project for the Washington State Jewish Historical Society and is in the Special Collections at the University of Washington. The interview can be heard on their website and has been transcribed. It was a happy accident that most of this oral history is about Kirkland, the feed business and being Jewish in Kirkland. Search the UW Digital Collections for Manya Lawson. It is worth a listen. The transcription has now been printed and is in a binder along with ads and history of the business. The binder is on the shelves at KHS.

Bernie lived on 6th Avenue South until he married in 1948. He then lived at 1021 1st Street in the Norkirk Neighborhood. If you knew Bernie and his family or worked for the Lawson's, drop us a note. To date, KHS has no photos of this family.



Globe Feed Mills suffered a fire while vacant. In 1974 it was demolished and Dean Jowers (Class of '67) was on the crew. Dean salvaged a brass bolt left from the Shipyard days. This foot long bolt was a fastener for a porthole. It is on display with the WWII and shipyard history at KHS.



From 1951



East Side Journal  
1948

Do any of you have fond memories of Younger's Mints? Please share.



**Programs**

Karen would like suggestions for future programs:

Karen Schickling @ 425-273-6299 or kschic1965@gmail.com.

## Mary Dobbs McKay

Mary Dobbs McKay moved to Kirkland during the Kirk Era. Mrs. Dobbs was a seamstress who made her living by sewing for the Kellett, Nettleton and Shumway families among other neighbors.

On November 4, 1907, Mary McKay fell into Lake Washington when the Steamer Urania left the dock in Houghton just as she was stepping onto the wharf. In April of 1908, *The Seattle Times* reported that Mrs. McKay was awarded \$1,200 by the Superior Court. Anderson Steamboat Company objected to the settlement which was sizable in 1908 dollars and offered her \$600. Rather than drag out the issue, she settled for the \$600. The State Supreme Court objected to this settlement and in February of 1909 ordered the Anderson Steamboat Company pay \$6,000.

So that is the “nuts and bolts” of the 1907 Urania episode. Then two days after reporting the \$6,000 judgment, the *Times* ran the following:

**The Supreme Court of Washington holds that it should not militate against plaintiff Mary McKay in her suit for damages against the Anderson Steamboat Company, because the lower court referred to her by the overworked and artificial title of “lady” instead of a woman—one of God’s creations. Perhaps when the Suffragettes get to running things they will “cut out” the use of the word “lady” and leave it exclusively to the street car conductors and sleeping car porters.**

I hope you enjoy this bit of trivia from over 110 years ago. Washington gave women the right to vote in 1910 and Kirkland’s suffragettes had been out in full force.

## Paver update

They are here. They look wonderful. The buyers have been notified and the City will install them when they find the time. The tiles which were made by mistake were of no use to the engraver so they have been given to the families who ordered the pavers. The tiles will make nice trivets.



### Parkplace

Going, going, gone



March 3, 2020



April 13, 2020



May 11, 2020



July 13, 2020

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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.

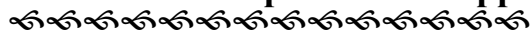
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425-587-3300**



In 1943, the feed mill housed part for the Seaplane Tenders.  
National Archives Collection

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