Blackberry Preserves

The Journal of the
Kirkland Heritage Society

Kirkland Heritage Society Booth
Summerfest July 11th & 12th
Our new Ernie Fortescue Collection of Photographs
Join in the fun at TASTE Kirkland September 19th & 20th

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PRESIDENT’S LETTER
by
Bob Burke

We received our first Lifetime ($1,000) Membership from Bill Petter. Bill has been a long time supporter of KHS. He notes that he works in a lot of other organizations in Kirkland and hopes that his financial support will “help us keep up the good work!” Thank you, Bill, for this generous support.

We have received good response to our membership renewal effort. If you have not sent it in yet, please do so. At least four members who previously have not been Supporting Members have done so this year! Thanks! A number of people have taken advantage of our 501-c-3 tax status so we will receive matching money from their employers - Boeing and Microsoft, so far. This extra financial support helps us to expand and protect our Photograph Collection, to do the Oral History Program, and to continue the Property Inventory. If your employer will match you contribution, but you didn’t check the box, please contact Melissa Turloway, Membership Chair.

I want to thank Shannon Harris because our programs have been great this year!! There has been variety, good speakers and extremely interesting programs. They have shown the value of preservation in different cultures, in landscape and in our community. Starting in August, our regular monthly programs on the last Wednesday of each month will be starting again.

Plan to attend!!

(However, this is a paid-up members only program, you will receive a postcard with directions in the mail. ed.)

SUMMERFEST BOOTH

Our booth at SummerFest was very successful thanks to the work of Vic Newhard and many other KHS Members. The contributions of 3 Beanie Babies by Loita Hawkinson added considerably to our total receipts of $422. We sold matted photographs and had a lot of interest in other photographs which we’ll follow through on. The weather was not in favor of selling a lot of ice cold sarsaparilla.

We had a lot of interest in the Ernest Fortescue photographs. A number of people also signed up for future copies of Blackberry Preserves. All and all – very successful! Thanks to the Kirkland Arts Center for sponsoring such a wonderful community event!!

TEMPORARY KHS ARCHIVES

Bob Burke has offered a room in his house as a temporary Archives for KHS. The room is well insulated and we are currently testing the temperature and humidity. It has a separate entry so members who need access can do so at their convenience.

We are exploring grants to obtain archival quality fire proof storage cabinets, computer equipment and programs and photographic and tape recording and transcribing equipment to assist in utilizing and protecting both our photograph collection and oral history tapes. We feel this will assure protection of our materials and is part of our responsibility in receiving gifts from people.

MORE DONATIONS ! !

Ernest Fortescue donated a 1945 Kirkland Telephone Directory - 28 pages in length. Chuck Morgan donated 4 framed color photographs of early Kirkland - a couple need to be identified.
UPDATE
HISTORIC PROPERTY INVENTORY

Mimi Sheridan our Historic Preservation Consultant who is conducting the inventory has finished the Market Neighborhood and is working on North Rose Hill.

Help Needed!

As the field work is being completed, Mimi will know the properties for which she needs assessor’s records from the State Archives in Bellevue. If you would like to help in researching that information please contact Bob Burke 828-4095.

WINNERS !!
BEANIE BABIES AT BOOTH

First, thanks to Loita Hawkinson for donating the 3 beanie babies. The winners who were present for the drawing are pictured here at their respective presentations:

Marcy Heath, who won Princess; Presented by Bob Burke (Marcy is Bob’s neighbor)
Sasha Salinger, Curly, presented by Vic Newhard
Kelly Slaker, Peace, was not present for the drawing.

ORAL HISTORY PROGRAM

The KHS Board has identified the Oral History Program as our highest priority the next two years. We have a list of over 50 people who need to be interviewed and a backlog of tapes which have been done that need to be transcribed. If you would be interested in conducting interviews or transcribing tapes, Christina Brugman provides both training and equipment - please contact her at 821-3605.
INTERPRETIVE MARKERS
MAKING THEIR MARK!!

This week we had two requests for information on our Historic Interpretive Marker Program. The first from Bellevue Parks Department and the second from Chandler, Arizona. Representatives from Chandler saw the article in City Update on the City’s web site. Just think what kind of response we’ll have when we have our own KHS web site??

In addition, Marc Connelly, Kirkland Parks Department met with Bob Burke to discuss preparation of a brochure on the Historic Interpretive Markers. This would be done next year when we will likely have 12 to 15 markers installed. He has asked for support from KHS in the graphics and preparation of the brochure, hopefully in early 1999.

NORTH ROSE HILL NEIGHBORHOOD

Nancy Stephens who is the official liaison with the North Rose Hill Neighborhood Association had a table for KHS at their annual picnic. Seventeen people signed up to receive the next issue of Blackberry Preserves and one person joined. Thanks for representing KHS in Rose Hill!!

Thank You
Bob Burke

From the Board, the Committee Chairs and everyone who volunteered at the Summerfest booth, we want to thank you Bob Burke for your generosity and dedication to the Kirkland Heritage Society. The T-shirts that you gave to us with the Peter Kirk House logo are beautiful. They make us feel unified and proud to be members of, and volunteers for KHS.

Penny and Michael Craven, Chuck Morgan

Kirk Family Visits

As was reported in the East Side Journal, Robert Kirk and Jackie Smith great nephew and niece of Peter Kirk visited Kirkland in June. They brought a portion of the banister from Peter Kirk’s home in England - Bankfield. We had it on display in our booth at Summerfest. On August 3, Penny and Michael Craven were visiting from Newark Nottinghamshire, England. Penny’s grandmother was the Kirk’s oldest daughter, Florence. After visiting Kirkland, they visited Friday Harbor and the cemetery where Peter and Mary Ann Kirk are buried. She called to help us solve one mystery - we never did have Peter Kirk’s birthday in our information - he was born February 15, 1840.

Both of these visits resulted from previous efforts and travels of Chuck Morgan to learn about the Kirk family.
Tales from the East Side Journal

By Alan J Stein

Does anyone remember this event? It happened on Oct 10, 1958, only forty years ago, and this article from the East Side Journal (10/16/58) is the only instance that I have ever heard it mentioned. It seems to me that an act of this nature would have been talked about for quite some time. If you have any information or memories about this "blast from the past" please contact us so we can learn more about it.

Dynamite Blasts Break 43 Windows in Kirkland — Police Probe Two Alarming Night Blasts

Many Kirkland residents were awakened from their sleep last Friday night when two dynamite blasts went off near the city hall.

The first explosion occurred at 11:45 p.m. and the second, more serious blast, went off at 12:15 a.m. Kirkland police believe sticks of dynamite were thrown from a car.

The second detonation struck on 2nd St. almost directly back of the laundromat on Central Way. According to police, the hole made by the blast would indicate that three to five sticks of dynamite were thrown the second time.

A total of 43 windows were broken in the vicinity, including one in the mayor’s office, according to Sergeant Jack Miller. Most of the windows were pulled out due to the concussion. Damage was extensive to residences near the spot where the second explosion went off. The blasts were heard throughout the city.

Two sons of Mr. And Mrs. Irvin Erickson, Jack, 13, and Jim, 16, narrowly escaped injury when the windows in their bedrooms, where they were sleeping, were shattered by the blast. Windows on the west side of the house at 253 3rd Ave. were blown out and casings were loosened. No windows were broken in five-year-old Jay’s room on the other side of the house.

When Jim awakened as his parents entered his room the shattered glass fell on his bed.

Mrs. Thomas Kelley, 302 2nd St., reported she received a mysterious phone call about 5 p.m. Friday.

Mrs. Kelley said when she answered the phone a little girl’s voice said, "Is that you, Mrs. Kelley?"

When Mrs. Kelley replied, "Yes," the little girl said, "I have a message for you," then became flustered. Then a man’s voice spoke to the little girl and the telephone receiver at the other end was slammed down. Mrs. Kelley felt that it was an attempted warning message.

No motive could be suggested by police. Chief Clem Reynolds was out of the city on a hunting trip and could not be contacted regarding the explosion.
THANK YOU FOR RENEWING YOUR MEMBERSHIPS!

In late June we began our membership renewal drive, and the response has been great! When we started, we mailed renewals to 83 members and so far have had a 65% response, with a net increase of more than $1,300 over last year. Part of the increase is from the 5 corporate matching funds we've received in our new status as a 501(c)(3) organization. In addition, we have 5 new members who joined us during our renewal drive.

We would like to recognize one contribution in particular: Bill Petter this year became a Life Member of KHS by contributing $1,000. For his financial support and encouragement we are deeply grateful.

We will be sending out reminder notices for those who have not yet renewed. Please keep an eye out for these notices, and let us know if you do not receive yours.

We will also be doing some promotional activities in the fall to generate additional members. If you have any ideas on approaching folks to join us, or people to include in the mailings, please let me know.

Thanks again for your support!

Melissa Thirloway
Membership Chairperson
425-889-9120

As of today, the makeup of the 1998-1999 membership is:

**Lifetime**
- Bill Petter
- Corporate Memberships
  - Sharon and Lloyd Powell
- Professional
  - Galen C. Page and Lee Beard
  - Curtis Gelotte
- Supporting
  - Robert Burke
  - George and Jo Ann Harris
  - Patrick and Shannon Harris
  - Thomas Hitzroth
  - Hazel and Edgar Kelly
  - Barbara Loomis
  - Jerry and Patti Marsh
  - Michaela and Rob Muse
  - Vic Newhard
  - Michael Radcliff
  - Thomas Grimer and Paula Riggert
  - Jeff and Melissa Thirloway
  - Don and Roseanne Winters

**Family**
- Sue and Sants Contreras
- Chet and Susie Creger
- Neal and Cheryl Cronic (new)
- Krystal and Gary Gannaway
- Ulrich and Nona Ganz
- Bill and Judy Gehring
- Loita and Dale Hawkison
- Clark and Marcy Heath (new)
- Bev and Paul Hoerlein
- Corey and Erika Kahler
- Roger and Joyce Kirk
- Myron and Marlene Lewis
- Mark and Debby Masterson
- Patricia and Russell McClintock, Jr. (new)
- Tom and Anna McKenna
- Ernest McKibben
- Chet and Melissa Nelson
- Rich and Kathy Nelson
- Bob and Carolyn Norman
- John and Teddy Overlease
- Donn and Beryl Owens
- Terry Phillips (new)
- Dave and Hazel Russell
- Betty Spieth
- Larry Springer and Penny Sweet
- David and Patty Tucker

**Individual**
- Charlotte Bates
- Sue Carter
- Dale Christian
- Evie Florian
- Lynette Friberg
- Tere Gidlof
- Richard Janison
- Joan McBride
- Pam Owens (new)
- Bernard Peach
- Cathy Smith
- Nancy Stephens
- Patricia Stupfel
- Laura Westlund

**Seniors**
- Angie Eggers
- J.V. Hawkins
- Corrine Hieb

**Additional contributions:**
- Dorris Forbes Beecher
- Angie Eggers
- Evie Florian
- Laura Westlund

**Honorary**
- Lilly May Anderson
- Dorris Forbes Beecher
- Ernie Fortescue
- Helen Mickelson
- Chuck Morgan
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CALENDAR

August 25
AKCHO Picnic
9:30 a.m.
Richmond Beach Saltwater Park, Historic Park Tour

August 26
KHS Program:
Historic House Tour
Paid up members only, you will receive a postcard in the mail with the address.

September 14
Oral History Meeting
7:30 p.m.
Christina Brugman’s house:
11122 NE 132nd, call 821-3605 for more information.

September 16
Main Street Program
4:00 p.m.
Linda Johnson, City of Kent Main Street Program at Kirkland City Hall, Peter Kirk Room.

September 19
TASTE Kirkland
Marina Park
Call Vic Newhard, (206) 949-6457 to volunteer to help at our booth.

September 24-26
Planning & Preservation Conference, Spokane.
Call Barbara Loomis 827-7194 for more information.

September 30
KHS Program
Either David Streetfield, Landscape Architect, U of W or Mimi Sheridan, presentation of Historic Property Inventory.

MEMBERSHIP FORM

July 1, 1998 - June 30, 1999

KHS now qualifies for tax exemption under 501(c)(3) and your contribution is deductible to the extent allowed by law. We now qualify for match contributions by those employers who offer this benefit.

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

TOTAL ENCLOSED:
☐ My Company Matches Contributions
Conact:

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
☐ Newsletter, Blackberry Preserves
☐ KHS Web Site

Work on specific activity:
☐ Exhibits 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:
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