

BLACKBERRY PRESERVES

The Journal of the

KIRKLAND HERITAGE SOCIETY



Peter Kirk's Deer Hunting Rifle and Harry French's Revolver are now displayed in the lobby of the Kirkland Justice Center. They are on loan from KHS.

From the President

Frank Rosin

The Kirkland Heritage Society's (KHS) mission is to identify historic resources, encourage their preservation to collect, preserve, exhibit and interpret the history and heritage of Kirkland and its people, and to promote public involvement and appreciation of its heritage and cultures.

The focus is Kirkland which included Finn Hill, Juanita, Totem Lake, Kingsgate, Houghton, and Rose Hill. This includes all present citizens of Kirkland and certainly does not leave out former residents and descendants of early pioneers in the area.

In general KHS has membership meetings upstairs in Heritage Hall the last Wednesday of the month in February, March, April, May, September, October. All are welcome including non members. In December we have a 'cookie exchange' in an historic home in Kirkland. KHS participates in the Fourth of July Parade. In August when Kirkland has the 'Annual Summerfest', we are open to the public for visitors and sell old fashioned Sarsaparilla at a stand by our entrance. KHS precipitates in the 'Golden Grads' September meeting of Union A Kirkland High School and Lake Washington High School Grads of 50 plus years by having a table of vintage school and other photos.

The mailing list for 'Blackberry Preserves', the newsletter, has 260 on the mailing list. The month of February is designated, History Month, KHS has around 100 plaques displaying former businesses in the area that are placed in the present windows of current business establishments. KHS oversees the 'Christine Neir Memorial Scholarship'. The scholarship is to focus an interest in our local history open to High School Students to provide an opportunity to demonstrate the importance of civic involvement.

Our museum and resource center are open on Mondays from ten to noon and on Wednesdays from two to five. And of course by appointments for those with requests that are unable to come those hours. These time

schedules need at least 2 KHS members to be on hand to show folks around our displays and fill requests from our data base of photos and other information on Kirkland history. For this we need more volunteers these open hours.

Another thing we have been doing over the past quite a few years is marking, unmarked burials in the Kirkland Cemetery of pioneers and other Kirkland folks of note that for some reason or another have never been marked. We have never with funds available been able to mark more than a half a dozen or so every other year. We still have a list of 'who shall we do next'. A topic for our September 2021 Board Meeting was to use a fund that KHS has on hand that is obsolete for its intended but similar purpose. Using this fund we can mark many of the 'pending' names our list to mark which the board of directors approved.

Since February of 2020 with the unwelcome arrival of the Covid Virus, most activity of necessity has not been able to be scheduled. Following State of Washington Mandates in a guarded way we have started to be open on Mondays and Wednesdays. None of the other scheduled events have been held or are scheduled. We did open for 'Summerfest' this year but that was mainly an outside event. The Monday and Wednesday openings are subject to rules from the State of Washington and the City of Kirkland, so far we are going ahead with masked allowed openings.

We understand there is no 'Golden Grads' scheduled this year and we don't plan for the 'Cookie Exchange' in December. Much depends on the unknown impact month by month of the Covid for 2022.



Life Members:

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

Corporate Members:

Hallmark Realty, Madison House.

In the mail

Frank Rosin responded to the KHS support of the Duwamish:

At the end of the 1944 school year, the Kirkland School District and the Redmond School District merged. That meant that Kirkland High School and Redmond High School became one.

Several names were proposed for this newly merged district. The most popular names were; North Lakes School District because the area covered was around the north end of Lake Washington and Lake Sammamish; Duwamish School District for early native inhabitants of the area; and Lake Washington School District.

Lake Washington School District was the name finally decided upon for the District and the High School. This name then appeared in the 1945 Reveille, the Lake Washington High School Annual.

I was still a student in Central School in Kirkland. My personal first choice was to keep this as Kirkland High School no matter what the overall school district was called. My second choice was Duwamish for school and district names. Frank Rosin

July 2021

Hello Everyone,

I enjoy your Journal so much and I also live on every word. A special thank you to Mr. Robert McLaughlin for bringing the hotel chandelier up to code. We – we – we -, it always takes a group of people to have more of everything and most of all to share love and special moments. And it's better to give and to tell our stories. Talking about stories, my sister Nina Lemenager shared our first apartment on Lake Washington around 1969. Then moved to Houghton to a two bedroom apartment. We had so much fun together with good memories. Love, Laura May Il Moseng.

Editors note: Laura's mother married Al Leland and it was Al who saved the chandelier.

The chandelier was in the hotel when Fred Leland, Al's father, purchased the historic 1890 Hotel Jackson and renamed it the Leland Hotel. Sadly the building was torn down to build a service station. Al Leland was Kirkland's mayor for many years. The Hotel Jackson was built by the grandfather of Governor Dan Evans. So much history and until now, all that remained of the Jackson/Leland was a few salvaged bricks. Thank you Laura for giving the chandelier T.L.C. and finding it a home with KHS.



Retired electrician Robert McLaughlin, brought the light up to current code.



The City of Kirkland Parks Department hung the antique light over the French Family dining room table.



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*.



Clare Suvan Lincoln donated her
1948 Festival Sash
2021 Summerfest Volunteers



Libbi Wright and Cindy Anderson



Diana Schmitz with her father
Don Schmitz



Marilyn Timmerman Johnson and
Frank Rosin, Classmates.



Pam Gates Owens and Dave
Sherbrooke
Their grandfathers and fathers
were the best of friends.



Andy Kyrala, one of our newest
board members.



Janice Gerrish and Victor Bahna



Bob Gerrish, Dave Sherbrooke and
Frank Rosin



Libbi Wright and Marilyn
Johnson Timmerman.



Pam Gates Owens and Linda
Johnson Jatton

Thanks to all who volunteered for the
2021 Summerfest.

Victor Bahna put in a full day and Libbi,
Dave and Frank worked both days.



Starting their own family history,
this couple chose Kirkland's 2021
Summerfest to celebrate their
engagement.

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

No programs will be held for
the balance of this year.



Update to members from the
editor, Loita Hawkinson

On September 9, 2021 KHS had its first
board meeting since Covid put the nation on
alert. There was 100% attendance. It was
a wonderful afternoon so we sat outside.
During Covid, KHS has been able to function
because our mission is to record Kirkland's
history and make it available to the
community. Many requests were filled for
families and the City. Thousands of records
have been added to the database.

We could continue on indefinitely except for
one detail. We are aging. Finding younger
board members with fresh ideas and skills
has been attempted but nothing has worked
out over the years. Because we have a two
term limit for the president, Frank was forced
to become president. He agreed out of
devotion to KHS but he wants to be replaced
as soon as possible.

KHS has some younger volunteers. They are
wonderful and all are willing to serve on the
board. Karen Schickling, our Vice-President
tendered her resignation to make room for
Chris Neir who has been our webmaster for
several years. Chris is the grandson of the
late Bob Neir and his grandfather would be
so pleased.

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Karen will continue on as Chair of Programs. This she can do remotely and Karen always has good ideas and and interesting contacts.

Dave Sherbrooke resigned at the board meeting so that Andrea Kryala could take over his at-large position. Andy has been our bookkeeper since the retirement of Hazel Russell. Dave would like to be given an opportunity to serve on the board when an opening becomes available. For now, Dave will continue to be involved in board discussions and volunteer as needed.

I was going to resign with the same understanding as Dave but Dave convinced the board to accept his resignation over mine. This shows the commitment our aging board has to welcoming younger members with fresh ideas. For the record....Chris Neir, Andy Kyrala, Libbi Wright and Kim Hartman are the young team. The balance of the board were their ages when they joined and became active. Time does march on.

At the September 9th board meeting it was agreed to close the bank account dedicated to the paver sales. Pavers are no longer being sold so there will be no future need for this account. The balance was transferred to the Cemetery Fund which is dedicated to place markers on graves of Kirkland residents that have never been marked. Many of these graves are from the depression era and some are because the person was the last in the family to pass away and there was no one to see to this important final detail.

Many of the pavers in front of Heritage Hall are in memory of a loved one. Using these funds to mark graves seems fitting.

Matt McCauley will be directing his popular Cemetery Tour in 2022...Covid permitting. It is the goal of the Cemetery Committee to have more graves marked by then.
Loita

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:

Karen Schickling @ 425-273-6299 or
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www.kirklandheritage.org
.5% may not seem like much but every penny helps support Kirkland's history.

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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.

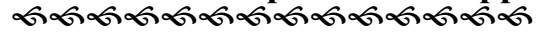
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Your memberships make it happen.**



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Kirkland Heritage Society

January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021

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Summerfest 2021 on a picture perfect weekend
Frank Rosin, Wayne Johnson and Dave Sherbrooke

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