Members of the Kirkland Fire Department
on Central Way in 1929
with their new American LaFrance truck
AUGUST PRESIDENT’S LETTER
by
Bob Burke

Be sure to attend the dedication on August 27th at the Waverly site of the Peter Kirk: Founder of Kirkland Historic Interpretive Marker which KHS donated to the City. It is also being done to recognize KHS 20th Anniversary. There are five historic interpretive markers which will be installed during the next two months – you can learn about Peter Kirk as well as Ferries and Pig Races on Lake Washington.

I want to thank Marc Connelly and Mark Johnston of the City Parks and Community Service Department for their help. Also, JGM, landscape architects, for their excellent assistance in the graphic layout of the markers. Ernest McKibben worked on the marker sponsored by the Rotary Club of Kirkland; Alan Stein provided background material and worked on the two sponsored by the City; and I worked on the Peter Kirk marker and coordinated with Nancy Farrell on the Shumway marker. Barbara Loomis found wonderful new photos and information on Carrie Shumway. I cannot thank Lorraine McConaghy enough – she provided that final, wonderful edit which made the text consistent, very readable and crisp! Thank you! Thank you! All!

Thanks also to Vic Newhard for taking over the operation of our booth at Summerfest! It was well organized and I think a great time was had by all who participated. Also thanks to Melissa Nelson who not only loaned us her booth but also helped put it up and take it down!

MEMBERSHIP CHAIR NEEDED

Barbara Loomis has been the Membership Chair of KHS for about three years and has indicated that she needs more time for her duties as Communication Officer and other Historic Preservation activities. At least three people have offered to help, but we need someone to have overall responsibility. The Chair of the Membership Committee meets with the Board monthly to coordinate with the activities of KHS. The primary duties of the Membership Committee are:

- Annual Membership Renewal and coordination with Treasurer (June through August each year);
- Maintaining an up-to-date Membership List and database and preparing mailing labels for KHS activities (Blackberry Preserves, Elections, Special Notices, etc.);
- Maintaining an up-to-date list of Public Officials and other organizations;
- Organizing and coordinating special membership campaigns to increase membership — often in conjunction with monthly programs. With our current list of nearly 400 potential community landmarks, we will be putting on special programs and having articles in Blackberry Preserves to pique their interest and encourage their membership in KHS. In general, we need to have someone always looking out for opportunities to interest people in KHS.

If you would like more information or are interested in serving as Membership Chair, please call Bob Burke - 827-6550 or 828-4095 or Barbara Loomis - 827-7194.

PS from Barbara
I have the membership lists set up in Microsoft Access for Windows 7.0. It would be easy to transfer all the information to your computer if you have this same database or one that is compatible. Database knowledge is helpful but I can train you.

KHS AUGUST MEETING

August 27 at 6 pm at the Waverly Park Arch we will dedicate KHS’s interpretive marker; Peter Kirk: Founder of Kirkland. Bring your family, your friends, a blanket and a picnic dinner to celebrate this mementos occasion. KHS will provide Sarsaparilla.
On August 14th the Planning Commission held a public hearing on the Community Character Chapter of the Comprehensive Plan. We have been working with them and the Planning staff to strengthen the policies on historic preservation and to expand the list of properties which are officially recognized by the City. Eight structures and 2 sites were recommended to be added to the City’s current list; the staff has recommended preparation of regulations and procedures this Fall and then the inclusion of additional structures and sites at that time. We also have sent information to the neighborhood associations and have supported the staff recommendation.

AMERICAN LEGION TO CONTINUE AS MEETING HALL

Congratulations to Dale Christian who purchased the American Legion Hall!! He is going to upgrade the building by removing the back upper stairs, rebuilding the front porch and steps, replacing two windows which were filled in on the east side of the building, replacing the upper front windows and painting the building – retaining the Blue and Red “American Legion” sign.

His intent is to rent the building out for community groups, receptions and other events.

COMMUNITY LANDMARKS INVENTORY NEARLY COMPLETE

387 Structures and 55 Sites Identified

KHS now has a data base of 442 properties which have the potential to be recognized as Community Landmarks. We have nearly completed obtaining the 1930’s assessor records and taking a color photograph on each property. This is part of the information which we have provided to the Planning Commission and also to neighborhood associations. Once we have organized all of the information by neighborhoods we will look for a sponsor to print documents for a wider audience. It will be about 800 to 1,000 pages long.

PROPERTY ON A HISTORIC LIST??

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

There are a number of misconceptions about what the placement of a structure on a historic list or register really means. Even being on the National or State Registers of Historic Places does not preclude the owner from painting the structure purple or tearing it down. At the local level, being recognized as a Kirkland Community Landmark - officially by the City – now means that your property will be reviewed through SEPA at the time of a development proposal or demolition permit request. At most this may delay the process for a short period of time; which may allow an alternative to save the structure; relocate it; preserve parts of it; or at least photograph and document it prior to demolition.

The primary purposes for doing these inventories is educational! First, it shows what potential historic resources there really are! Second, with that information, we can decide which are the most important and which only provide historical context. This allows us to develop regulations and incentives for property owners which will encourage the preservation of historically and architecturally significant community landmarks. It provides a basis to decide where historic interpretive markers should be placed.
The fun and weather were outstanding for our booth at the Kirkland Summerfest - arts and crafts fair - on July 12th and 13th. There was a steady stream of people on Lake Street for both days. Many of them were given a map of the downtown area for a walking tour of 15 historic buildings which were marked with posters put up by Betsy Pringle and Bob Burke. The posters, map pages, booth display titles and main booth sign were done by our very talented Barbara Loomis and her computer. We had great success thanks to a beautiful booth loaned to us by Melissa Nelson, sales of many sample bottles of genuine blackberry preserves hand picked by Christian Brugman and put up by she and Barbara Loomis, and the raffle tickets for "Garcia" a retired Beanie Baby, very generously donated by Loita Hawkinson.

The kids went crazy for that little colorful doll and bought many tickets. The doll was won by two year old Jamie Doucere. Sales of ice cold bottles of Sioux City Sarsaparilla went well (I bought at least seven bottles myself). It was interesting to see young people learning to open bottles, the old fashioned way, with the bottle opener on the end of the Coca Cola cooler. We ended up with gross revenues of just over $300.00 and at least two new members.

The success we had would not have been possible without the many people you spent part of their weekend to help set up the booth, put up the many displays, both inside and outside, spend hours just being there to answer the many questions, sell "stuff", and at the end take it all apart. So thank you - Christina Brugman, Bob Burke, Angie Eggers, Lynette Friberg, Loita and Dale Hawkinson, Barbara Loomis, Chet and Melissa Nelson, Betsy Pringle, Cathy Smith, Alan Stein and Laura Westlund. My job as KHS Booth Chair was made easy and a lot of fun because of your dedication. I thank you all!!
Fun in the sun at Summerfest '97
(Pictured: Vic Newhard, Barbara Loomis, Cathy Smith, Loita Hawkinson, Betsy Pringle, Laura Westlund)
KIRKLAND'S HERITAGE: WE'RE NO WHERE WITHOUT IT!
by Betsy Pringle

HERE, UNIQUE AMONGST ALL OTHER PLACES IN THE WORLD, IS HISTORIC DOWNTOWN KIRKLAND!

Few cities can match Kirkland's historic commitment to waterfront parks and the potential of our historic and architecturally significant buildings to retain our small-town character. Our historic buildings remind us of who we are and where we came from. They center us, unite us and give us a sense of place that goes beyond the temporal and the commercial.

Historic places and buildings provide continuity and familiarity in a rapidly changing world. As visible testimony to the dreams and struggles of others before us, historic places remind us that we are not alone— that the drama of community extends from yesterday - to today - to tomorrow - and each of us has a role to play in it.

To a large extent, Downtown Kirkland’s appeal lies in her pedestrian-friendly scale and small-town atmosphere. If either of those aspects were to be lost, the context of her waterfront spaces and historic buildings would irrevocably suffer— eroding our sense of identity, continuity and community character.

For those who love Downtown Kirkland, there is much to celebrate. Her small-scale waterfront appeal and rich heritage have made her one of the area’s most desirable places to live, work and socialize. It is no accident that so many of the businesses which are thriving downtown— JJJ’s, the Roaster, Hector's and DaVinci’s, to name a few — are housed in some of Kirkland’s most historic buildings. The galleries are here because our downtown has an atmosphere which is consistent with their business. Our challenge in the months and years ahead is to protect and to preserve those priceless and irreplaceable qualities that make Kirkland unique.

Preservation of Kirkland’s historic elements makes sound economic sense in both the short and especially the long term. Dollar for dollar, historic preservation has been recognized as one of the highest job-generating economic development options available to a community. In addition to creating specialized construction jobs, the ripple effects of historic preservation can provide many other community benefits:

- More Construction Dollars Stay in the Community — New Businesses Are Formed
- Tourism is Expanded — Private Investment is Stimulated
- Land Use Patterns Retain a Scale Which Encourages Walking and Shopping
- Revenues From Property and Sales Tax Increase - Property Values Increase
- Smaller Buildings Provide More Sunlight to the Street Which Encourages Walking
- Community Pride is Enhanced
- Quality of Life of the Entire Community is Enhanced

KIRKLAND'S HERITAGE IS KIRKLAND'S FUTURE

Celebrate, Support and Preserve those features of our Downtown which keep us UNIQUE!
CALENDAR

August 27, 6 pm
KHS Picnic and Dedica-
tion of Peter Kirk Inter-
pretive Marker
Join us at Waverly Park near the
Waverly School Archway for the
dedication of the interpretive
marker; Peter Kirk: Founder of
Kirkland. This marker is donated
by the KHS and is to commemo-
rate our 20th Anniversary. Bring a
blanket and dinner and we’ll have a
picnic in the park before the dedica-
tion at 7 pm. KHS will provide ice
cold Sarsaparilla!

September 8
Oral History Meeting
7:30 pm
Christina Brugman’s house: 11122
NE 132, call Christina 821-3605.

September 11
Woodinville Historical
Society 7 pm
Kingsgate Library, 12315 NE
143rd, Kirkland, Call 827-7194
Magic Lantern Show
The Woodinville Historical Society
has invited KHS to attend a program
put on by Joe and Alice Cook. Magic
Lanterns were the first slide projec-
tors, projecting images from glass
slides.

September 24
KHS Board 6 pm
KHS Program 7 pm
“Raise Hell and Sell Newspapers,
Alden J. Blethen & The Seattle
Times”. Lorraine McConaghy will
give a presentation about her re-
cently published biography of Mr.
Blethen. If you have a copy of her
book bring it and she will of course
autograph it.

 Unless otherwise noted KHS meetings
are held the last Wednesday of the
month at 7 pm, Kirkland Congrega-
tional Church, 106-5th Ave., Kirkland.

MEMBERSHIP
by Barbara Loomis

Thank you for your quick re-
response to renewing mem-
berships. We are doing quite
well with about 60 renewals so far.
Please remember that the mis-
ton of KHS is to identify his-
toric resources; to encourage
their preservation; to collect,
preserve, exhibit and interpret
the history and heritage of Kirk-
land and its people; and to pro-
mote public involvement in and
appreciation of its heritage and
cultures. These are some of the
reasons to join and support
KHS and we Thank you.

Welcome and Thank you for
your Corporate membership:
Nancy Farrell of Murray
Franklyn Inc.

Welcome new family members:
Kelli & Daniel Adam
Dr. & Mrs. Kenneth
Drewelow

Thank you for your Profes-
sional/Business renewal:
Page & Beard Architecture
and Design P.S.

Thank you for renewing with a
Supporting membership:
Hazel & Edgar Kelly
Laura Westlund

Thank you for your renewals:
Jeanette & Glenn Carter

Scott & Shelly Douglas
Evie Florian
Krystal & Gary Gannaway
Myron & Marlene Lewis
Joan McBride
Bernard Peach
Cathy Smith
Nancy Stephens Patricia Stupfel

MEMBERSHIP FORM

July 1, 1997 - June 30, 1998

- Individual $20
- Family $25
- Senior/Student $10
- Supporting $100
- Life Member $1,000
- Organization/Government $100
- Professional/Business $125
- Corporate $250

TOTAL ENCLOSED:

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Your membership is the first important step in
helping achieve our goals. Interested in helping
on other projects? Please indicate the areas in
which you would be able to volunteer.

Serve on a Standing Committee:
Archives and Collections
Education and Research
Membership and Funding
Planning and Historic Sites
Monthly Programs

Work on specific activity:
Exhibit at Community Events
Home Tour
Do Photography/Update Slides
Install Original Street Name Signs
Video on Kirkland History
School Education Program

Name
Address
City State Zip
Home# Work #
Organization/Firm

Checks should be made payable and mailed to:
Kirkland Heritage Society, 304 – 8th Ave. W.,
Kirkland, WA 98033. Phone: (425) 827-7194

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AN OLD POSTCARD OF DOWNTOWN KIRKLAND
LOOKING SOUTH ON LAKE STREET ABOUT 1929

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