

# BLACKBERRY PRESERVES

The Journal of the

## KIRKLAND HERITAGE SOCIETY



Thad Pound, Kirkland Cannery, April 1979

Photo: Trevor Kyle

### Kirkland Cannery has a new life

Pictured above is Thad loading a retort (pressure cooker) with tins of Salmon.

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## Kirkland Heritage Society

Museum hours:

Monday: 10 to Noon

Wednesday: 2 to 5

203 Market Street  
Lower lever of Heritage Hall



## Annual Members Meeting and elections

Our annual membership meeting with elections will be held **May 27, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.** Since there are no challenges, all current board members have agreed to serve another two year term.

KHS has a two year term limit for President. President Chris Neir has served his two terms and has now volunteered to serve as Vice President. Vice President, Matt McCauley will now serve as President.

### The 2026 Slate

(Each serving a 2 year term)

**President: Matt McCauley**

**Vice President: Chris Neir**

**Secretary: Bonnie McLeod**

**Treasurer: Loita Hawkinson**

**At large: Linda Jatton**

**At Large: Penny Sweet**

**At Large: Janice Gerrish**

**At Large: Dave Sherbrooke**

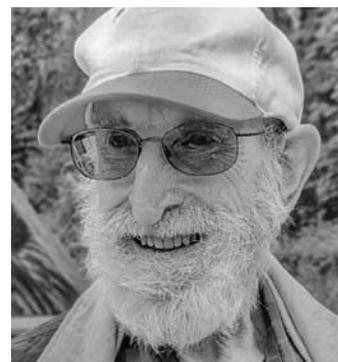
**At Large: Libbi Wright**

Kirkland Heritage Society has a “working board”. Most responsibilities are filled by board members. This might include working a shift during our museum’s open hours, distributing History Month signs for February and attending membership meeting. If you have a passion concerning Historic Kirkland, please let us know.



## Message from Board Member, Janice Gerrish

My husband, Bob, became acutely sick before Thanksgiving. He died in Hospice December 31, 2025. We were married 47 years. We were best friends, buddies, husband and wife, Dad and Mom, fellow explorers. I am grateful for all the support from my family and friends.



**Bob Gerrish  
(1948-2025)**



## Message From the Newsroom at KHS

Bob Gerrish handled the membership list for the *Blackberry Preserves*. The Nov/Dec issue was the last with his assistance so please give Bob a thought and a thanks as you read these pages. Bob was always very helpful and kind. His help and presence will be greatly missed.



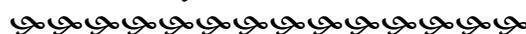
### In the Mail

Dear KHS,

First I want to thank all of you who help with KHS. My name is Bruce Patty and Ollis Patty was my grandfather. I appreciate the two photos of him that were included in the Sept/Oct 2025 *Blackberry Preserves*. The photo on the back cover identified Emery Brooks as his father-in-law. Actually, Emery Brooks married Annabelle Patty Brooks, a cousin of Ollis and she was the main reason why he came to visit Kirkland.

Again, my thanks to all of you for all you do!  
Regards,

Bruce Patty



Visitors



Joy Phelps and Don Jewett

Don is a retired computer programmer who grew up in Bellevue and now lives in Kirkland. Joy is a retired reference librarian.

Don and Joy met on-line during Covid. They used their isolation time visiting outdoor historic venues. They share a love of history and have become best friends.



Richard's descendents have the middle name of Duval with one "L". Richard's grandmother's birth certificate listed her last name as Duval: a family mystery.



Stephanie West and Jason Grager

Jason graduated from **Juanita High School** in 2008. His parents are Dan Grager and Lynn Hutchinson Grager who graduated from **Lake Washington High School** in 1976 and 1977. Here Jason is texting his folks their yearbook photos.

Jason has worked for **Flat Stick Pub** at **Marina Park** for many years. He sometimes visits KHS before his shift starts.

Stephanie is a northwest native. She works for **Guiding Hands** out of Bothell.



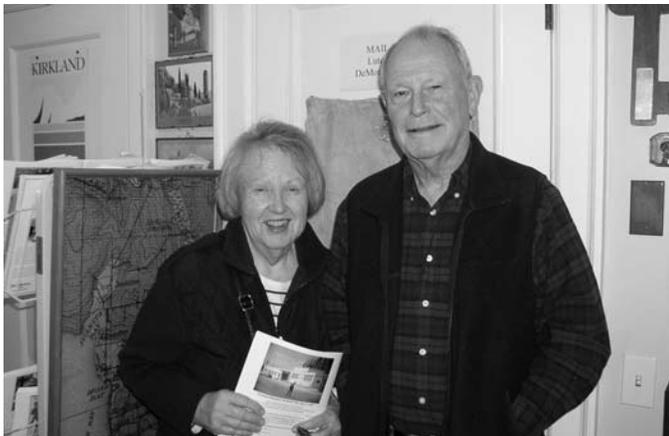
First Donation to KHS in 2026



Barry Powell, KHS

Barry is the son of attorney and Kirkland Business owner **Maurice Powell**. Barry also became an attorney and was in partnership with his father. After living 75 years in the same home in Kirkland, Barry

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Signa Gibson and Richard Duval Gibson

Signa Gibson and Richard Duval Gibson are from Seaside, Oregon. They were visiting the area to see the Trolls in Issaquah, Lincoln Park, Vashon Island and the Nordic Museum. They plan to visit the Troll on Bainbridge this summer. The Gibson's stopped in Kirkland and discovered KHS.

Richard's grandmother was Bertha Mae Duvall Gibson, daughter of Duvall founder, Francis Dickinson Duvall. Three of

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is moving to a warmer climate and has donated some of his father’s original photos and memorabilia. **Maurice Powell** founded **Citizens Bank of Kirkland** in 1954 and was a civic leader for over 70 years. When Maurice moved to Kirkland, he was Kirkland’s only attorney.

Maurice Powell died in 2008 and is buried in the **Kirkland Cemetery**.

Thank you, Barry, for your donation.



### Kirkland’s Planning & Building Department Tour #2



**Kirkland’s Planning & Building Department, KHS Museum, 2026**

Shown above are more members of the **Kirkland Planning & Building Department** participating in another scheduled tour of the **KHS Museum and Archives** (see last issue). From left to right: Linda King, Tim Coye, Scott Guter, Kelly Wilkinson, Katie Kapoor and Allison Zike.



**The tour continues...**

Here the tour views our “**Made In Kirkland**” display. Items from the

**Kirkland Woolen Mill, Eastside Beverages, Youngers Mints** and more are displayed. Many more items that were manufactured in early Kirkland are displayed throughout the museum.



**The tour continues...**

Here the tour is viewing some of the 19th Century artifacts from the **French Family Collection**. Harry French and his parents settled in what is now Houghton in 1872. Much of what is on display here arrived with the French family when they moved from Maine.

On the left side you can see part of the Cannery display.



### Ice Skating in Kirkland



**Ice Skating Rink, Peter Kirk Park 2025-2026**

Skating in December and January in Kirkland promises to be one of those fond memories posted on social media forums. The rink and tent survived our winter storms.

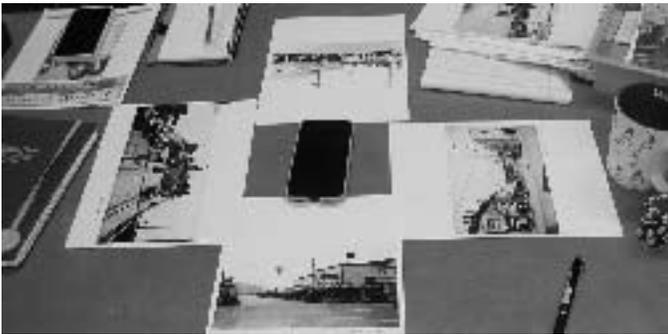


## Utility Box Wrap Planning



**James Lopez, Sue Contreras and Laura Drake (on phone) at City Hall, Kirkland**

The utility box at **Kirkland Avenue and Lake Street** was wrapped in 2019. Recent new requirements meant that two new boxes had to replace the single box. The same four historic photos will be used on the largest box with **Yellowstone Trail** history on the smaller box. Kirkland was the official end of the **Yellowstone Trail** and will finally gets its proper recognition.



**The Planned Layout**

Jim’s coffee mug on the right represented Lake Washington. The phone in the center (with Laura’s input), represented the utility boxes being wrapped. The photo below the phone will be facing south Lake Street.

(Utility Box Wraps, see BP Mar/Apr 2019.)  
(Yellowstone Trail, see BP Jan/Feb 2022).



**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*.**

## History Month, 2026



**Martha Schroeder, Bonnie McLeod, Penny Sweet, KHS**

Martha, Bonnie and Penny are shown above sorting and organizing some of the **History Month** plaques before distributing them around Kirkland. Martha Schroeder, Bonnie McLeod, Penny Sweet, Linda and Wayne Jatton and Loita Hawkinson got 100% of the plaques displayed. Thanks to the many Kirkland businesses who participated in KHS’s 16th **History Month**.



## Woman’s Club Meeting January 7, 2026



**Kirkland’s Woman’s Club**

The **Kirkland Woman’s Club** celebrated their centennial in 2025. It’s members are still filling in the history of their club and asked Loita Hawkinson for a program.

It is known that the **Kirkland Woman’s Club** was established 5 years earlier in 1920 before their current location was built in 1925. Before that, meetings were held in

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members’ homes. They also established and operated Kirkland’s first public library in a home on Market Street.

It is also known that there is a time capsule within the northeast corner of the Woman’s Club building. The *East Side Journal* reported that a time capsule had been installed with a 1925 issue of the *East Side Journal*.

One of the nagging questions from members has been for some time: “Where is the 1925 time capsule located?”

There is a plaque on the northeast corner of the building that states the building opened in 1925 as both the **Woman’s Club** and the **Kirkland Public Library**, but it was not known when the plaque was installed.

Here is when the old adage, ‘A picture is worth a thousand words’ comes into play. The 1925 photo on the back cover shows the plaque on the nearly completed Woman’s Club building.

It is almost a certainty the time capsule is behind this plaque. But who is brave enough to find out??



### Kirkland’s Custom Cannery



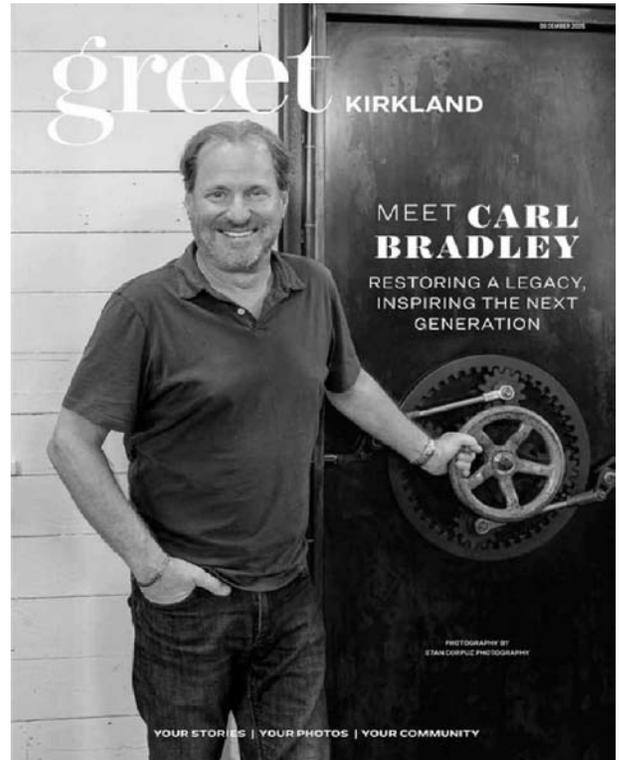
**Carl Bradley with a retort, 2025**

Photo: Stan Corpuz.

Visitors to KHS often ask about the cannery, assuming it is long gone. But thanks to the patience of former owner, **Thad Pound**, our cannery found a history-

minded buyer. With the dedication of the new owner, **Carl Bradley**, the Cannery has a new life.

Carl Bradley purchased the Cannery in 2014. Carl has converted it into a Recording Studio. More can be read about both the Cannery and Carl in the December 2025 issue of *Greet Kirkland Magazine*.



**Carl Bradley, Cover of *Greet Kirkland Magazine* December 2025**



### Life Members:

- Richard and Lisa Altig, Cindy Anderson, Maureen Baskin, Laura Bradley-Pierucci, Bob and Valerie Burmester, David and Tasha Davis, Don Dicks and Merrily Hardenbrook Dicks, Ulrich & Nona Ganz, Dan & Kim Hartman, Loita Hawkinson, Steve Lamson, Anne R. Fleming, Sandi Kelly, Joan McBride/Margaret Meister, Matt McCauley, Laura May Moseng, Jim & Cathy Neir, Tom & Sally J. Neir, Richard & Kathy Nelson, Timothy & Mary Ord, Richard and Peggy Ostrander, Wayne Peterson, Michael and Cathy Radcliff, Darlene “Dee” Miller Saunders, Linda M. Elliott Scovel, Lisa Miller Sheffield, Larry Springer/Penny Sweet, Lois Y. Pawley-Wick and the late James G. Wick, Libbi Wright.

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

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Your memberships make it happen.**



### 2026 MEMBERSHIP

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January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026

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**Kirkland Woman's Club, 1925, *Seattle Times***

This Landmarked century old building at 407 1st Street is shown nearly completed. It is the current home of the **Kirkland Woman's Club**.

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