Do you Remember December 1965???
From the Jim Vaux Collection
**PRESIDENT’S LETTER**  
**LOITA HAWKINSON**

It is that time of year for memberships. They are being sent out earlier so you can take your tax deduction and maybe even give a membership as a gift. You will find a membership form in this newsletter even if you are paid up. Some of you pay early, some have paid for several years and some are life members. But to make life easy, we send the same mailing to everyone because you know if you have paid.

It was a year of modest expenses so the membership dues will again be the same. Thank you to all who join. It is your continued support that keeps KHS humming along.

We are hoping that 2011 will be a productive year for KHS. We are planning to have a Heritage Week February 13 to February 20. During that week we will have markers placed around Kirkland giving a bit of history. It is too late for a grant so we will try just a few this first year. By next February we should have a grant and will be able to expand the sites. This will be an ongoing event and will one day include Juanita and Rose Hill. Volunteers will be needed to put out the displays on Sunday and then round them up the following Sunday.

Next July marks the 80 anniversary of Louie Todd who was killed on Lake Street in 1931. His grave at the Kirkland Cemetery has been unmarked for many years. Mr. Todd was the power behind the drive to get the tennis court built back in 1930. The city still has large pieces of the tennis court. We thank Michael Cogle with Kirkland Parks for hauling one down to the hall. It will be cut by City staff to be a gravestone and then KHS will buy a bronze marker for the stone. Mr. Todd’s family will be notified so it should be a very nice event.

Next year will be the 70-year anniversary of the start of WWII. It is time for KHS to honor our local WWII veterans and say thank you.

Programs Chair, Anita Maxwell, has some neat programs lined up. If you have a program idea, please let Anita know. Once she fills up the 2011 calendar, Anita will work on 2012.

Thank you all for a good year. Have a safe and happy holiday season.

**New Bylaws for KHS**

An in-depth review of the bylaws by a Board appointed committee resulted in new Kirkland Heritage Society Bylaws. Several changes were presented to the Society Membership at their October 27, 2010 meeting. The new Bylaws were unanimously accepted as given. Changes include adding two more Board Members, making a total of nine. A Board Member’s term will be for two years with a maximum of two terms. The nominating and election guidelines have been clarified. Members of the Bylaw Committee were Bob Burke, Corrine Heib, Sandy Ekins, and Stuart Clarke. Many thanks to them for giving time, input, and effort to make it possible to present the new Bylaws. Sandy Ekins, Secretary

The vote was unanimous.

Support for the Kirkland Heritage Society is provided by our members, 4 Culture & City of Kirkland

KHS receives 100% commission from the sales of Bob Neir’s *A City Comes of Age* and Steve Lamson’s *The Power of a Dream*. Both are available at Parkplace Books.
KHS Monthly Meeting
7:00 p.m.   Heritage Hall

November 2010
Happy Thanksgiving
(No Meeting)

December 12, 2010
Annual Cookie Exchange
Location and time will be mailed to members. Unlike our KHS programs which are open to the public, this event is for members only.

Tom Hitzroth was observed by Jean Jayne his 1st grade teacher and by Russ McClintick, his principal. Tom can thank them and we thank Tom for a wonderful presentation on the 1886 James Colman and Wilbur Patten murders.

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SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER ATTENDANCE


FREE MOTION PICTURES
And Illustrated Lecture
On This Great and Growing Industry at
KIRKLAND, Western Washington

Strand Theater
MONDAY, Nov. 19
8:00 P.M.

CHICKENS IN ACTION
See thousands of hens from record-breaking egg-laying strains, and the white-gold they produce in a day. Hear the story of Kirkland’s development as told by W. P. Perrigo, a pioneer farmer who has lived in the district for forty-six years. People who until a short time ago were your neighbors, or of whom you may have heard, took them in their homes and at work in this wonderland of opportunity. Visualize it just as the motion picture and “still” camera make it.

Burke & Farrar selling Kirkland in 1922
Every project has a beginning.

Michael Cogle delivering the salvaged tennis court concrete to Heritage Hall. It will be cut for a grave stone for Louie Todd.

Putting meat on the family records takes a computer and your time. It’s a great winter hobby.
Burke & Farrar
It has been 100 years
by Loita Hawkinson

Kirkland has many milestones it her history. The early pioneers arrived in the 1870's to a land landscaped in old growth timber. Peter Kirk and Leigh Hunt arrived in 1888 to design and plat the new town of Kirkland between the lake ports of Houghton and Juanita. In 1905, Kirkland was incorporated. Until that time, Kirkland was a small close-knit community with a few early settlers and the investors that still planned on Kirkland becoming the Pittsburgh of the West. Only personal tragedy stopped the dreams of the steel mill. John Kellett died in 1901 while still a young man. At the time of his death, he had plans of building a steel mill on Capitol Hill, which is now Norkirk. Peter Kirk lost his daughter, Marie Kirk Bell, in 1904 and family has said that only then did he give up his dreams.

In 1910, Kirkland got the attention of Edmund Burke & Bert Farrar, a real-estate partnership. Burke & Farrar bought up 800 acres of land held by the Kirkland Land Company and by the estate of J. Montgomery Sears. They then owned Kirkland and set about to sell tracks of land and to build and sell homes. This was beginning of the Burke & Farrar era that gave Kirkland its first sustained growth. 1910 was the “Kirkland Boom”. Burke & Farrar offered free ferry rides to Kirkland and then a free tour of the area. Stage star, Nell Barry Taylor took one such tour just for the adventure. Ms. Berry had no intentions of buying therefore she was not prepared and had to leave her diamond ring with Burke & Farrar to hold the land she chose on Rose Hill. Ms. Taylor lived the rest of her 41 years on 126th Avenue NE. In 1922 Burke & Farrar produced a Kirkland promotional flyer that was mailed upon request. Thanks to the Reginald Collins family, KHS has one copy of this large poster sized flyer. It is a sad copy but a treasure after 100 years.

Edmund C. Burke died in 1915 at age 46. Farrar became sole proprietor but kept the name Burke & Farrar. Bert’s younger brother, Guy Farrar, lived in and developed Kirkland until his death in 1966. Guy Farrar purchased Glandwr from the Walter Williams family, filled in the low spots and developed the Juanita Golf Course. His wife, Neva, died in 1970. It is the Guy Farrar family that Kirkland thinks about when referring to Burke & Farrar.

Burke & Farrar kept the original platting of 1888 when the town was to resemble Pullman, Illinois. It is this platting that gives Kirkland its narrow lots and its views. The Steel Works was to provide over a thousand jobs for a thousand families. Then there would have been the jobs that would come from supporting so many young families. Kirkland was platted for high density.

Burke & Farrar was a progressive company. During the depression 2 bedroom homes on 2 lots provided affordable retirement homes. These small bungalow homes were modern with a garden space and chicken coop. For family homes, 3 lots were used and 3 and 4 bedroom bungalows built, again with a garden space and a chicken coop. The beautiful Kirk home which was too opulent for the economy of the times was taken apart with two more modest homes built from the materials. In 1918, the Film Plant on 10th Avenue in Norkirk was taken apart and 7 bungalows were built. Two original film plant movie homes still stand between 4th St. and 5th St. Until the recent high-tech boom, this is the Kirkland most of us knew: a community of mixed generations, schools, parks, bungalows. Kirkland was then a hometown rather than a good investment.

Little is known about these progressive men whose name has become synonymous with Kirkland. Bert Farrar was the original business partner with Edmund Burke. Bert and family then went on to be prominent in California. Guy Farrar, Bert’s younger brother, is the most identified with Kirkland history. Guy was born in Bothell and his history will be discovered because he made Kirkland his home and his family is hopefully watching Kirkland and will come forward with the story of his life. Edmund Burke left a family of 5 young children. What we know is from the Seattle newspapers. He was well respected and his death was unexpected. Hopefully, one day, his family will come forward as well.

It has been 100 years since the start of the Burke & Farrar era. What most of us love most about Kirkland can be traced to these men. Many Burke & Farrar bungalows still stand. And so does one of the real estate offices. The Slip on Kirkland Avenue was built by Guy Farrar in 1931 so the office would could be easily seen by ferry riders. Before the Lake was lowered in 1916, the office was at the foot of Market, in the little building attached to the 1888 phone company building. Earlier this little home was the birthplace of Lanny Ross, of radio and stage fame. Kirkland sure does have rich history!!!!
Amanda Ly

Amanda’s essay is titled: “Peter Kirk’s vision for the Pittsburg of the west” and reflects the history of Kirkland’s founder.

The Kirkland Heritage Society is proud to award the 2010 Christine J. Neir Memorial Scholarship to Amanda Ly, a 2010 graduate of Juanita High School, now attending University of California Berkeley to study molecular biology.

The Christine J. Neir Memorial Scholarship was established by the Kirkland Heritage Society for the purpose of awarding an annual $1,000 scholarship to seniors attending either Lake Washington or Juanita High School, to foster an interest in the local history of Kirkland, and to provide an opportunity for high school students to demonstrate the importance of civic involvement, and to preservation of the Kirkland historical archives. By James Neir, son of Bob Neir and the late Christine Neir.

Cam McCauley is Kirkland Heritage Society’s youngest volunteer. He was a great help when putting the bylaws mailer together. Cam is the son of Matt McCauley and Ashley McCauley. Matt founded the KHS newsletter. Ashley named it Blackberry Preserves.

Matt McCauley had a tour for Pack 595. The Tiber Cubs were there to earn a badge and learn about Kirkland.

The Film Plant was a Movie Studio. At least one film was made in 1915.

Rain or Shine

Kirkland Heritage Resource Center open:
Monday: from 9 to 12 noon.
Wednesday from 2 to 5.
203 Market Street, Lower Level
THANK YOU TO:

Alan Stein, past Kirkland Heritage Society VP and now writing a book on the Seattle Worlds Fair, donated a Norkirk Elementary Pennant. Norkirk Elementary opened in 1956 and became Kirkland Junior High in 1975 when Peter Kirk Elementary opened. The orange pennant has a Gorilla. Who out there knew that the Norkirk mascot was a Gorilla?

Matt McCauley for opening the hall on Mondays from 9 to 12. That doubles the hours KHS is open. Matt will also be writing historic articles for the Kirkland Reporter. Irene Vlitos-Rowe will continue as correspondent for the Reporter. There is so much rich history in Kirkland and its people that they will both stay busy. Matt was away for Kirkland for 16 years and is quickly making up for lost time.

Roger and Joyce Kirk live in a lovely older home that had once been remodeled to turn the upper story into an apartment. The Kirk’s had always wondered if anything had been trapped behind the walled up staircase. Years ago, Roger and Joyce returned their home to its original single-family state. When the old stairway was opened up, sure enough, there was a thick book and a box on the very top where it must have been out of view of the builders. The book is a 1949 wool sample book like what J.C. Penney would have used to order yardage. The box had a Campfire Girls Ceremonial dress with a receipt for Kimballs’ dated August 1950. These items belonged to Barbara. Now we need to learn who Barbara was. All the items have been donated by the Kirk’s and are on display at the Resource Center. The Kirk’s are not related to Peter Kirk and family but it is of interest that their home is on Kirk property and is just down from the original Kirk home site. Roger was born on Waverly Street in his home town. Fun.

Betty Fields attended both Kirkland High School and Lake Washington High School during WWII. In 1944 the school was KHS and in 1945 it was called LWHS. The LWHS campus moved to Rose Hill in 1948. The high schools published an 8 page school paper that was full of local news. Betty saved these papers and often took them to the Golden Grads. Betty has now donated her entire collection of Kirkland High News to KHS. Dale has organized them by date and has been scanning them. Eventually the papers will be available by school year on CD...might be a fundraiser for KHS

Janeen Ryseff received a loan of a Lake Washington High School paper from Patty Wood Hanson. This paper was loaned to KHS. The paper has now been scanned and returned. Thank you Janeen and Patty for being such wonderful advocates for KHS

The 2010 summer was sort of the berries and was not good for ripening the Black Berries in time for the annual Ice Cream Social. Thanks to Dale’s co-workers, Teresa Smith and Lynn Garcia. Lynn emptied her freezer and Teresa sent her young family out to pick for KHS.

Thanks once more to Janeen Ryseff for the donation of her notebooks from when she was a Campfire Leader and Cub Scout Den mother. The notebooks are archived at this time but many pages will eventually be scanned because they have the photos of Kirkland’s kids.

Clarence Stone for the donation of a 1928 Kirkland grade school photo.

Pat Madigan for the donation of Larry Nelson’s KOMO recitation of A Cup of Christmas Tea by Tom Hegg. Clarence Stone had given KHS a tape of the program previously. KOMO has given permission for KHS to put the reading on the website during the holiday season. Thanks too, to Dale H, our Webmaster, for keeping the website fresh and filled with history and nostalgia.

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** During WWI, the hello girls were ladies who served as telephone operators. For KHS, these sweet ladies call and remind you of the next meeting or event.

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**KHS is 100% volunteer with no paid staff. Your membership makes it all happen.**

**2010 MEMBERSHIP**

Kirkland Heritage Society

January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010

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**425 587-3342**
Kirkland Avenue about 1910 during the Kirkland Boom
Stages and cars are lined up for the ferry after touring Kirkland. The Kirkland Independent was the local newspaper. It had been the Kirkland Livery Stable. This entire corner burned in 1916 and with it, went all the newspapers archived at the Independent. Photo is from the Arline Ely Collection. Maude Perrigo was the donor.