

BLACKBERRY PRESERVES

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The Kangaroo

Twenty-four years ago the Kirkland High School students changed their team name from the Hornets to the Kangaroos. The Hornets had an average of 140 pounds on their football team, but with the average weight increasing, the name Hornets no longer suited the powerful team.

The Kangaroo was first suggested as a joke on a long legged basketball center, Leon Bjorklund. To the surprise of all involved, the name stuck.

In 1934, Coach Van Devanter, showing his approval of the new name, remarked, "Just corner a kangaroo and watch him kick, spit, and bite. You think there is no fight in Kangaroo, come around to some of our big games!"

Since then his words have proven true many times over.



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From the President

Chris Neir

Summer is ending, and what a summer it was. The first semi-normal summer since before the COVID pandemic. KHS made appearances at the 4th of July parade, Kirkland Summerfest and Uncorked this year, and had many guests come tour our little sanctuary in the basement of Heritage Hall.

KHS board meetings have been occurring monthly again since May, and it has been nice to get to know the other board members, since I am still relatively new to being both President and a board member. Matt McCauley, a local historian and a familiar face, returned to the board, and we're excited to have his institutional knowledge at our disposal.

Wish I had more to chat about, but as it must have been a busy summer for a lot of you, it was also a busy summer for KHS and we're now getting back into our rhythm after two years of COVID. Until next time!



President Neir is keeping the KHS board on a monthly schedule.



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.



There is now a digital photo frame in the Juanita Golf Course display. The frame which was donated by Jeff Denton has 15 rotating photos of JoAnne Gunderson Carner. JoAnne was born in Kirkland and learned golf at the Juanita 9 Hole Golf Course, now the site of Juanita Bay Park. She is the only person to have won three different USGA Championship events. JoAnne was inducted into the LPGA and World Golf Halls of Fame in 1982. Jeff also donated his yearbook and photos from his time in the Kirkland Schools. Thank you Jeff.



Ray Bowman

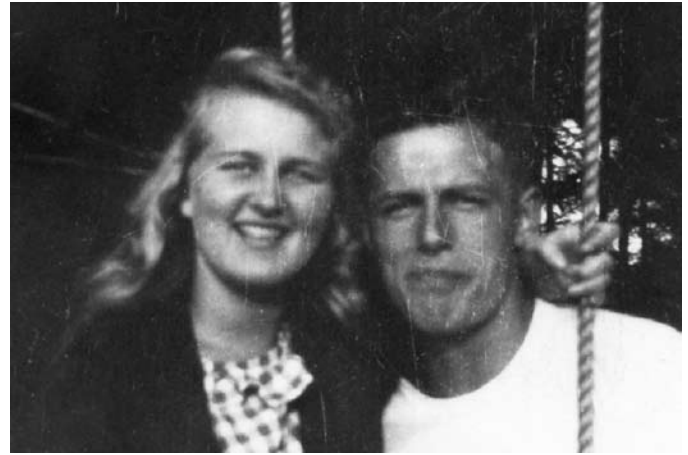
Historic items from Kirkland's many nurseries and gardens have been elusive. KHS has a nice photo collection from Bensons (Pine's Floral) and Barrie's Bulb farm in Juanita and KHS has history because of the newspapers but little that is tangible. Photos from van Aalst Bulb farm, Sherbrooke's Gardens, Bonnell's, Wheadons, and Griswold's have not surfaced. These businesses were all known nationwide and some worldwide.

Thankfully KHS now has two field baskets from van Aalst Bulb farm. They were donated by Ray Bowman, widower of Kathryn van Aalst, granddaughter of John and Gertrude van Aalst who emigrated from Holland and established their very own Skagit Valley in the heart of Kirkland. The baskets are large but thankfully our museum has high ceilings where the baskets are now displayed.

Notice the vA which is the logo for van Aalst. Ray also wanted Kirkland to know how to pronounce van Aalst. We get the van correctly but Aalst is pronounced as in Al or Alan and not Awl. Spread the word when you can.



Libbi & Claire getting the newsletter out.



Ray Lincoln and Clare Suvan were high school sweethearts. They just celebrated their 70th Anniversary.



Programs

Karen would like suggestions for future programs:

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Team Work by Loita Hawkinson

Preserving history is usually a solitary activity requiring time and patience. Occasionally there is a project that requires time and then more time. And it often requires a good deal of luck.

The late Bob Ely photographed the Kirkland Historic Commission Home Tours and also made copy photos for author Arline Ely when she was researching and writing for the *East Side Journal* and then later *Our Foundering Fathers*. Many of these photos had been missing from the Arline Ely Collection. By chance a large bin was discovered at the historic Newberry Home in 2011. Owner Cathy Stewart returned the bin to KHS when she realized these were research materials compiled by Arline Ely. The bin included original negatives, letters from descendents of our 1888 founders and the entire collection from Louis Marsh. Slowly many of these photos and documents have been researched and archived.

In the bin were two carousels of 35mm slides. I glanced at a few of these slides over the years and seeing they were of homes, I have ignored them, reserving them for another time or crew.

Local historian Matt McCauley has been researching the early days and sifting through the bin of artifacts. Matt took a closer look at the slides and discovered that some of them were copy photos of our missing Arline Ely photos. Matt then borrowed a film scanner and scanned all the slides at a high resolution. The two most treasured missing photos were of the Kalakala at the Lake Washington Shipyard...before construction started and then under construction. These two photos would have been loaned to Arline and returned. These slides are the only images that KHS has. They are rare since the shipyard did not allow photography except by the shipyard authorities.

Matt put the scanned images on a thumb drive

and gave them to me. It took weeks to get the photos researched and entered into the database. Most of the historic homes are now gone but it is important to note as much history as we have for each of these homes including addresses and previous owners. Bob Ely also took a Photo Tour of Kirkland in 1974 so we now have original slides of the shipyards and Globe Feed plus many more that are almost a half century old.

Now the database documents are all printed, Libbi Wright has spent hours filing the history in the archives. Matt has spent hours upon hours marking each slide with its accession number so that they can be archived. And now we will be asking some of the Kirkland Historic Commission members to come in and try to get the documents tending the historic homes identified. And so it goes on.

It takes time and dedication to write the names and dates on photos for the next generation. It takes a dedicated team.

As for the bin...it is still half full of treasures.

More team work

KHS member Kent Sullivan happened upon a manuscript by Miss Myrtle C. Robertson who had researched the history of the Houghton Congregational Church. Miss Robertson started this research in the late 1930's when many of the original settlers were still living and could share their photos and memories.

Once compiled, Miss Robertson gave her presentation to various groups. Robert Hitchman, UW Anthropology graduate and one time President of Washington State Historical Society, was so impressed that he borrowed the manuscript and had it copied and bound by the University of Washington. Kent found this single copy at the UW and spent two days scanning the text and photos.

From there, Kent shared his scans with KHS. The entire original manuscript has now been printed and is in a binder at the Museum.

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Martha Burr Millar, who attended the Congregational church and whose parents were close friends with Rev. and Mrs. Newberry, has named many of the children in the Sunday School Classes. Miss Robertson named every adult in the photos but few of the children. Thank you Martha.

Olivia French Davis loaned many portraits to Miss Robertson. Olivia's son, David Davis (grandson of Harry and Rosa French) has donated these original portraits to KHS. None were named. Now a large number of these portraits have been identified thanks to Miss Robertson. This collection is from the Washington Territory days and before Peter Kirk's arrival. Having so many named now is a small miracle.

Miss Robertson made the routine errors in spelling and dates. And there is often a follow up story and more photos about the events and the people. When possible, the errors have been corrected and more photos added with more history. The edited manuscript has been printed and is in another binder. More edits can be made by myself or others and simply reprinted. My son, Fred calls this KHS's "**Ring Binder Publishing**".

It's a work in progress.



Taken in 1890 or 1891 by Harry French, this photo has left us puzzled. There was a substantial church in the Market Neighborhood. Until 2022, KHS had no idea what happened to that church. Because of Miss Robertson, we now know it was on 4th and 10th Avenue West and was moved down 10th Avenue West, down Market Street and up 5th Avenue and is the church that stood across from the original Central School. The building suffered from no foundation at either location and was eventually replaced by the

church many older Kirkland residents remember...the one with the lovely stained glass windows. That church too has been replaced and the windows are still around. Hopefully one day, one will find it's way to our little museum.



Golden Grads is back on!!!

Golden Grads is scheduled for:
Saturday, October 1, 2022.
Lake Washington High School
12033 80th Street NE
1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Even if you did not graduate with your class, please feel welcome. Golden Grads gives a rare opportunity to catch up with former classmates and friends.



The peck sized **van Aalst** basket is now filled with colorful life-like tulips.



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*.

2022 Summerfest



Dave, Linda, Wayne



Fred, Wayne, Andy, Linda



Karen and Matt



Matt, Clare, Libbi

Summerfest 2022 was a bit on the hot side.

But with a large umbrella and trees, the volunteers did well. Thanks to Wayne and Linda for setting up and working the first shift on both Saturday and Sunday. Matt, Dave and Libbi also put in double shifts.

A special thanks to Linda for organizing the four teams.

Kirkland Heritage Society office
and museum is now open

Monday from 10 to noon
Wednesday from 2 to 5



Dave delivering a fresh stock of locally
brewed Earp's Sarsaparilla



Cam. No longer a little kid but a nice
young man.

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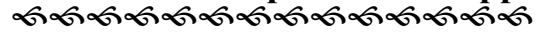
** During WWI, the Hello Girls were ladies who served as telephone operators. For KHS, these sweet ladies call and remind you of the next meeting or event.

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January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022

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