

BLACKBERRY PRESERVES

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KIRKLAND HERITAGE SOCIETY



In April of 2023, KHS, Redmond and Bothell had some special out of town visitors. Brian Joyer and Todd Curry are with H&N, North America. Brian and Todd gleaned valuable history from our East Side Journals. They plan to update the historic section of the H&N website.

See page 6 for more.

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In the Mail

Editor in Chief
Blackberry Preserves
Hello Loita,

Ah, yes, plates, silverware and hog farms. In the May/June edition of Blackberry Preserves the article by Wanda Von Kettler mentioned “slop” from Seattle restaurants being dumped in Kirkland/Redmond area hog farms to feed the inhabitants.

I experienced these items first hand when I was a student at Lake Washington in the late 1950's. The Silver Spurs development was going in at the corner of 132nd Ave. NE and NE 60th St. and I was hired by a new resident to clear and clean up the ground in their backyard. Was I surprised when doing so to frequently find spoons, forks, knives, plus broken dishes and cups. When I first started I had no idea why. I then learned a little history of that area... it went from hogs to houses.

Bruce Bennett
LW Class of 1960

KHS Monthly Programs

Heritage Hall
203 Market Street
7:00 p.m.



September 27, 2023

The Blackberry Ice Cream Social will return.

Richard Heisler, Civil War Historian, will be our guest speaker. Kirkland has many Civil War Veterans buried in our local Cemetery.



September 16, 2023

Golden Grads.....mark your calendars now:

Saturday from 1 to 4
Lake Washington High School
12033 NE 80th Street
Kirkland, WA 98033
Once a Kang, Always a Kang



Kirkland Heritage Society hours:
Monday from 10 to noon
Wednesday from 2 to 5

Matt McCauley's 2023

Cemetery Tour was well attended and appreciated. Repeat visitors are never dissatisfied because Matt has fresh history for each tour.



Several attendees of Matt's tour have descended from pioneers that predated Peter Kirk and the 1888 founding of Kirkland. Here, Caroline Stamp Laskowski, granddaughter of Lucy Tuttle Stamp and Edwin Stamp, took the time to dry out a Swallowtail Butterfly that had fallen into the fountain. Her Native American ancestors must have been proud.



Richard Heisler, Civil War Historian, and AC Petersen with 4Culture

Richard will be our guest speaker in September. During Matt's tour, Richard gave a short presentation about two of our local Civil War veterans. AC shared history about a Japanese WWII veteran, Peter Okada who is buried in Kirkland. Peter's son, Andrew, is a Kirkland Plaza of Champions honoree.



Wayne, Mary, Linda & Eric Jatons

The Jatons are all LWHS grads. Wayne in 1957, Linda Johnson Jatons in 1968, Eric in 1988 and Mary in 1994. There are more Johnson/Jatons grads but it was these 4 that worked the 4th of July table.



Thank you **Karen Schickling** for your commitment to keeping our meetings relative and on schedule. Please leave a message for Karen if you have any ideas for the future.

4th of July 2023

19 Model A cars from the Evergreen Chapter lined up to represent KHS during the 4th of July Parade.



Tara, family friend of the Jatons, sold her Cotton Candy with all proceeds going to our Museum. There were lines for it!



Siblings, Jan and Jock MacLaughlin gave a well attended historic presentation about their family's 100+ years in Kirkland.



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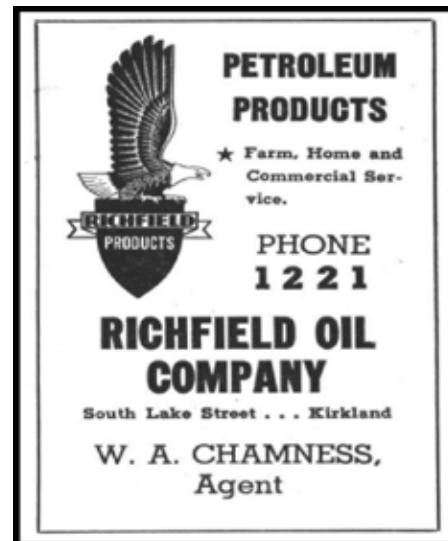
Former Kang athlete, Wayne Jatton, donated his Lettermans Sweater.



Lisa Siegfried stopped by to pick up her families photos that had been left to be copied and entered into the KHS database. It was newsletter mailing time and Lisa joined Clair and Libbi in folding, labeling, taping and finally stamping the May/June issue.



Pam Gates Owens donated a dust pan from Richfield Oil Company. It is in perfect condition and now displayed with other like times at our growing museum.



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*.

Heisdorf & Nelson

Another proud moment for
Kirkland/Houghton

By Loita Hawkinson

Heisdorf Poultry Breeding Farm was incorporated in Kirkland in 1945 by Art and Mary Heisdorf. They had purchased 15 acres in Houghton that already had two large poultry barns. In 1946, Cliff and Bert Nelson joined the firm as partners and the name was changed to Heisdorf & Nelson. This partnership lasted only a few years but the name was retained and eventually became H&N. H&N expanded rapidly, buying the local Hollywood Poultry Farm in 1953. It was frequently reported that H&N purchased Oban's Hatchery on Market Street but that is not accurate. Both Oban and H&N sold newly hatched chicks to be raised for their egg production. Oban sold to the smaller local markets while H&N had a laboratory filled with scientists and sold newly hatched chicks all over the world.

In 1948, H&N used the then state of the art technology of wire recording to record and then transcribe their findings. In 1956, they had an IBM Statistical Machine Room for recording their scientific findings.

Art Heisdorf first became interested in egg production when he was 12 and he had a flock of hens. His father was a buyer for the Maribel Grain Company in Wisconsin. Quality feed for Art's hens was of little concern. Art later took an interest in producing eggs that were rich in protein so they could help feed the growing world's population that could not produce or afford other forms of protein. Art went on to specialize in Genetics at the University of Wisconsin. Art was clearly a visionary and forward thinker.

Pfizer purchased H&N in 1971, retaining Art Heisdorf as consultant. From 1945 through 1971, H&N had been headquartered in Kirkland with facilities north of Redmond and at Hollywood Farm. Today they have

headquarters all over the world. And to think, it all started with 15 acres off 106th Avenue in Houghton.

Most of what we know about Heisdorf & Nelson is from our local paper which we can assume is the most accurate. But every physical item at the museum was purchased on eBay. The museum has a few floaty pens that have an egg and chick floating in oil. There are a few matchbook covers. Matt McCauley purchased and then donated a 1939 book owned by Art Heisdorf showing that Art had attended the 7th World's Poultry Convention in Ohio. Our latest purchase was a **1963 Business Week** magazine that had three pages dedicated to Kirkland's H&N.

Kirkland born, John Burnard worked at the Hollywood Farm and donated several photos from his personal collection. At this time, this is all the photos KHS has other than newspaper images.

If anyone remembers this historic business, please share so that your memories can be recorded by our current software and in an future issue of **Blackberry Preserves**.



The Heisdorf & Nelson display
at the Kirkland Heritage Society
Museum as of July 2023

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

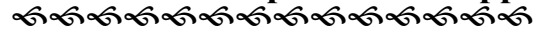
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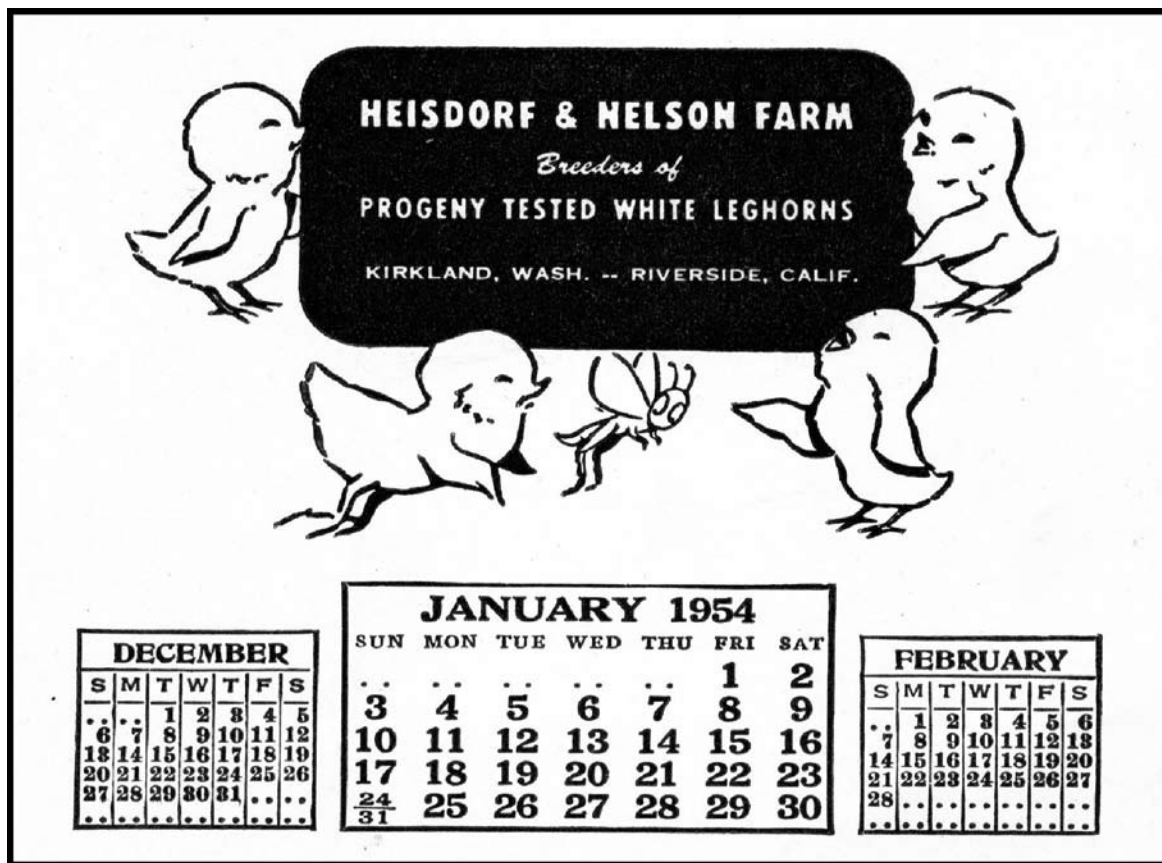
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