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THE "PARLOR" AT THE FRENCH HOUSE
c. 1880's

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Last month *Blackberry Preserves* was filled with news about people within KHS working on our various projects! This month the news has shifted to the broader Kirkland community and areas of common interest on which we have been working!

At the March meeting of the newly formed Norkirk Neighborhood Association four people volunteered to work on the property inventory, oral history and in researching neighborhood history. Christina Brugman and I met with Kirkland City Manager David Ramsay to discuss how the oral history tapes and historic photographs might be utilized in a video presentation on Kirkland. While attending a conference by the Washington Commission on Humanities Dave was impressed by a preview of a video done to help build a sense of community.

Next month, City Council Members and downtown business people are attending a Downtown Revitalization Training Institute in Wenatchee. This program builds on the Main Street Program which has a strong Historic Preservation element! Barbara Loomis will be attending to represent KHS. I will be participating in one of the Focus Groups helping to define priorities for the City’s 1999 budget. The City is also assisting representatives from neighborhoods and KHS to attend the Neighborhoods USA conference in Portland at the end of May.

The Inventory of Historic Properties has begun! Mimi Sheridan our Consultant is now reviewing background information. We have nearly completed entering the County Assessor’s number on all properties and will hopefully have a map by the end of May! Mimi and I will be attending the Market Neighborhood Association meeting in May.

**APRIL PROGRAM**

**Wednesday, April 29, 1998, 7:00 p.m.**

**Antique Preservationist**

**ELIZABETH FURLOW**

Do you have a family heirloom and you’re not sure how to preserve it? Bring an item along with you to our April 29th meeting, (anything made of wood, glass, paper, porcelain, linen, photograph, etc.), and Elizabeth Furlow from the Museum of History and Industry (MOHI) will provide valuable information about caring for those keepsakes.

*Kirkland Congregational Church*

106 - 5th Avenue

**SPRING WALKING TOURS TO INCLUDE KIRKLAND CEMETERY**

Each year, the Museum of History and Industry (MOHAI) sponsors walking tours in and around Seattle. On Sunday, May 3, at 1:00 p.m., a two hour tour of the Kirkland Cemetery will be given by KHS Vice-president Alan Stein. Alan has given this tour twice in the past, both for KHS and MOHAI, and those who attended in the past have found it most enjoyable and educational. If you would like to register for the tour, call MOHAI at (206) 324-1126. The cost is normally $10, but for KHS members it will be discounted to $8. If you can’t make it on such short notice, don’t worry; another tour will be given in the fall.
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Tales from the East Side Journal

by Alan Stein

This month’s article really isn’t that old. It’s from the July 19, 1972 edition of the East Side Journal but it’s a lot of fun for two different reasons. First, it tells of a downtown-wide display of antiques and it’s interesting to see what people were collecting 25 years ago. Second, for all of you “old-timers” who were around back in the long-ago 70’s, you should find it quite a treat to be reminded of the stores that occupied the buildings in the central business district way back then.

ANTIQUE DISPLAYS MARK CENTENNIAL

Kirkland’s store windows are attired in turn-of-the-century style for the city’s Moss Bay Celebration and Founder’s Centennial, which officially began Sunday and will run through Saturday, Aug. 5.

The window displays featuring antiques and collectibles from Kirkland shops, as well as historical items from Marymoor Museum, have been coordinated by Martha Potter.

The Hobby and Art Shoppe on Kirkland Avenue is featuring a model of the ferry Lincoln – the boat which ran on Lake Washington from Kirkland to Madison for some 25 years. Fred Bostrum, the shop owner, also has photos of other lake boats on display throughout his store.

Bev Roberts of The Shoe Shop, has featured a marble-topped commode, oak secretarial desk, blue and white bowl and pitcher, cane chair and walnut footstool in her store. These items are all from the Tumbleweed Antique Shop on Central Way.

Diaries, belonging to Harry French, the town’s first permanent settler in 1872, make a unique display at The Bank of Kirkland. The 13 historical books tell of the French family’s unhappiness with their farm in Maine and recount the family’s adventures and misfortunes as they made their way out west ... to the eastern shores of Lake Washington. The locally owned bank is also featuring an antique eagle statue from the Good Old Days Shop in Kirkland.

Jean’s Fabric Shop is featuring a thread display rack from Mrs. Ron Hutchinson; a cut crystal display and a ladies’ cathedral-backed chair, belonging to Mrs. Donald Woodward.

A collection of cast iron savings banks, on loan from Gary Porter of Kirkland, may be seen at the Washington Federal Savings Bank, while visitors...
sample Moss Bay Punch on Fridays. Porter also loaned a 1902 Columbia chainless (shaft driven) bicycle and a 1914 Iver Johnson bicycle to Brian’s Bicycle Shop.

The Kirkland Shoe Store is featuring antiques from the Good Old Days Shop, while the Art Mart is displaying a 1908 collection of East Side Journals, a 1904 Seattle Times newspaper, and a blouse, run through the presses of the Kirkland-Redmond Sun shortly after the 1900’s. The blouse was “printed” for Mrs. Al Tilman of Kirkland, to wear to a costume party.

Professional Travel is displaying a 1930 Lake Washington ferry schedule, while The Stein Shop will highlight its permanent antique display along with regular merchandise.

Fitzpatrick’s Appliances is displaying a 42-year-old refrigerator; Annabelle’s Yarn Shop has a rug loom from the Good Old Days Shop; Mode O’Day has antique home furnishings loaned by Jerry Fowler of Kirkland; and Penney’s has antiques from the Good Old Days Shop.

The National Bank of Commerce has a photo display on loan from the Marymoor Museum, depicting turn-of-the-century scenes in downtown Kirkland. The bank is also displaying a painting by Marion Whitmore of the National Bank of Commerce corner in the 1930’s.

An antique scrub board, hand washer and lanterns are displayed in Richardson’s window, while baby clothes, loaned by Mr. And Mrs. David Ostberg and a handmade cradle, double school slate and paper cutter from the Hen House Antique Shop may be seen in the windows of Kid’s Stuff.

A country store food bin, butter churn, egg carriers, wash tub stand and hand operated washing machine, all courtesy of the Hen House Antiques, are displayed in Betty’s Apparel, along with an antique eye glass collection and an antique key collection.

Kirkland shoppers are invited to visit the downtown business center during “Moss Bay Days” and view the displays - from inside the stores and out, Mrs. Potter told the Journal.
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New Member

Tere Gidlof
Chairperson, Market
Neighborhood Association

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July 1, 1998 - June 30, 1999

- Individual $20
- Family $25
- Senior/Student $15
- Supporting $100
- Life Member $1,000
- Organization/Government $100
- Professional/Business $125
- Corporate $250

TOTAL ENCLODED:

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
- Monthly Programs
- Oral History

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

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(NOTE THE FURNISHINGS, THEY WOULD ALL BE CONSIDERED COLLECTIBLES TODAY!)

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