

BLACKBERRY PRESERVES

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KIRKLAND HERITAGE SOCIETY



J. Naukkari's Gas Oil and Groceries, c1915
Photo: Lindquist Collection

First Known Store on Finn Hill

Pictured above is **John Naukkari** standing in front of his business and home. **Mr. Naukkari** is considered the first Finnish resident of **Finn Hill**, arriving in 1901. He was a widower and lived alone.

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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



Blackberry Social

With guest speaker, **Wally Hurst** who will give us a geology lesson and some history about the area between Juanita and York.

Wednesday, September 30, 2026

7:00 PM

at Heritage Hall

203 Market Street

The **Blackberry Social** is our annual event featuring traditional Blackberry Ice-cream Sundaes served in vintage fountain dishes.



President's Letter

Looking back at August, we had a great time at **Dennyfest** again this year. Many thanks to the **Finn Hill Neighborhood Alliance** for inviting us and putting on such a fun event. Thanks, too, to our KHS volunteers who helped at our table and to everybody who stopped by to chat!

Our Oral History Committee, headed by board members Bonnie McLeod and Penny Sweet, has launched a new project to record oral history interviews with Kirkland seniors. They have compiled a great list of narrators to interview and will soon get things rolling. If you have anyone

who might make an interesting narrator, or if you'd like to volunteer to conduct oral history interviews, please reach out to Penny or Bonnie for more info!

I spent a few days in August down at the **National Museum of WWII Aviation** in Colorado Springs, Colorado, for a flight event featuring the **WWII U.S. Navy SB2C-1A "Helldiver"** dive bomber, which my SCUBA diving friends and I recovered as a stripped, burned hulk from 150 feet of water in **Lake Washington** as teenagers back in 1984. The plane underwent a massive restoration effort and is now one of only three flying **Helldivers** in the world. The museum event featured a truly historic formation flight of all three flying **Helldivers**. It was just amazing!

I was a guest of the museum and had a great time talking to event visitors and local media about **Lake Washington's** history, particularly during the **WWII** period. I even managed to share some of Kirkland's **WWII** aviation history through the **Lake Washington Shipyards** (located at today's **Carillon Point**), which primarily constructed **Barnegat-class** small seaplane tenders (**AVPs**). These ships serviced **Navy PBV "Catalina"** and **Martin PBM "Mariner"** twin-engine flying boat patrol bombers. The museum has a beautiful **PBV** in its collection, so Kirkland's contribution of the **AVPs** was of particular interest to their folks.

Our next general meeting will be at **Heritage Hall** at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, September 30, and I hope to see you there!

Matt McCauley

Upcoming Events

Kirkland City Hall 4 All

Saturday, September 19, 2026
12:00 noon to 4:00 PM
at Kirkland City Hall
123 5th Avenue

This is a free event for the entire family. Kids can explore Kirkland's fleet of emergency trucks and vehicles. There will be many pop-up markets, cultural performances, a fixer fair and story time with Mayor Curtis.

The Lake Washington High School Marching Band will lead a small parade around Kirkland City Hall at 2:00 PM



Saturday, October 10th 2026

1:00-4:00pm

Join us in celebrating the addition of the *class of 1976* and all those who came before!
Make it an afternoon to remember shared with friends.
Light snacks provided.

Lake Washington High School
12033 NE 80th Street, Kirkland

Hosting Class: 1973



Newsletter Production



Libbi Wright and Dave Sherbrooke are shown above preparing the July/Aug 2026 BP for the mail.



Visitors



Wally Hurst of Kirkland stopped by KHS to research the **Juanita Golf Course**. Wally is looking at one of the *Kroll Map Binders* on the KHS collection. An Invironmental Scientist, Wally will be our September 30, 2026 Speaker. Hopefully one day, Wally will give our group a report on what he has learned about the 9 hole **Juanita Golf Course** which is now **Juanita Bay Park**.



Marilyn Otter Milne, 2026

Marilyn is the daughter of Jo-Ann Snickars Barrett who was the daughter of **John and Wilhelmina Snickars**; early pioneers near Totem Lake when it was called **Lake Wittenmyer**.

Marilyn is pictured above with her great aunt Ellen Snickars' school book in the KHS collection. Ellen Snickars signed her *Stone-Mills Arithmetic* book in 1918. The book is stamped **School District 21, Juanita, Wash.**



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**Sandra Shepard Sylvester
and Polly Aird, 2026**

Sandra and Polly when they visited our KHS Museum in August. They have been friends for over 50 years, beginning when Polly came to Kirkland.

Polly is a retired scientific editor for Boeing and is now an historian.

Sandra Shepard was in the Lake Washington High School class of 1958. After her 1958 graduation, Sandra was crowned Miss Kirkland. Sandra and Polly shared many fond Kirkland memories.



Sandra Shepard, 1958
Pictured above as *Miss Kirkland*



Thank You Claire and Libbi



Claire is giving our KHS museum a good vacuuming.



Libbi Wright keeps the museum open on Monday from 10 to noon and Wednesday from 2 to 5. Pictured above, Libbi is searching the bound *East Side Journals* for articles that accompanied the many photos in the **Charles Morgan/City Collection**. Chuck saved both the photos and newspapers when he retired and sold the paper. After six years, Libbi has about 300 out of over 4000 photos that still need their article. A photo with no name or history means little. It is meticulous work and Libbi has the required patience.



Dennyfest: 2026



Visitors and KHS tables, Dennyfest, 2026

Dennyfest is the perfect event for anyone desiring a few hours with a small hometown feel.

The two tables pictured above feature **Kirkland History** focusing on **Finn Hill**.



Libbi, Matt, Penny, and Bonnie
O.O. Denny Park, 2026

Libbi Wright, Matt McCauley, Penny Sweet, Bonnie McLeod and Loita Hawkinson (photo credit) tended the **Kirkland Heritage Society** tables during the **2026 Dennyfest** at **O.O. Denny Park**

Dennyfest is sponsored by the **Finn Hill Neighborhood Alliance (FHNA)**.



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***.

Mark Your 2027 Calendars if You Were Born in the Kirkland Hospital.

A Weekend Celebrating Kirkland's History & Heritage

by Bonnie McLeod

The **Kirkland Heritage Society** and **Kirkland Mainstreet** are planning a special two-day celebration of Kirkland's rich history on **October 9 and 10, 2027**. (same weekend as **Golden Grads**)

The weekend will bring Kirkland's stories to life through speakers, exhibits, tours, and special events throughout downtown.

We hope to have a reception at the **Heathman Hotel** for any babies born at the old **Kirkland Hospital**.

Do you have a Kirkland story, photograph, memory, or information to share?

We would love to hear from you! To share information, get involved, or be added to our contact list, visit the ***Kirkland Originals Facebook*** page.

Save the date and join us as we celebrate the people, places, and stories that made Kirkland what it is today! Bonnie



Bonnie McLeod and Kellie Fletcher Jordan
at Heritage Hall, 2026

Above are Bonnie and Kellie at the **KHS Museum and Resource Center** researching Kirkland births. It takes time and energy to plan such an event so they are getting an early start.



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When Mr. Naukkari died in 1936, the property was left to his daughter Tauna Johanna Naukry Hammar. Tauna and her husband, Johan Albert Hammar operated the gas station and grocery as **Hammar's Service Station and Grocery**.

“**Hammar's** was a drop in spot for the people on **Big Finn Hill**. Gas, groceries, cigarettes and Finn conversation about the goings-on on the Hill. You could drop in and get the latest on vacations, weddings, births, Finn Hill Dance - everything happening on the Hill. They also stocked Astoria or Bakery Cinnamon Toast - Delish.”

Excerpt from a family history in the KHS collection by Kathleen Lindquist Leary.

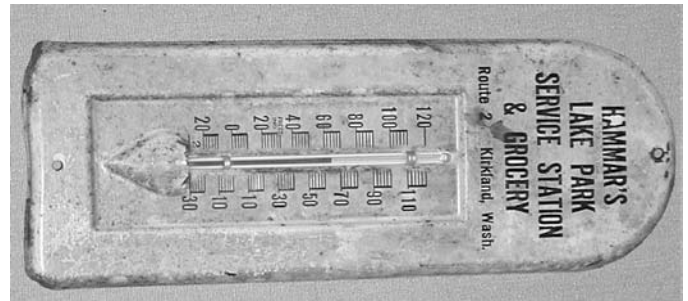
“Astoria Cinnamon Toast” refers to a famous specialty of the Home Baking Company in Astoria, Oregon. This was a hard, sweet, cracker-like bread based on traditional Finnish korppu.

Kathleen was in the 1954 Class of **Lake Washington High School**. The Lindquist family is considered the first Finnish family on **Finn Hill**, arriving in 1907.

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Hammar's Matchbook Cover



Hammar's wall thermometer

Edith Jewell Osborn Collection

(Edith Jewell Osborn was the proprietor of *Edie's Juntiques*)



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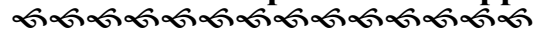
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Corner of Juanita Drive and 122nd Avenue N.E., 2026

Photo: Loita Hawkinson

This is the corner and former site of **Finn Hill's Hammar's Gas Station and Grocery**, then Route 2.

The corner is still a gas station and neighborhood market.

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