1934 CLASS AT CENTRAL SCHOOL – CAN YOU NAME ANYONE??
If you know someone in the Picture call Loita Hawkinson at 827-1950

KHS PROGRAM – APRIL26, 7:00 PM – JUANITA ARTISTS FROM 1920'S
Kirkland Heritage Society

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Bob Burke

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Monthly Programs

April 26 7:00 pm, Heritage Hall

JUANITA ARTISTS FROM LONG AGO.

Norkirk resident, Ken Nelson, will share his collection of 20th century art produced by artists from the Juanita Bay area of Kirkland.

One of the pieces to be shown is "The Nomad", a Color Woodcut done in 1932 by Waldo S. Chase (American, 1895-1988). He is the brother of W. Corwin Chase. They taught themselves the art of the color woodcut in the mid 1920's using Frank Moreley Fletcher's Manual and produced magnificent color Woodblocks for about 10 years.

MAY 31 SOUNDS YOU ONCE HEARD
A Preview of the May Meeting by Frank Rosin

Although the things being shown at the May meeting did not originate in Kirkland, they were listened to every day by everyone living here, and right in their own homes.

The Radio Enthusiasts of Puget Sound (REPS) are fortunate to have the sound effect (sfx) collection of Ray Erlenborn and Stu Conway. Ray, in his 90s, is still living in Oregon and started in radio in the mid 30s working for Ed Winn, Lum and Abner, Red Skelton, Jack Benny, and almost everyone else on radio. Stu constructed and worked on the sfx for the CBS network in the 40s and 50s. We will be bringing many of these things to the meeting and showing how they worked and sounded.

Do you remember the squeaking door from Inner-Sanctum Mysteries? The hoofbeats of the great horse, Silver? The cash register from the Jotema-Down-Store? These, and many more of the sfx actually used in those days, will be at the meeting to bring back some of those sounds you heard sitting in a darkened living room listening to a program such as The Whistler with the only soft glow of light coming from the light of the dial on the radio.

The KHS Board and Committee Chairs will meet at 5:00 pm, April 26 at Heritage Hall.
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June 28: WHAT’S COOKING AND ALL THAT ANTIQUE KITCHEN STUFF!

Show and share your old cookbooks, great-grandma’s favorite recipes, antique kitchen gadgets, pots, kitchen linens, and all your nifty old gizmos. Surprise us with your most unique antique kitchen gadget!

Upon arrival, don’t miss our door-prize drawing – IT IS A COOK’S SURPRISE!

KHS’ MARCH PROGRAM GATHERED A BIG CROWD
Shannon Harris, Programs/Education Chair

March’s program - Antique Tiles and the 202 Waverly House Story was an enjoyable evening that brought people out of “winter hibernation”! It was just wonderful to have such a big crowd. Little did Dan and Sue Cone know, how much attention would swirl-and-whirl around their 202 Waverly Way abode, when I entered their home on a very sunny, labor-day weekend.

The program centered on the salvaging of their home which was purchased by a builder, who is not currently much interested in recycling. Then along came the dumpster-diving-diva (nickname from my children) inquiring about saving bits-and-pieces of their home, which was up for demolition. Dan and Sue agreed for me to give their shake Tudor revival a proper death, and so began a wonderful journey of discovery, salvaging and removal of materials and structure, estate sales, new friendships, with lots and lots of local and national interest. My recycling team of Lee Smith, Lynette Friberg Weber, and Patrick Harris spent weeks saving as much as possible from the DUMP, and I think we would all say we were successful!

On this exciting journey, we rescued pristine items such as Art Deco light fixtures, lead-paned windows, oak doors with wonderful glass door knobs, sinks, clinker bricks, a built-in safe, very special fireplace tiles, various wood floors, very special wood siding, just to name a few! In the process, TWO AWESOME FINDS – five rare Batchelder tiles and some recycled ship lathe siding. The Batchelder tiles brought national attention and Ken Nelson shared his fireplace story.

Local attention came when David Cantrill and I discovered (after questions asked by Rick Burden, Peter Kirk Elementary principal, concerning a picture of Peter’s house in a temporary school heritage display) that the recycled wood from 202 came from Peter Kirk’s original mansion. At the very last minute, we saved some choice boards for our archives.

From the very beginning, I just had a feeling this house had good vibrations with a many special things for us to uncover! Even houses have personalities and a story to share!
**THE GILBERT FAMILY**  
*By Tom Hitzroth*

In the last three months Kirkland Heritage Society has helped two members of the Gilbert family who lived in the city limits of Kirkland and were unknown to each other connect as well as find other cousins they were unaware of. In both cases they were looking for information on one of their ancestors Elmer Ellsworth and Jennie Gilbert for their records. My interest in Elmer Gilbert originates from the fact that he and Jennie were one of the last people to see Letitia Whitehall alive the evening she was murdered in Kirkland October 30, 1926. This also gave me an opportunity to have these two come to my home so I could share the information I had with them as well as work with them to find Elmer’s ancestors in New York. It also gave me a chance to learn more about the Gilberts, who they were, and what they did for Kirkland in its earliest days.

Elmer Ellsworth Gilbert was one of the original pioneers of the Kirkland area. He came to Kirkland before 1900 and set up a blacksmith shop in town. In as early as 1904 he built and operated the Gilbert Hotel, which was destroyed by fire sometime around 1920 or 1921. The Kirkland Heritage Archives has a 1914 photo of Kirkland and the Gilbert Hotel is in it. Thanks to Dale Hawkinson we found a second one for them at another website. The Gilbert Hotel was located on the former site of the Christian Science Church (now the Heritage Hall) on 1st Street. Anita Maxwell has the hotel register for the Gilbert Hotel 1909. The book was used as a scrapbook in later years and she is going to have it restored. Once the hotel register is restored she will make a copy for our archives.

Mr. Gilbert owned two homes at 218 and 212 Market Street. Thanks to Anita I was able to determine that he lived at 218 so I now know which home he was at when he saw Letitia Whitehall that evening. One of the Gilbert’s children was Frank Gilbert who operated the ferry between Kirkland and Seattle. He was captain of the ferry that departed Kirkland in 1950 for the last time when the ferry system across Lake Washington was shut down. Ms. Anita Maxwell has a wealth of information, photos, and memories of Frank.

In June 1926 the Gilberts moved to Campton near Redmond where Mr. Gilbert died in 1935. By coincidence the Kirkland Heritage society has a poster for December 10, 1904 for a masquerade ball at the Gilbert Hotel. Loita and Dale Hawkinson were able to share this with the Gilberts to add to their collection of information on their pioneer ancestor.

The Kirkland Heritage Society has had a unique opportunity to share information with the Gilbert family. KHS has also learned about a pioneer that did not make the headlines or was a name like Peter Kirk or Reginald Collins but the Gilberts were a major factor in the early development of Kirkland.
KHS MARCH 26 MEETING ATTENDEES


*First Timers **New Members

KIRKLAND CANNERY STUDY
Bob Burke

The Kirkland Cannery built in 1935 by the WPA is one of Kirkland’s most historic properties. The City of Kirkland provided funds for a preliminary feasibility study to hire an architectural consultant. A selection committee made up of Lynn Stokesbary, Assistant City Manager; Tracy Burrows, Senior Analyst, Manager’s Office; Linda Meuter, Cultural Council and Bob Burke, KHS, recommended the hiring of Koppe/Wagoner, Architects. Anna Dolzer, a graduate student in Architecture at the U/W, is doing her thesis on the cannery and that will supplement the Architect’s work. We also received from Diana Broadie a copy of a paper she completed on the cannery in graduate school.

An public open house will be held at the Cannery on Thursday evening, June 1 from 6:30 to 9:00. A presentation will be made at 7:00. The purpose of the open house is to obtain input on potential desired uses for the building. Be sure to attend this meeting!

(Cannery Continued) There will be additional workshops this fall and this initial study is scheduled to be completed shortly thereafter.

ARCHIVING OUR ORAL HISTORY

The current inventory of oral history tapes has been copied onto reel-to-reel tape. The reels will be stored in the archive and hopefully they will never be needed. The access or loaned tapes will continue to be on 60-minute cassette tapes. All lending copies will be made from the cassette copies. At this time we have 11 full reels and we still have a few new reels in reserve.

We live in this high tech world and yet the old reliable technology must be used because it has proven to withstand the test of time. Current oral history data continues to recommend archiving on reel-to-reel, if possible. Reel-to-reel storage is consistent with the guidelines adopted by the KHS Board in the 2000 Five Year Plan. We will make every attempt to keep up with technology and new recommendations to protect these valuable resources for future generations.

We do find new reel-to-reel tapes occasionally but they are getting rare. eBay will be a reliable source if we ever run out; however, if you have any new reel-to-reel tapes that you would like to donate to the Kirkland Heritage Oral History Program, we would be eternally grateful.

Dale and Loita Hawkinson
425-827-1950
DAMAGED FLOOR REPLACED THANKS TO HELP OF MANY VOLUNTEERS!

In getting ready to replace the cork floor in our KHS space, we discovered mold behind the baseboards. The good news is that it was all removed, insulation replaced where needed and new plaster board installed prior to the floor being installed. The furniture is back, although we still need to repaint the lower part of the walls and install new trim.

Eleven volunteers have spent over 80 hours the past 4 weeks moving furniture, equipment and materials in preparation for the replacement of the floor. They are: Bob Burke, Sue Contreras, Dale Hawkinson, Loita Hawkinson, Barbara Loomis, Vic Newhard, Michael Radcliff, Eric Shields, Cathy Smith, David Tucker and Lynette Friberg Weber.

We are continuing to work with the various insurance groups for the City, Landscape Architect and Park Contractor to cover the costs for the damage.

ADDITIONS TO OUR COLLECTIONS

- Curt and Judy Taylor, owners of Frosty’s Restaurant, donated the framed map of Juanita in 1910 as well as an original menu and their current menu. Thanks to Kathy and Richard Nelson for following through to obtain these donations!

    Photograph by Dale Hawkinson

- Dorothy Brennan Daily donated her 1944 LWHS Annual. (See our ‘Wish List’.)

- Jeff Hickey, Redmond, WA provided the documentation for the 1997 nomination of the Tourist No. 2 – known locally as the MV Kirkland – to the National Register of Historic Places.

PRESERVING HISTORY BEGINS IN THE FAMILY AND HOME

As we try to preserve our local Kirkland, history, we must not forget our own family history. The Kirkland Heritage Society now has several ORAL HISTORY KITS that have a recorder, microphone, AC adaptor and instructions on how to conduct an oral history. We will loan these kits to KHS members so that you may record your own histories. We ask that you provide your own 60-minute cassette tapes and 4 AA batteries if batteries are to be used (it is best to use the AC adaptor if possible). Please try to keep the kits for just a week but please borrow them! Call Dale and Loita at 425-827-1950 or email us through the website.

PARKING, TRANSPORTATION & SUCH

Lynette Friberg Weber

Parking, we admit, is an issue at Heritage Hall. At least until next year when we understand the next phase of Heritage Park construction will build parking North of the Hall. In the meantime, in addition to Market Street, there is a parking lot “kitty-corner” from Heritage Hall at the Marina as well as a few spaces parallel to the sidewalk directly across from the Hall on the way to the boat ramp. We urge you to consider “car pooling” – such a novel idea that seems to have been forgotten in the busy hustle-bustle of our lives! There are also many senior (& not so senior) members who are no longer driving, at night or otherwise, and would like to attend the monthly gatherings. If you live near them, bring them along! Many thanks to Pat Eskanazi who brought Dr. Ernest McKibben, Jr. to the March meeting. Dr. McKibben is a wealth of knowledge on “olde” Kirkland & has many memories to share!

Please call me at 425 890-9058 if you would like a ride to the meetings or if you are willing to give someone a ride. I'll try to match you up! Give me 4 or 5 days before the meeting date, please!
Many thanks to one & all for your membership renewals in 2006:

Rick & Lisa Altig
Christian Brugman
Robert Burke
Mary Alyce Burleigh
Tracy Burrows
David & Deborah Cantrill
Sue Carter
Stuart Clarke
Sue & Santa Contreras
Doris & Clifford Cooper
Ev & Gen Cox
Chef & Susie Creger
Dorothy Daily
Peggy & Stan Denton
Don & Merrily Dicks
Scott & Shelly Douglas
Angie Eggers
Sandy & Dick Ekins
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Ken Nelson & Jessica Greenway
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JV Hawkins
Marcy Heath
Andrew & Freeman Held
Corrine Hieb
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Paul & Bev Hoerlein
Jean Jayne
Jill Keeney
Joyce & Roger Kirk
Gary Lanksbury
Karen Tennyson & Jim Launier
Barbara Loomis
Marchell Mathes
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Joan McBride
Russ McClintick
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Lorraine McConaghy
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Larry Miller
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Pam Owens
Wm Bernard & AMB Peach
Terry Phillips
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Betsy Pringle & David German
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Barbara Radford
Paula Riggert
Frank Rosin
Dave & Hazel Russell
Jerry Rutherford
Dee Saunders
Helen & Ray Schoen
Cathy Smith
Alan Stein
Lana Stephens
Sandra & Clarence Stone
Melissa & Jeff Thirlaway
Dave & Patty Tucker
Lynette Friberg Weber
Peyton & Kris Whitley
Don & Roseanne Winters
The Grape Choice
Kirkland Women's Club

Welcome to the following new members!
Sally & Molly Bechtel
Linda C. Meuter

It's a very busy world out there & everyone seems to have way too much going on in their lives! So we also give big thanks to all the members who have volunteered to participate in the many areas of interest available on the membership form. In keeping with our passion to keep history alive & well in Kirkland, we do have fun – so come join us!

2006 MEMBERSHIP DUES
If you have not paid your 2006 dues, please do so! If you have a question call Lynette Friberg Weber at 425 890-9058. Thank you!

WISH LIST
We thought it would be interesting to indicate items or additions to our collections that we need: If you have one of them, please call KHS at 827-3446.

• Antique Oak Library Catalog Case
• New Reel to Reel tapes
• Juanita High School Annuals – 1976 to 2005

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Call Nicci Osborn at Parks - 425 – 587-3342

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Accommodations for persons with disabilities will be provided upon request. Please call 425 827-3446 at least four working days in advance of the meeting to make arrangements.
KIRKLAND CANNERY – 1930’S

See the story inside about the feasibility study now underway.
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