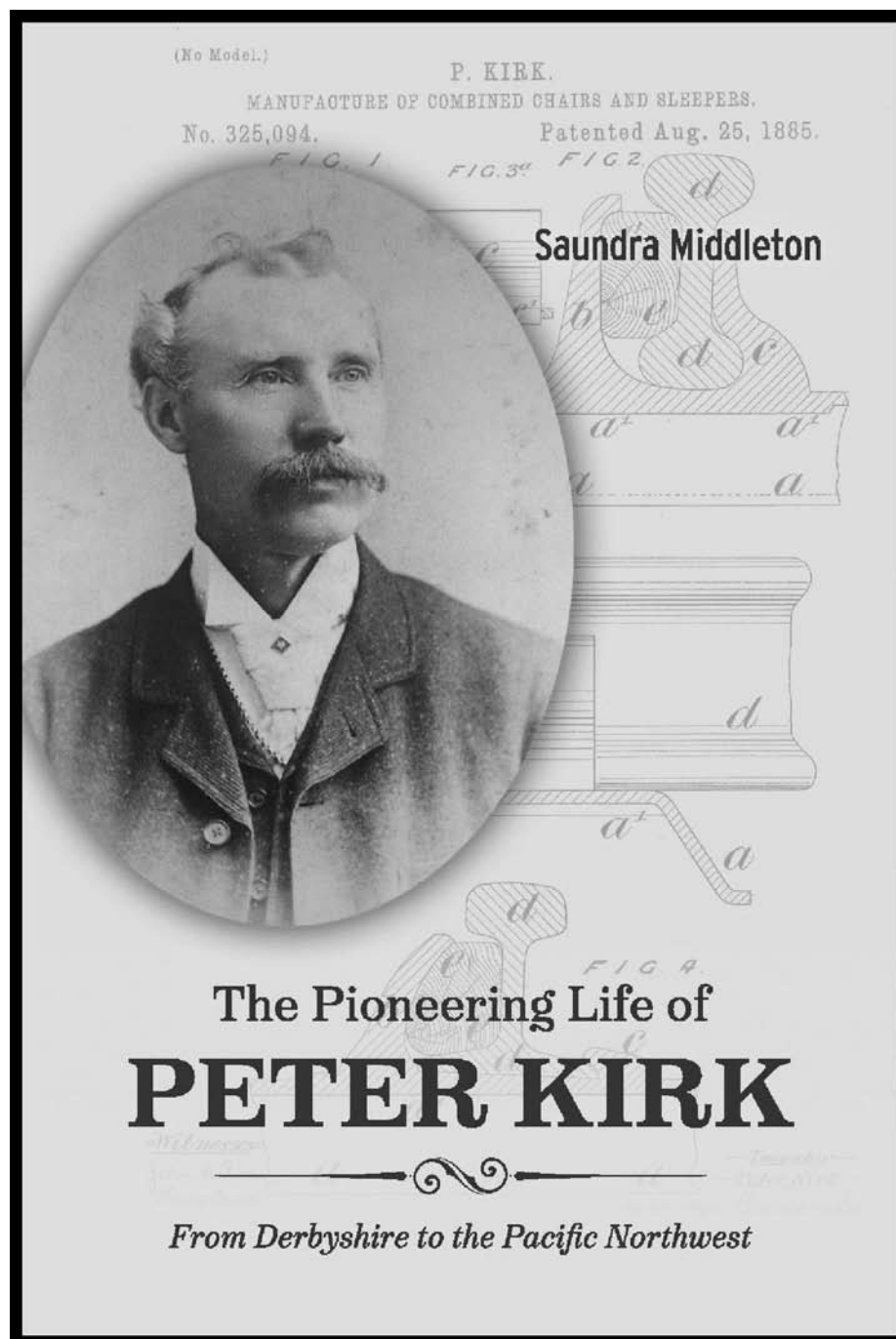


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From the President

Frank Rosin

We are now officially in summer and look forward to holding some marshmallows over an open fire. Squishing them between graham crackers with a slab of Hershey's chocolate is an instant hit on every occasion.

We are looking forward now to being able to get back to having regular meetings and the other activities coming up. Summer Fest is one of them. We are going to be able to have our annual Ice Cream Social with freshly picked blackberries. I looked out in our back yard a few days ago, I may not have enough but there are certainly enough to put a big dent in what we usually have for the ice cream. There are always enough wild ones around.

Growing up under our paint factory and then the apartments we rented almost every weekend during those summer days during WW2 were always a picnic.

Critical food items were rationed during the War, but the folks living in our apartments from other parts of the country to work in the Shipyards down the street made up a whole extended family. Everyone shared sugar, coffee, bacon, even corn to pop to make it all a picnic feast those weekends. Watermelons were always available. We just tossed or spit the seeds in the lake, there were always mallard ducks around to gobble those up.

Marshmallows and graham crackers always seemed available during WW2 but Hershey's chocolate sure wasn't. All of that went to our troops overseas. Popcorn didn't seem to be a problem.

Almost everyone living in our apartments had come from Amarillo Texas. Buster and Norma Molder and his sister Vera had a well drilling firm in Amarillo but came here

for the Shipyard work which was more critical for the War Effort. They were some of our favorite folks that we corresponded with for years after the War when they had returned to Texas.

Our brick outdoor bar-be-que was fired with wood from the lake. In those days drifting wood was plentiful. When a ship was launched from the Shipyards there were hundreds of small wedges of wood escaping that had held the ship firm on the ways. Those were perfect fire starters.

We had our own milk cows at our relative's farm on Rose Hill so we churned our own butter. We had a plentiful supply, it was rationed otherwise and somewhat scarce. The same went for eggs, our chickens provided us well and for grilled chicken also.

It was wonderful to grow up on the lake in Kirkland



In the mail

Story of Chuck Timmerman

By his sister Marilyn Timmerman Johnson

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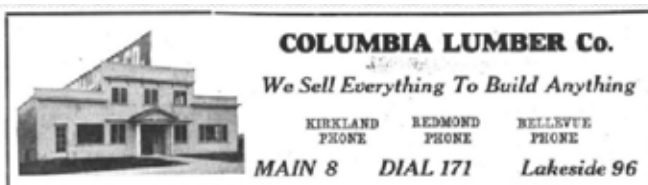
In 1947 my brother Chuck was seventeen years old when he purchased his first car.... a Model A Coupe that had a rumble seat. At that time Kirkland City Hall sat at the foot of Market Street where the road leads to the Marina.

One afternoon Chuck was driving down Market Street when suddenly a tire on the Model A came loose and rolled right through the big plate glass window of City Hall! Our neighbor, Mrs. Rutledge, was behind him and witnessed it.

Marilyn, LWH Class of 1954



● **OLD BUILDING** of the East Side Lumber company is quite familiar to everyone. Located on the end of Market street it has been purchased by the city of Kirkland and will in the near future be used for council chambers and police station. (JOURNAL PHOTO.)



Supporting our First People

The Duwamish are our area's first people, and they have been fighting for nearly five decades to restore their status as a federally recognized Indian tribe.

On May 29, 2021 the Kirkland Heritage Society voted to support the Duwamish in their attempt to restore this status. As a 501C3 non-profit, KHS cannot financially support a political cause but KHS can offer support by sharing history and any documentation KHS may have.

Chief Seattle was of the Duwamish and he was the first to sign the Point Elliott Treaty in 1855. The reenactment of the signing in 1933 was a two day event held at Juanita Beach. KHS has a few original photos of this celebration that are in the Forbes and the Arden D. Olson Collections.

Ann Kanum Tuttle was Duwamish and is buried in the Kirkland Cemetery along with her husband and many of their descendents. KHS purchased a grave stone for one of her daughters and sons-in-law which had been unmarked.

So not much history but Kirkland has been involved over the years and KHS is proud to support the Duwamish effort.



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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*.

Special thanks to members who are working quietly behind the scenes:

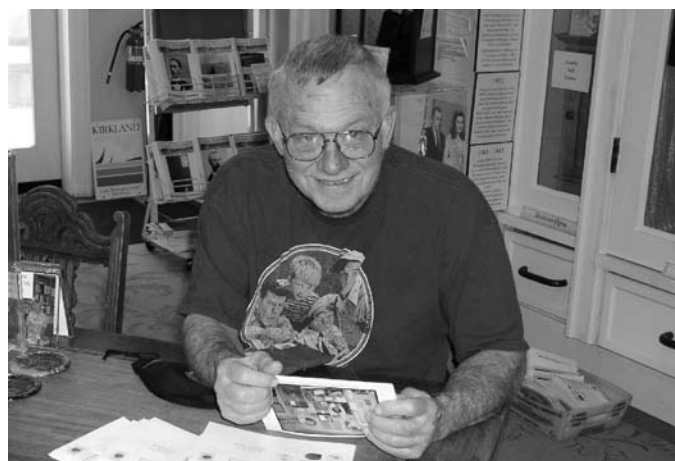
Kris Neir for website and Facebook postings.

Bob Gerrish for his dedication to the membership list.

Linda Jatón for doing much needed house keeping.



Retired Electrician, Robert McLaughlin has the Hotel Jackson's chandelier up to code. Now the City will install it when they have a spare moment.



Don Schmitz was a great help with the last newsletter. He kept us entertained with just a few of his memories about his time on Lake Washington before he retired from the King County Marine Patrol.

Book Release on Kirkland Founder, Peter Kirk, August 4, 2021

The Pioneering Life of Peter Kirk—From Derbyshire to the Pacific Northwest, a biography on Kirkland founder, Peter Kirk is scheduled for release August 4 by his descendant, Sandra Middleton. The author found his ancient Chapel-en-le-Frith iron-producing family in the archival vaults of Derbyshire; traced his life in Workington where his own successful iron business (Moss Bay Hematite Iron & Steel Co.) was fueled by his many inventions; and followed his path to Washington where he was intent on building the area's first large-scale steel mill. He was met with hostile immigrant sentiment, feuding railroads, and the greatest financial recession America witnessed in the 19th century. But to Peter Kirk, "It was a small price to pay to launch so rosy a project."



The KHS socially distanced elections were a success. It had been over a year since many of us had visited so the time went fast as we had a catch up.



Vic & Frank show their new Pandemic Hair styles.

History repeats itself after 106 years

by Loita Hawkinson

In 1915 Kirkland was home to a film plant, Washington Film Works. It was between 8th and 10th Avenue in the Capitol Hill neighborhood...now known as Norkirk. Only one film was made because the plant was set up for silent movies and talkies were starting to be in vogue. The 1915 silent film was *Ski Man* and it featured the crash of a small plane.

In May of 2021 a film company, *Alive & Kicking*, was filming in downtown Kirkland and at Heritage Hall. The production company did not want photos taken but it was too much of a temptation and it is our local history. The May 2021 filming on the steps of Heritage Hall featured the crash of a hot air balloon.

The 1915 photo is not great because it is a copy from the newspaper. The 2021 photo is not great because I was being sneaky and was in a hurry. But we can't say that Kirkland doesn't have colorful and memorable history.



1915



2021



KHS Monthly Programs Heritage Hall 203 Market Street

Programs will now return as soon as they can be scheduled. We will continue to follow the current City & State guidelines.

2021

Jan and Jock McLaughlin
and Randy Morelli



National Archives update

You hopefully have heard that the National Archives on Sand Point Way in Seattle will be saved. It had been scheduled for sale with the historic collections sent to two other states.

Aside from the Native American history, these archives house our Japanese history during WWII, the Lake Washington Shipyard history and much much more. Thank you all who called and wrote supporting this valuable resource.

2021 Kirkland Summer Fest

Our 2021 Summer Fest is on for 2021.
July 31 and August 1, 2021.

Our plan is to have our Museum open
on Saturday and Sunday and to sell
Sarsaparilla Soft Sodas.

In addition to the Board Members we
need volunteers to attend our stand near
the sidewalk and inside our museum.

The more folks we have, the more fun this
all will be. After a whole year and a half
of somewhat isolation, this will be one of
our first public appearances for Kirkland
Heritage.

Please let us know when you will be able
to put in one of the shifts. We do need as
many of you that can make it.

We have a large soap bubble machine this
year to experiment with. If it works as
well as shown on the packaging it should
be a fun item.

We might note that original Sarsaparilla
is banned in the USA by the Food and
Drug Commission because it contains a
cancer causing ingredient, Safrole. To put
everyone at ease our Sarsaparilla has the
Safrole removed before manufacture and
is safe. It is an old fashioned soda similar
to Root Beer.

Frank Rosín

To volunteer, please call **425-827-3446**
and leave a message. We will be having
3 hour shifts plus will need a set up
crew and tear down crew. When leaving
a message, let us know if you prefer
Saturday or Sunday or perhaps both.

Kirkland Heritage Society office
and museum is now open

Monday from 10 to noon
Wednesday from 2 to 5



Programs

Karen would like suggestions for future
programs:

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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.

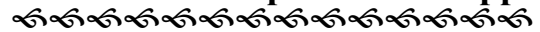
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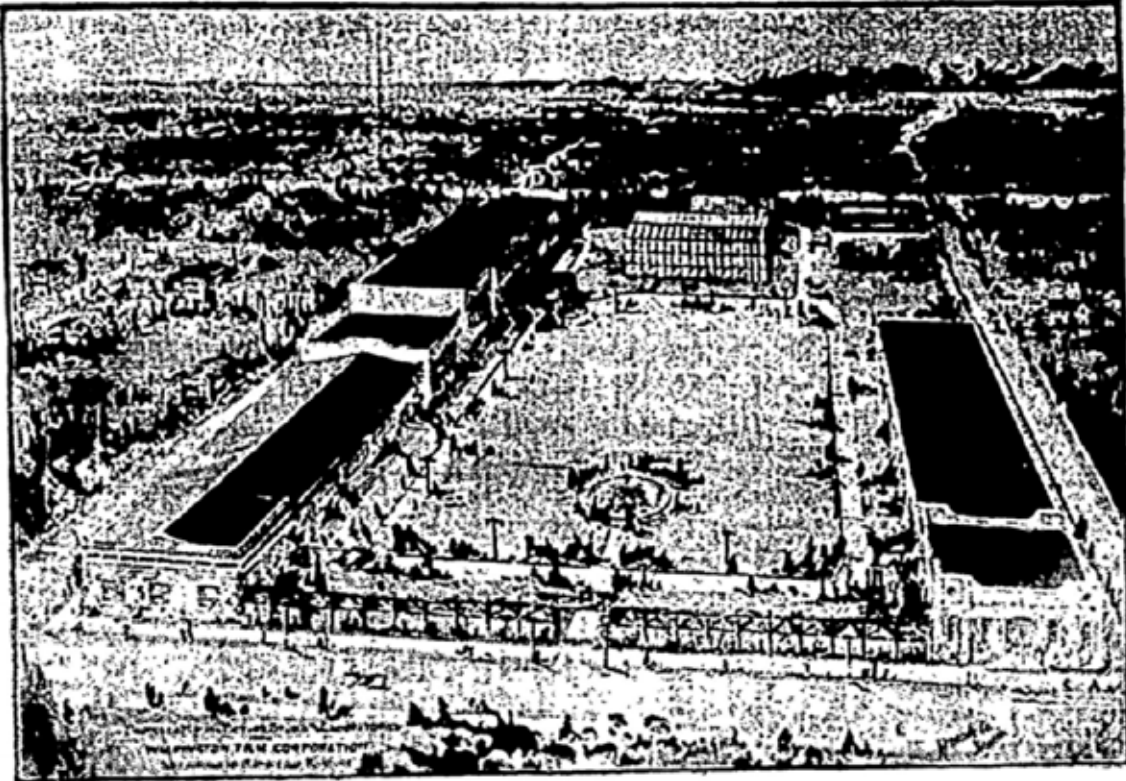
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