

BLACKBERRY PRESERVES

The Journal of the

KIRKLAND HERITAGE SOCIETY



 **Kirkland Parks & COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**

MURAL COMMUNITY PAINT DAY

URBAN ARTWORKS

PAINTING THIS 144-foot blank retaining wall

WELCOME TO **KIRKLAND**

Painting the 144-foot wall at Lake Street & 2nd Ave downtown Kirkland

postcard mural
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September 23 & 24
FREE! public event 10am - 5pm both days

Come join the fun, no art experience required!
led by artist Austin Picinich space for 350+ painters to "paint-by-number" the mural!

Donate to fund the mural:
Kirkland Parks & COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Learn more & sign up to paint:
(sign up in advance)

On September 23 & 24, 2023, volunteers will take their place in Kirkland history by painting the mural designed by 18 year old Austin Picinich. Page 6

Pictures from the past
Photo identification nights 2008 and 2009



1938 KHS classmates, Ernie McKibben
& Eileen Brennan Warren



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.



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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

In the Mail

Sorry I missed the McLaughlin siblings presentation as we had some close ties with Bill and his family. Bill was my basketball coach in my sophomore year. His brother Burt dated my sister and when he came calling we always made sure he played the piano for us. He was an excellent piano player. Bill's youngest brother Bob was a classmate of my brother Bob.

Ray Lincoln
Class of 1948



Loita:

In the March/April 2017 you wrote a very interesting article about Dr. William D. Buchanan. It seems to me that at some other time there was a different article that mentioned the doctor in the early 40s was not known, and I'm wondering if it might have been Dr. Franklin Smith.

I'm mailing to you copies of two obituaries I have of Franklin that included mention of Kirkland along with an article he wrote about Sand Point. His family and mine were very close and life-long friends. In fact, I'm still in touch with his daughter, Penny, who now lives in Denver.

In the video I gave to you years ago, there are several pictures of Dr. Smith, one of which shows in the background where he lived on the lake in Kirkland. The picture also shows his soon-to-be wife, Lenore. He had two dachshunds at the time and one or both may also be in the picture.

In the March/April 2015 issue of **Blackberry Preserves** there was an article about World War 11 by Vic Armfield. He mentioned the Medical Security Clinic several times and "a doctor who lived in an apartment below" that was "on the water." Might that doctor have been Dr. Smith? Perhaps Vic's mother and Franklin worked together.

On another subject, there is a picture in the January/February 2023 **Blackberry Preserves** of Merrily Johnson Stuart. Is she the sister

of Lee Johnson? (editor's note...yes). As you know, the Johnson family and my family were very good friends. If she is Lee's sister, please say hello to her for me. She might remember the Goodrich name and that we moved to Michigan. Lee and a friend (Bob Norman in 1963) and later in 1994, Lee and a friend, Mike Sarver, visited us in Kalamazoo where my parents lived. Lee and Mike were in the area to attend the U. of Wash. and U. of Michigan football game.



Bob Sarver, Lee Johnson with
Mr. & Mrs. Goodrich in 1994.

In general, I want you to know how very much I appreciate your effort and that of others in publishing the Blackberry Preserves. It brings back such pleasant memories of places and people I once knew. Do take care, and my best wishes to you.
Elizabeth Goodrich



Gordon Dudley, class of 1955, called with memories of Heisdorf & Nelson. Gordon knew (and will try to remember her name) a Kirkland graduate to worked in the IBM room in Houghton. She ran the card reading machine. Gordon himself added electrical outlets to the IBM room and his father, Leonard Dudley, put in a bulkhead on a natural spring that provided water for the Hollywood Hill Poultry farm.

H&N sold a case of eggs (30 dozen) that did not pass inspection (candling) for \$3. The eggs were used to make scrambled eggs for large gatherings.

How history is preserved



Libbi Wright

KHS was never designed to be a museum but is a Resource Center dedicated to preserving the history of Kirkland and its people. We never officially called ourselves a museum until a visitor stated: "I never knew Kirkland had this wonderful museum." From that day forward, new signs were designed and displayed. Having a small museum fulfills one piece of our mission and that is to make Kirkland's history available.

Another part of the KHS mission is to collect and preserve the history of Kirkland and its people. KHS has hundreds of donors who have donated their family treasures. As items and photos are donated, they are scanned or photographed with the details entered into the database which is Museum software. Photographs and paper items are archived and objects are displayed in the museum.

The **City/Morgan Collection** has about 5000 photos and negatives. These are professional photos taken for the **East Side Journal**. Editor Chuck Morgan kept the photos and bound newspapers dating from 1918 through 1976 when he sold the paper. Eventually Chuck gave the newspapers to Kirkland Heritage Society and gave the original prints and negatives to the City of Kirkland. The City and KHS then entered into an agreement that KHS would have possession of the photos and negatives into perpetuity. The City would keep ownership. It made sense. KHS has the interest and the newspapers and the archive was being designed and built.

Once Heritage Hall opened, KHS held a photo night once a year. Local old timers came out in droves to help date and name the City/Morgan photos, (Page 2). Now, many years later, there are few remaining who remember. Our goal was, once identified; the newspaper article featuring the photo could be found and documented along with the photo.

Of the photos that could not be identified, many had dates stamped on the back which allowed us to find the article that used the photo. Of the 5000 photos, 3000 have been identified and entered into the database. That left 2000 undated and unidentified.

Libbi Wright likes a project and she is patient. For two years, Libbi has been going through the papers and finding articles for these undated and unidentified photos. It is meticulous work and many people would throw up their hands. After hundreds of hours, the stack of photos is down to several hundred and getting smaller every week.

Once Libbi is done, it will be my job (Loita) to take a picture of the article and then scan the photo. The article is digitized with the text entered with the photo so it can be found and used by researchers.

As the remaining paired photos and articles are entered into the database, two prints of each entry are made. One is for a binder that is on the museums library shelves. The other goes into a binder with the original photo and is archived.

Once archived, the original photo will hopefully never be touched again. We use the scan in the database when a print is needed.

So there you have it. That is how KHS completes its mission which is to collect, preserve and make available the history of Kirkland. It is rewarding work.

Setting up the museum is rewarding fun.



Tech Team



Tony Fassbind and his grandsons have spent hours at the museum working on our internet.

The boys come in frequently with their grandpa and learned we were having issues. Thanks to Tony we are up and running.

Summerfest 2023 Teams



Dave Sherbrooke, Linda & Wayne Jatón,
Pam Gates Owens.



Janice Gerrish & Dave Sherbrooke



Libbi Wright



Sue & Santos Contreras

Sue's hubby of 56 years, Santos Contreras, is never far away and is there to give a helping hand.



Keeping Kirkland Beautiful

Sue Contreras has adopted several traffic circles in Norkirk. Always an observer, Sue noticed that NE 70th place was both littered and overgrown. Sue sponsored the section between I-405 and 132nd Avenue NE (Bridle Trails) and then divided it into 18 sections. Fifteen have been taken, including one by Sue. Sue then works on the remaining three sections once hers is cleared. She could use a few more hands.

This is a public service opportunity with a lot of historic content. This section of road was part of the original 18 miles that was King County's first paved road and was part of the Yellowstone Trail that ended at Kirkland's Ferry Dock (see *Blackberry Preserves* Jan/Feb 2023). Locals called it the Blacktop and early maps called it the Macadam Road.

In 1911, it was reported that this section of road connecting Kirkland and Redmond was one of the best roads in the state. Thank you Sue Contreras and volunteers for making this statement true in 2023.

If you have time, energy and interest to help out, please call KHS and leave a message for Sue (425-827-3446).



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*.

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Mugging for the camera while waiting for a turn on the phone.



The two typewriters were in constant use and the keys jammed only once.



The phones and typewriters work and have history in Kirkland. Visitors of all ages are told that if it is out, they can touch. After spending over an hour at the museum, Matt McCauley treated them to a walking tour of Old Kirkland and Marina Park.



Lake Street South - Now & Soon



Mural designed by Austin Picinich



2023 Neir Scholarships

By Jim Neir

The Kirkland Heritage Society is proud to announce two winners of the Robert and Christine Neir Memorial Scholarship. Congratulations to Justine Wei and Austin Picinich.

Justine is a graduate of Juanita High School and participated on the Swim team and Varsity Badminton. She also joined the local BSA Troop (Boy Scouts) in 2019 and successfully completed her Eagle Scout Project. She will be attending the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology in the fall, with an anticipated major in Chemical Engineering.

Austin is also a graduate from Juanita High School. He was the creator, artist, and project leader for the "Save Our Salmon" mural at Juanita Creek. He also participated on the Varsity Golf team and was awarded First Place in the DECA State Championship. He will be attending the University of Washington, with an anticipated major in Marketing.

This year's topic was, "Who in your personal life has influenced you, and why?" For Justine's essay, "Inspiration from Mrs. Chaing", and Austin's essay, "The impact of an influential teacher" they will each receive \$1,500 towards their college expenses.

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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.

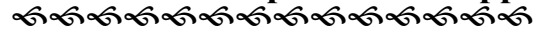
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Your memberships make it happen.**



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Kirkland Heritage Society

January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023

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203 Market Street
Kirkland, WA 98033.



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425-587-3300**



Kirkland Parks has summer classes and events for the kids. One of the events was to visit our museum. KHS has some hands-on displays such as antique phones, two typewriters and a stereoscope featuring Kirkland photos. More on page 6

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