

BLACKBERRY PRESERVES

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KIRKLAND HERITAGE SOCIETY

P.-I. EXTRA!

**The News From the
Klondike.**

Look out for the Extra Edition of the Post-Intelligencer this forenoon, which will contain the latest details from the Yukon Country as brought by the Steamship Portland with 68 miners and a ton of gold.

Clark Nettleton's notice placed on the front page of the *Seattle Post Intelligencer* on July 17, 1897

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From the President

Chris Neir

For the first time since the beginning of the pandemic, Golden Grads was hosted at Lake Washington High School. Hundreds of school alumni came out to celebrate over 50 years since graduating and KHS was in attendance to collect and record some impromptu oral histories. Celebrations like this are great for reconnecting with old classmates and friends.

At our last board meeting on October 24th, Matt McCauley was unanimously voted in as Vice President, taking over from Dave Sherbrooke who had filled in once I was voted as President in May. I want to thank Dave for generously filling in during the interim. Down in archives Loita has been busy imputing new files into the PastPerfect database. 321 entries for August, and 380 for September; wow!

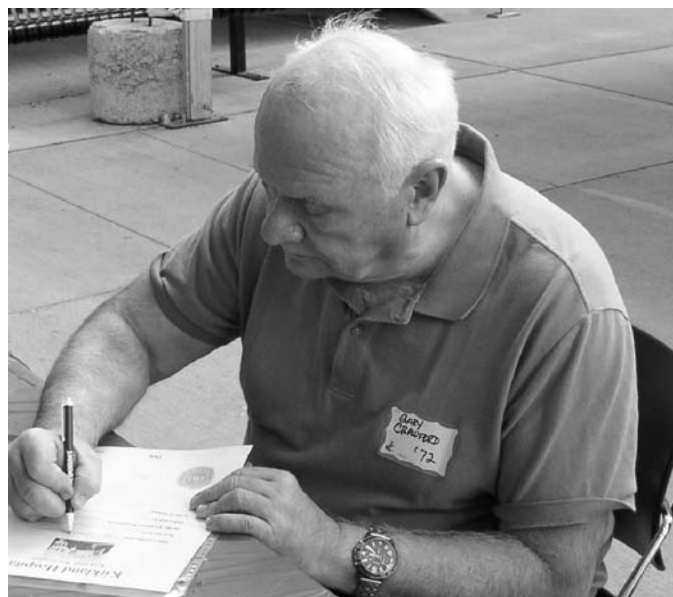
As 2022 comes to a close, we can't forget to wish our very own Heritage Hall a special 100th birthday. Built in 1922, the former Church of Christ Scientist, originally located on First Street was in jeopardy of being torn down in 1999. When Bob Burke and Barbara Loomis found out, the long journey to save the classic structure began. Barbara, doing research on the Church's architecture, and Bob writing a compelling argument based on the adopted language in the Comprehensive Plan, presented a convincing case to the City Council to save and move the building to what is now "Heritage Park".

In 2004, the building was placed on its foundation, and moved to its new home with its new name, Heritage Hall. And, as they say – the rest is history!



Fall of 2022 by Chris Neir

GOLDEN GRADS 2022



Gary Crawford filling out his ***"I was born in the Kirkland Hospital"*** form.



Libbi helped at the KHS tables along with Matt and Loita. It was a long but fun day.



Jon Reek & Robin Samuelson Reek were KJH King & Queen in 1965, Both were born in the Kirkland Hospital.

1897 Klondike Gold Rush

by **Loita Hawkinson**

In 2022 Seattle recognized the 125th Anniversary of the 1897 Klondike Gold Rush that put Seattle on the map when it became the official outfitter for the Klondike. It is seldom reported just how Seattle was able to edge out San Francisco for this honor.

This is where Kirkland's history steps in. When the S.S. Portland docked in Seattle on July 17, 1897 with a ton of gold from the Klondike, Kirkland's Stiles Nettleton, Jr. was aboard. Stiles was met by his brother Clark Nettleton, a reporter for the Seattle Post Intelligencer. Stiles told Clark of the riches aboard the Portland and the millions more in Alaska. Clark immediately sent Associated Press wires to all the major cities in the United States. These wires were followed by Clark Nettleton's tours across America, telling prospective miners of the riches to be had in the Klondike.

As a result, businesses sprang up in Seattle. One such business was C.C. Filson's flagship store. Filson and his friend Albert Timmerman had opened their first store in Kirkland on the corner of Market Street and Piccadilly in 1890. In 1897, Clinton Filson bought out Albert Timmerman and opened the store in Seattle. This was a friendly buyout, the men remained friends for the balance of their lives.

In 1892 Filson had invested in the Seattle Woolen Mill located on the shore of Lake Washington on Lake Street West in Kirkland. The Seattle Woolen Mill operated around the clock in order to supply woolen goods to C.C. Filson and other outfitters. Kirkland did not grow during the gold rush, but Kirkland prospered.

The Nettleton family lived in Kirkland in 1897 and many of the family rests in the

Kirkland Cemetery. Clark Nettleton's historic home is the heart of Nettleton Commons on State Street South. Built in 1914, the home was built on land his parent had owned for decades.

C.C. Filson may have remained in Kirkland had it not been for the 1897 opportunities in Seattle.

Burke & Farrar used to quote that "all roads lead to Kirkland". Little did they realize how many historic paths would lead to Kirkland.

CLARK NETTLETON

**Seattle Ex-Publisher, Reported
First Gold From Alaska**

SEATTLE, June 8 (AP)—Clark Nettleton, former publisher of The Seattle Post-Intelligencer, died today at the age of 74. He became publisher of the newspaper in 1918. His associates sold their interests to William Randolph Hearst in 1921.

Mr. Nettleton often recalled how as an Associated Press "string correspondent" in 1897 he reported the arrival of the ship Portland from Alaska with the first gold from the Northland. The Alaska gold rush followed.

Relatives Informed Of Clark Nettleton Death

His death, relatives said, recalled the fact that he considered the highlight of his career the story concerning the arrival of the ship Portland, which incident in 1897 played a large part in starting the Alaska gold rush.

When Clark Nettleton died in June of 1943, it was national news. These two clippings are from New York City newspapers.

Teamwork

by Kent Sullivan

Loita's lovely articles on teamwork in the Sep/Oct 2022 *Blackberry Preserves* were right on the money. So much of what I have uncovered in my various research projects has been due to teamwork and the serendipitous discoveries that come from working as a team. One of the projects Matt and I are currently working on involves the Kirkland steel mill and the first NP rail line through Kirkland. We have a "dream team" working on this project: Sandra (Sandy) Middleton, the author of *The Pioneering Life of Peter Kirk*; Mike Intlekofer, a retired industrial engineer who is an expert in 19th-century industrial processes; Mike Donnelly, a retired Boeing engineer who is an expert in railroad track design and CAD systems; Matt; and me. (Stay tuned for presentations from our work...) It was because of this team that Matt and I stumbled into the Kirkland Congregational Church (KCC) manuscripts by Myrtle Robertson.

It all began with me noticing a reference that Sandy included in her book to a history of KCC written by Shirley Lindahl and published in 1980 (for the church's centennial) called *In Christian Fellowship*. I had previously not heard of this important book. It turns out that Sandy had heard about it years ago from KHS member Dave Cantrill. In any case, this book drew from early KCC records. Matt and I thought those records might contain relevant info for the steel mill project so I contacted KCC Pastor Ryan Lambert, whom I knew because Lake Washington Christian Church (LWCC), where I am a member, and KCC have joint events regularly. He put me in touch with Gale Peterson, KCC's Director of Christian Education.

Gale graciously let Matt and me explore KCC's archives. We did indeed find church board meeting ledgers dating back to early Kirkland times and, completely unexpectedly,

two versions of Myrtle Robertson's manuscript from 1941 and 1942. None of the four of us had ever heard of this manuscript, although Ms. Lindahl's book makes one very brief reference to it. As Loita described, the manuscript is a gold mine of information on KCC's history, which means it's a gold mine of Kirkland history, since so many Kirkland residents were KCC members.

Ms. Robertson's manuscript was clearly prepared as a presentation with images. Unfortunately, the KCC materials did not include any of the photos. Loita's article mentioned Robert Hitchman placing a copy of the manuscript at the UW. That lead came from a letter found with Ms. Robertson's manuscripts. I followed up with UW Special Collections, and to our astonishment, found that they have a bound copy of the final manuscript plus the photos! To say that we were pleased might be the understatement of the year. I am so happy that the captions from the manuscript have unlocked several KHS photo collection mysteries.

Such it goes with historical research: Teamwork rules – especially when the team has complementary skills – and serendipity is often a significant guest star, as it was in this case. I look forward to seeing Ms. Robertson's material being re-presented at future KCC gatherings. (See issue 5 2022)



KHS was open on the National History Museum Day. That is the day when participating museums are free to the public. KHS is always free but since we are seldom open on a Saturday we participated.

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Tor and Pher Holmberg from the December 31, 1953 *East Side Journal*. KHS member, Pher has the ball and Tor is the quarterback.

KHS Monthly Programs Heritage Hall

203 Market Street

Programs will return in 2023 so you can mark your calendars:

March 29, 2023

April 26, 2023

May 31, 2023

This will be our annual meeting

September 27, 2023

The Blackberry Icecream Social will return.



Will the "Rally Shoe" to help boost the Mariners to a win, catch on?

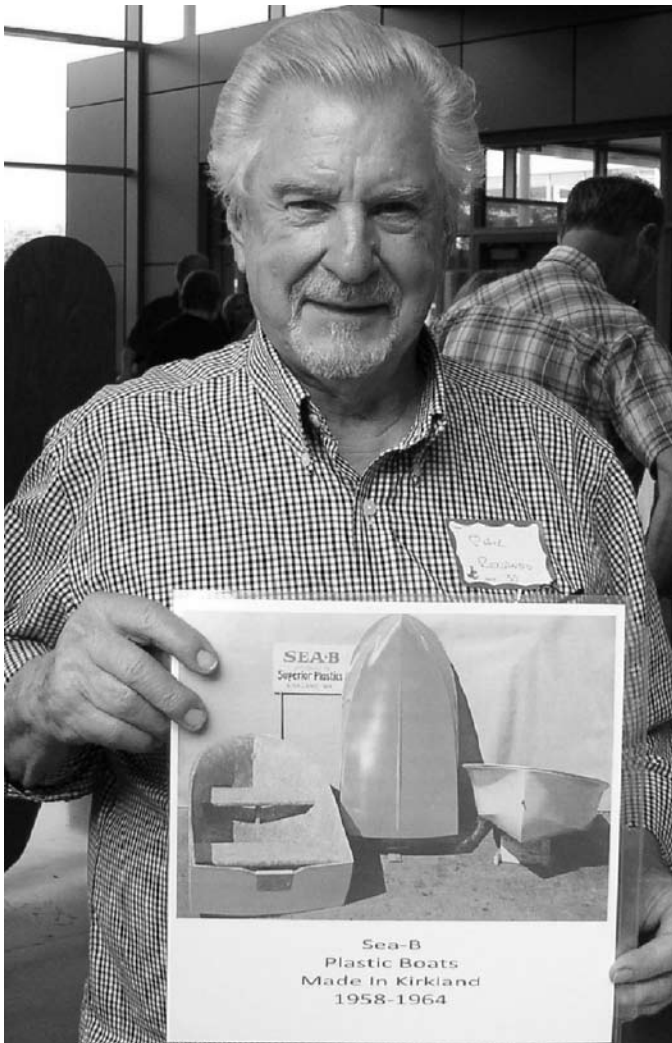
We can only hope.

KHS gave its support.



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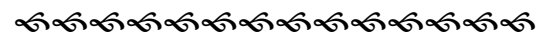
2022 Golden Grads



Phil Renando, LWHS class of 1959, worked for Sea B in High School.

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and museum is again open

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This picture was in the July 14, 1955 issue
of the *East Side Journal*.

Dozing is Joyce Click Zielow at the
Houghton precinct. The issue was the
consolidation of Houghton and Kirkland.
Houghton voted by not voting. Polling
workers in Houghton either read or napped.

Consolidation did not pass for many more
years.



Gordon Dudley, seated, drew maps of Finn
Hill with details few now remember. Matt
McCauley did both an audio history and a
video with Gordon. President Chris Neir
will be editing the video so it can be on the
KHS website. (More team work.)

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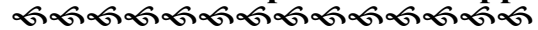
** During WWI, the Hello Girls were ladies who served as telephone operators. For KHS, these sweet ladies call and remind you of the next meeting or event.

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1883 photo of the Latin class at the State University on University Street in Seattle. On the left is Miss Hansee, the teacher for which Hansee Hall is named. Next is Victor Bigelow, of the Seattle pioneer Bigelow family. Wearing the plaid dress, is Hettie Greene, who was living in Houghton at this time. Next to Hettie, at the rear is Elisha Alvord; and the girl in front is Agnes Greene, Hettie's cousin. The tall young man behind Agnes is Ed Meany (Meany Hall) who was still a student. Abraham Lincoln Jacobs is next; and then Emma Clark; the man at the extreme right is Warren Hastings. This photo was loaned to Miss Robertson by Emma Clarke Pratt who was a Kirkland resident for many years. This photo is extremely rare because all the students and their teacher are named.

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