PRESIDENT'S LETTER
by
Bob Burke

1999 has rushed in with lots of things happening!

Christina Brugman who has been the leader of our Oral History Program has resigned from the Board. I want to thank her on behalf of all KHS members for her efforts not only with the oral history but also in starting to organize our photographs and for her research and excellent program on the First Families of Juanita.

We had two vacancies on the Board which were filled by Melissa Thirloway and Vic Newhard. Melissa has been the membership chair and Vic has been responsible for our booth and has worked on the historic sites committee.

In addition,
- Inventory of Historic Properties has nearly been completed by Mimi Sheridan and a presentation will be make at this month’s meeting!
- The City of Kirkland has received the report on the feasibility of moving the Christian Science Church Building - the KHS Board met to urge the City to preserve the building by relocating it and to consider KHS needs for space in their decision which may be made as early as February 2, 1999.
- The Kirkland MainStreet program is off to a fast start. Interviews and selection of an Executive Director should be completed this month.
- The Board and Committee Chairs Annual Retreat will be held at the home of Melissa Thirloway, 235 10th Ave. West, Kirkland, on Saturday morning, January 30th. All KHS members are welcome to attend; call me (828-4095) so we have enough handouts.

Everyone is busy, but I would ask that you seriously consider volunteering time to KHS in 1999 to help us preserve our heritage for future generations! What could be more rewarding??

JANUARY PROGRAM
Wednesday, January 27, 1999 at 7:00 p.m.

KIRKLAND'S HISTORIC PROPERTIES
by
Mimi Sheridan
Historic Preservation Consultant

Mimi has been working for a year doing an inventory of 215 historic properties. Based on input from the Steering Committee (KHS, City, County and KAN) she has viewed each property, defined criteria and recommended priorities. She will highlight the properties which will be sent to the City Planning Commission for consideration for inclusion in the Comprehensive Plan.

Kirkland Congregational Church
106 5th Avenue

NEW KHS BOARD MEMBERS

Christina Brugman has resigned from the KHS Board and as Chair of the Oral History Committee. She will be missed for her tremendous contribution to both. She has a very active committee and hopefully one or two people from it will step forward to take responsibility. We still have a lot of people to interview. If you are interested, please call Christina or me. Thanks!

Two active members of KHS have been appointed to fill the Board positions which were vacant: Vic Newhard who has been responsible for our exhibit booth at summer events as well as being co-chair of the Historic Sites Committee. Melissa Thirloway has been our Membership Committee chair. Hopefully, both will continue to work on these committees. Thanks for your willingness to help KHS achieve its mission.
The Collins School, named for Kirkland's first Mayor, was recently sold by the Lake Washington School District to the Chaffey Corporation. They plan to demolish the school and build 8 homes. In our recent inventory of historic properties this school was noted by Mimi Sheridan as one of the most significant buildings in Kirkland and that it needed additional research. Although there are no regulations to require the owner to document the building, we have written them to see if something can't be done prior to demolition. If any of you have information on the Collins School, please call Bob Burke at 828-4095.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH

The City of Kirkland just received a feasibility report on relocating the Christian Science Church building to either Peter Kirk Park or the lower portion of the Waverly site. The church is scheduled for demolition for a condominium project. The KHS Board is urging that the building be preserved since it is the only architecturally significant historic church remaining in Kirkland. The church was built in 1922.

Barbara Loomis went to the Kirkland Alliance of Neighborhood meetings to discuss its preservation and Vic Newhard and Loita Hawkinson attended the Parks Board meeting where the report was discussed. We are approaching the City about the potential for KHS to have an archives and meeting space in the building if it is relocated. The report will be presented to City Council on February 2nd.

HISTORIC PROPERTY INVENTORY

Mimi Sheridan is completing the first phase of the inventory of historic properties. Nearly 215 structures have been evaluated as well as historic sites and a review of the previous inventory by David Harvey in 1992. Her recommendations will be forwarded to the Planning Commission in February. In addition, KHS is recommending to the City that the list of properties for each neighborhood be included in those plans for background information.

Phase Two will include some additional inventory effort and will respond to increasing citizen requests to be included on the list.
Arlene Ely André, longtime Kirkland resident, died in November at her Port Orchard home. Arline, known for her creativity in the highly competitive public relations field, was 58 years old at the time of her death. She owned André’ Public Relations in Seattle.

Arlene worked many years as a freelance reporter for Kirkland Eastside Journal. Her boss and former ESJ publisher Charles Morgan remembers Arline’s special ability to develop feature stories with widespread appeal. He particularly noted her enthusiasm and inventiveness. “Arlene was an inspiration and generated a lot of respect from our regular staffers. We all enjoyed her friendship and loyalty.”

While working as a reporter, Arline began collecting bits of Kirkland history, which turned into a book Our Foundering Fathers describing the early beginnings of Kirkland. The book — now a sought after collectable — was published as a Bicentennial project by the Kirkland library. Ginny Albright Winkler, a Kirkland native and then librarian provided the push to make the project a success. The 1000-book run from Bill Cundy’s Overlake Press was a fast sellout and the book was awarded first place in the 1975 Washington Press Association annual contest. The research
materials and picture collection from the project were donated to the Kirkland Heritage Society.

Al Locke, Kirkland's first City Manager, recalls Arline's love for her city and her many unheralded gifts, which helped bring Kirkland to its current "hot" recognition. He points out that her historic pictures can still be seen in many local banks, restaurants and office buildings. "Arline had her heart in Kirkland," Locke says. "She was not only the city historian but she provided information kits for city hall visitors, particularly the many school kids who toured our facilities. She was an important cog in the good reputation of this city."

In 1976, Arline self-published an advertising brochure distributed by participating merchants and the Chamber of Commerce urging visitors to "Discover Historic Kirkland." The award-winning piece described the city's setting, unique past and featured a calendar of upcoming events. With Arline's permission, the waterfront illustration from that pamphlet was used as the cover of subsequent Park Bond Campaigns for 1976, 1984, 1989 and 1992. Not only were the campaigns highly successful but again those materials won state and national awards.

However, Arline may be best known for her role as a founding member of the (in)famous Kirkland Moss Bay Celebration. Her job as publicity chairman brought the number of visitors "discovering Kirkland" beyond the city's capacity to accommodate. The event was finally discontinued.

Chuck Morgan noted Arline's latest civic contribution was her help in starting the Plaza of Champions located in Marina Park. She also served as an original board member selecting representatives who were leaders in their fields. He notes that there were several positive unplanned results from her book. Some of the British and Canadian Peter Kirk descendants exchanged visits with Chuck, Arline and others. The Houghton bell was rehung by the Congregational Church as a Bicentennial project. Arline, Ken Warner and Shannon Weiss coordinated the first historic home tour resulting in the formation of the Kirkland Historic Commission which later became the Kirkland Heritage Society.

Arline's talents resulted in more than 100 awards for her work in public relations, marketing and communications. She served as president of Washington Press Association and was a recipient of its prestigious Torchbearer Award. Before starting her own company, she headed public relations at Livingston and Company and the Evans Group.

Arline was born November 21, 1940 in Chicago. She was raised in Seattle. She leaves two daughters, Casey Stokes of Mountlake Terrace, Kelly Hettlinger of Kent, three grandchildren... And a rich legacy for the City of Kirkland.
Holiday Party at the Loomis House

Great cookies and candies, holiday music, decorations, tours and fun for about 40 KHS members at the open house in December.

Some of the party participants, L to R:
Betsy Pringle, Barbara Loomis, Mimi Sheridan, Alan Stein, Bob Burke and Myron Lewis

KHS WEBSITE

by Barbara Loomis

Thanks to Stephanie Loomis, KHS now has a Website with information about KHS, our mission and goals, Kirkland history, links to other sites and a membership form that can be printed out and mailed in.

Stephanie is in her last quarter at Western Washington University majoring in Communication. This was a class assignment to design a Web page for a non profit organization. Stephanie knew that KHS needed a site so she did this for us. For her first Website design I think she did a terrific job (and I’m not just saying that because I’m her mom!) We don’t have a permanent server yet, so in the meantime the address is:

http://www.ac.wwu.edu/~n9641610/index.html

THANK YOU STEPHANIE!

APRIL AKCHO MEETING

Alan Stein is on the Board of the Association of King County Historic Organizations (AKCHO) and is helping arrange their meeting at the Kirkland Performance Center on Tuesday, April 27 at 9:00 a.m. Members of KHS are invited. It is very interesting to find out what other groups are doing.

MEMBERSHIP

Welcome New Members
Ralph and Doris Cooper
Carolyyn Hitter

Thank you for your Corporate Renewal
Sharon and Lloyd Powell

Thank you for your renewal
Scott & Shelly Douglas
Laura & Chuck Loomis
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CALENDAR

1999
HAPPY NEW YEAR!

January 26,
AKCHO
9:30 a.m.
ANNUAL MEETING
Nordic Heritage Museum
3014 NE 67 St., Seattle
Best selling author Robert Fulghum will give a talk entitled:"You Couldn't Pay Me To Do This." Registration required with $20.00. Send to AKCHO, PO Box 3257, Seattle, WA 98114

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7:00 p.m.
Mimi Sheridan, Historic Preservation Consultant will present some of the results of her year long inventory of 215 historic properties.

January 30
KHS Board / Committee Chairs
Annual Retreat
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
The workshop will be held at Melissa Thirloway's, 235 - 10th Ave. West, Kirkland. Call Bob Burke for information, 425-827-6550 W, 425-828-4095 H.

February 24
KHS Program
7:00 p.m.
Barbara Justice from Issaquah Historical Society will present the past and future of the SEATTLE LAKE SHORE & EASTERN RAILWAY.

Unless otherwise noted KHS meetings are held the last Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m., Kirkland Congregational Church, 106-5th Ave.

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:

☐ 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, 235 - 10th Ave. W., Kirkland, WA 98033. Phone: (425) 889 - 9120
The Kirkland waterfront sketch by Sam Albright from the Arline André 1970's advertising pamphlet which was later used to illustrate four Kirkland Parks Bond Issues.

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