

# BLACKBERRY PRESERVES

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## KIRKLAND HERITAGE SOCIETY



The Lake is high so this tells us it is before 1916. The Carter home is on the hill so it is after 1912. Collins & Sons Real Estate on the right might be the very last building still standing in this picture. (It's currently T & T Nails on Lake Street). 2007.41.6 See story on page 3.



The cars help date this photo as c1948. The Carter home is in full view. The Evans Building, now home of Hectors, is on the right. 2008.16.04

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## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

LYNETTE FRIBERG WEBER

If your name is not on the Attendees List in this newsletter for the August Annual Blackberry Sundae Social, then you either didn't sign in or you missed the biggest event of the year. The crowd was larger than normal this year, running over 100 people (that's a lot of ice cream & blackberries!) due to partnering with the City's Parks Department dedication of the Centennial Gardens & Arbor. Mayor Lauinger emceed the dedication ceremony and the Rotary took a bow for raising the funds to donate the beautiful arbor on the back terrace of Heritage Hall. The whole of Heritage Park including the garden area is a work of art and has such a magical feel to it. One can only imagine how the early pioneers felt when gazing out from that very spot across the waters of Lake Washington.

Many thanks to the Rotary for such a grand addition to Heritage Park & Hall, and many thanks to the Parks Department for providing the refreshments for the KHS Blackberry Sundae Social.

Our sundae servers were a busy bunch: Sally Jo Bechtel, Corrine Hieb, Barbara Loomis and Joan McBride. And we can't forget our berry pickers! : Loita & Dale Hawkinson, Larry Miller, Vic Newhard and yours truly. Thanks to all!!

Mark it on your calendars for next August 26, 2009. We'll see you there!

## MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Please welcome **Sally Jo Bechtel** as the new **Membership Chairperson**. She was born in Kirkland and is granddaughter of Kirkland-Bellevue homesteaders. Sally will be the one to give your renewal forms & fees to at the meetings, take new memberships, keep the membership & mailing list updated, provide mailing labels and answer your general membership questions. If you have an address or any other information change, please contact her. The ever elusive name tags will be her department also; so if you need one, please let Sally know. Her contact information will be in our bi-monthly newsletter as well as on our website. Welcome Sally!!



**Christine J. Neir**  
1929-2008

Kirkland Heritage Society has been honored with a gift from **Christine Neir** and her family. Chris requested any memorial contributions be made to KHS. A Memorial Fund account has been established and will be used solely for a recurring project in Christine's name. The Neir family and the KHS Board will be meeting this month to discuss options & make a decision on how the funds would be best used. The Neir family has been longtime supporters of KHS and Chris was often at the meetings. She will never be forgotten, as she was a vital presence in Kirkland. The Memorial Fund ensures her memory will continue to be treasured in the community.



**Chris and Linda Jaton on photo night  
this past February.**

## KHS HOSTING STATE BOARD

**Barbara Loomis & Bob Burke**

The Kirkland Heritage Society is hosting the Washington State Advisory Council on Historic Preservation at their quarterly meeting on October 16 and 17th to be held in Heritage Hall. This Board advises the Department of Archeology and Historic Preservation on Nominations to the State and National Registers of Historic Places. Barbara Loomis was a former member of the Council serving between 2000 to 2007.

The agenda will include a tour of Kirkland's historic buildings and a reception for the Council and Department Staff at a historic home on Thursday, and the Council's Meeting on Friday Morning.

## 4CULTURE GRANTS ENHANCE KHS'S PROGRAMS

**Bob Burke, Chair, Funding Committee**

After Heritage Hall was moved, King County through the Landmarks Commission and 4Culture provided significant grants for the renovation of the historic building and to assist in finishing the space on the lower floor for use by the Kirkland Heritage Society. Since that time KHS has continued to receive grants and felt it is important that our members and friends be aware of this assistance and to formally thank them for the ongoing support.

During the past five years, 4Culture has provided KHS key support in three major categories. These funds complement the operating funds gained from membership dues and gifts and allow us to enhance our programs and services to achieve our mission and to better serve the citizens of Kirkland.

- Construction Work to help maintain Heritage Hall and to build the heritage resource center for KHS use.

We have received two Landmark Rehabilitation Grants: One for \$3,000 to do a Column Repair Architectural Report (2003/07); and another for \$15,504 to complete the recommended column repair (2007).

- Sustained Support Grants have been received since 2000 through 2009 and have ranged from \$2,000 to \$5,000 per year. Funding is available as 4Culture's share of King County Lodging Tax Revenues. The purpose is "to provide operating support for heritage organizations that have as their mission the education of the public about, or the collection, exhibition, interpretation, preservation or protection of resources relating to the histories of people and places in King County."

Special Projects to support our ongoing efforts to secure and protect our growing collections and to make the information more readily available to the public include a wide variety of projects:

o Heritage Special Project in 2002/2004 of \$1,400 to inventory, photograph and evaluate the 17 items of clothing from the Peter Kirk family donated by the Capron's and to conserve Peter Kirk's dress suit.-

o Cultural Facilities Program in 2007/8 to install the new metal archival shelving with a grant of \$9,000. This allowed us to relocate shelving previously located—in the archive for expansion in the Library and Work Room.

o Heritage Collections Care Program just received in the amount of \$1,000 to assist in completing the display in our KHS space in Heritage Hall and for archi-

val supplies. This is a newly funded program this year administered by 4Culture.

The Board and Committee Chairs prepared a 5-year program in 1998 and have updated it in 2003. We are meeting later this month to again update our 5-year vision and program. These have been very useful in assisting us focus our funding requests and to show how they work to achieve not only our KHS Mission, but also the objectives of the funding programs. Our thanks to the King County Council and the Board and Staff of 4Culture and their careful stewardship of these programs that are extremely helpful to smaller heritage societies such as KHS.

## July & August Meeting Participants

### Lynette Friberg Weber

David & Anna Aubry\*, Sally Jo Bechtel, Bob Burke, David Cantrill, Sue Carter, Michael Cogle, Marjorie J. Denton, Merrily & Don Dicks, Dick & Sandra Ekins, Joyce Fowler, Revs. Tod & Ana Goberdale\*, Jessica Greenway, Dale & Loita Hawkinson, Corrine Hieb, Bev & Paul Hoerlein, Carolyn Hayek, Jean Jayne, Marilyn Johnson, John Kappler\*, Judy Lang, Jim Lauinger\*, Patty Leverett\*, Katherine Lindquist, Barbara Loomis, Suzi Luke, Myrtle Martinson, Joan McBride, Russ McClintock, Larry Miller, Chuck Morgan, Bob Neir, Ken Nelson, Vic Newhard, Lee Peterson, David Ramsey, Betty & Dave Roberts, Frank Rosin, Dee Saunders, Karen Schickling, Pat & Dick Shinstrom, Ray & Helen Schoen, Milt Sessions, Sterling Sessions, Cathy Smith, Teresa Sollitto, Clarence & Sandy Stone, Vern & Alice Stoops, Carol Trapp, Inge Thiesen, David & Patty Tucker, Kendall Watson\*, Lynette Friberg Weber.

### \*First Timers & Guests

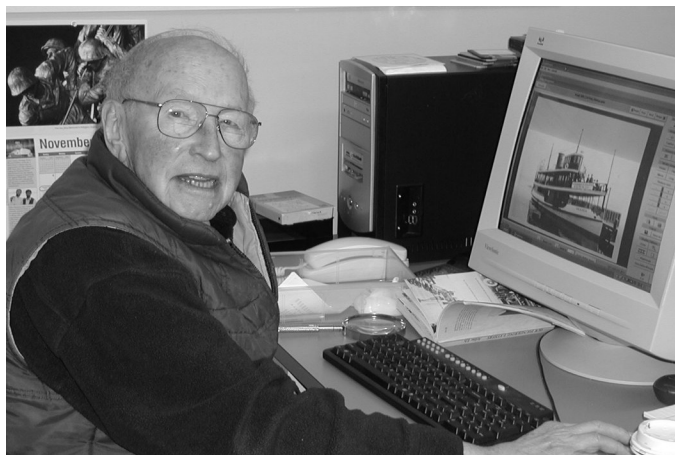
## Sue Carter Home

The house at 120 - 3rd Avenue in the Norkirk Neighborhood was torn down on August 13, 2008, to make room for a Kirkland City Hall expansion. Built in 1912 by former **Kirkland mayor John Wester**, this house was referred to as the **Sue Carter home** because she was the last long term owner. This house had been a landmark. Many historic photos are undated and it is familiar homes, cars and businesses that help date these photos. If Sue's house was in the picture, it was after 1912. If the lake was high, it was 1916 or before. (See photos on cover)

For some this was an old house standing on valuable property. For history lovers it was a regional landmark. For Sue and her daughters it was home. Thankfully, it will live on in many old photos of Kirkland. (See page 5)

## Oral Histories by Loita Hawkinson

### Stan Denton



**Stan at Heritage Hall working with PastPerfect  
He entered first hand details to the Arline Ely  
Collection 2007.25.51.**

**Stan Denton** moved to Kirkland with his parents and 5 brothers. There are many stories about the six Denton boys and their mischief but we didn't get to hear much of that. What we did get to hear was how **Stanford Denton** managed as a teenager in Kirkland during the depression

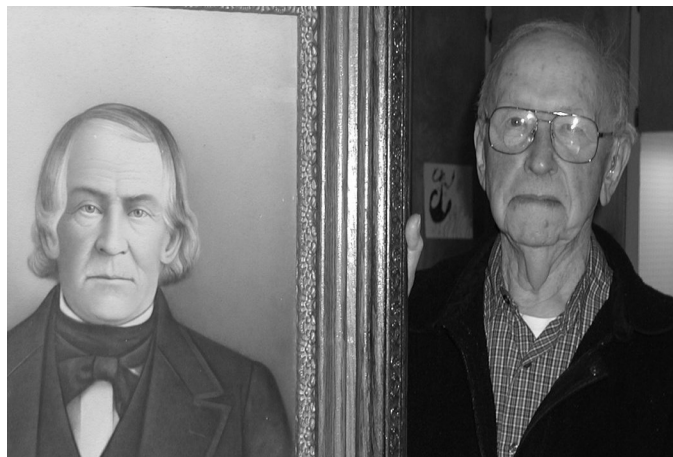
Stan keep busy and found work at every opportunity. He went to work at **Schmidt's Bakery** at 5 a.m. to ice maple bars and wash pots and pan. Stan was paid 16.5 cents an hour. When the family lived next to the Shumway Mansion, he worked for **Mary and Carrie Shumway** as a gardener and driver. The Shumway sisters never drove so Stan would drive them and their dog Peter. Peter always sat between the sisters. He got to drive a brand new 1940 Chevrolet. Stan can still hear the sisters tell him to slow down when he got up to 25 MPH. Then at the age of 17, Stan went to work for **Green's Funeral Home**. Here he learned the skills of the mortician and worked evenings and weekends. Rather grim work for a teenager but during the depression it was a well paying job. Green's had both a hearse and an ambulance. We all know what the hearse was for but most of us would not know that this local mortuary also ran the ambulance service. Injured or ill people were driven around the north end of the lake to a Seattle hospital. Stan operated the floor pedal siren as he drove. It is hard to imagine the responsibilities that young people of the depression faced.

When **WWII** started, four of the Denton sons served at one time. Thankfully they all came home.

The Denton's went from feeding 6 growing boys during the depression to having 4 of those not quite grown boys serving during wartime. You can see the strain on their mother's face in the photos taken during those times.

Dear to Stan's heart was his time in the **Drum and Bugle Corps**. His time with the Corps gave him friendships and allowed him to get out of Kirkland from time to time. A scrapbook with photos and memories is on the library shelves at the KHS Resource Center.

Stan has a strong sense of values that were well rooted even as a child. At the time of our talk, he was the first person who remembered the famous Kirkland pig races. Stan went but did not want to talk about it. Even in his youth, Stan was uncomfortable about the possible mistreatment of animals. KHS now has several photos of these pigs and it is hard to tell if they felt mistreated. But it gave us an awareness of the sensitivity and maturity of the young Stan Denton.



**All the Denton boys looked like Denton's. But notice the likeness of Stan with his Grandfather. It is a marvel.**



**Green's Ambulance offered 24 hour service in  
1944.  
2007.19.863**

## Colby Harris

In 2004, 5 year old **Colby Harris** was looking for a service project. His idea was to have a lemonade stand on the parade route during the **4th of July Parade**. There was one major obstacle: Colby needed to provide clean fresh water at his stand. To comply with City Code, Colby hooked up a gravity flow water system using a plastic jug hung on a tripod. Colby took in \$60.00 from his lemonade stand. After deducting the \$20 in expenses, **Kirkland Heritage Society** received his \$40 profits. This \$40 has been earning interest for the past four years. It was at last decided to purchase two frames and have photos of the **Time Capsule Timekeepers** displayed at **Heritage Hall** and **Peter Kirk Elementary** where Colby is still a student. One photo is now hung at Heritage Hall and the other has been given to Colby's school. Colby was there at the dedication and helped place the Time Capsule so this seemed fitting. Colby is the son of **Patrick and Shannon** and the grandson of **JoAnn**. And for the record, this community service project was entirely Colby's idea. (See back page).



**Sue Carter's home  
Vanishing and now gone**  
See page 3 for story

## KHS needs ideas

There is a "new" suggestion box. If you have program ideas, meeting suggestions or Crossword Puzzle clues, please write them down and drop them in the suggestion box

## Monthly Meeting

7:00 p.m. Heritage Hall

**Sept. 24 - The History of Woodinville;** A wonderful & informative presentation by the Kraft's of Woodinville Heritage Society.

**Oct. 29 - Ghosts of our Past:** Genealogy presented by our very own hi-tech duo, Dale & Loita Hawkinson. Learn how to research family from your home PC using "free" websites. Our taxes pay for many of these sites that few people are aware of.

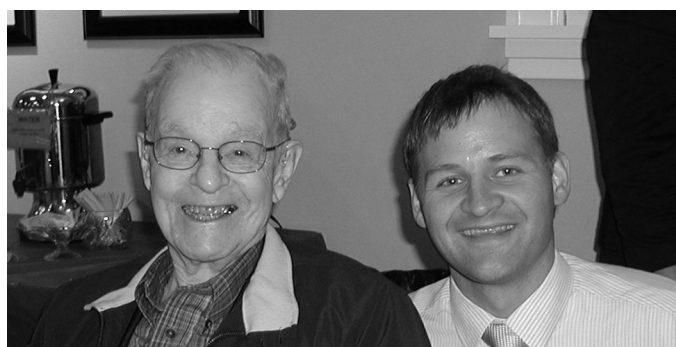
**Nov. - No Program**

**Dec. - Annual Cookie Exchange** hosted at the historic home of a KHS member. Date, time & place yet To Be Determined. Members only event.



**Majorie Denton  
looks tickled pink  
and KHS is tickled  
pink to have her  
help mailing the  
newsletters.**

*If we have forgotten to thank someone, please speak up or email. Being human, things get by us. But we want to publicly thank all those who help preserve Kirkland's history.*



**20th Century and 21st Century News-  
hawks: Charles O. Morgan and Kirkland  
Reporter, Kendall Watson**

## THANK YOU TO:

**Dale Hawkinson** for scanning *On The Ways*. Dale stayed after work evenings and used the large scanner to scan a few months at a time. *On The Ways* is the newspaper published by the Lake Washington Shipyards during WWII. Scanning was the first step in a project to get these historic newspapers digitized. Large screen scanners are prohibitively expensive and we thank Pitney Bowes for the after hours loan. Hopefully by the holidays, *One The Ways*, the digital version, will be available on CD. The cost has been set at \$20 and will be sold on the website and eBay as there could be national interest.

**Betty McClintick Gaudy** for another box of donations. Betty has been mailing her childhood treasures to KHS for several years. Her database collection has been started but we are now waiting for some grant money so we can purchase supplies to archive them properly.

**Gilbert Wendt** for his oral history recorded by Dale H. Gib moved to Kirkland following WWII. Prior to the war, Gib had taken shorthand in school and this rare skill for a man kept him close to the front lines as he served **Colonel John A. Hettinger**. Gib saw many commanding officers and the big name entertainers. He even got a mild chewing out from **Bob Hope** (Hope was in no mood to give Gib an autograph in the wee hours of the morning as Hope was shaving from his helmet).

**Cameron and Dena Jones** of Quilcene, WA for 1921 and 1922 High School pictures. The Jones lived in Kirkland a few years ago and found these photos in their attic. Dena mailed the photos to KHS hoping they would be of interest. The photos have the student names on the back. One photo received turned out to be Redmond Elementary so KHS has a scan of that photo with the original going to **Redmond Historical Society**. This is not the first time KHS has received photos or items found in attics and crawlspaces. We are grateful that people take the time to find a home for these historically valuable treasures



**Nancy Stephens & Vic Newhard.**

Nancy came from Arizona for her annual Blackberry fix.

**Elaine Higginbotham** for the donation of items from the Higginbotham family. Elaine's husband, **Irving Higginbotham** was the youngest of the 10 Higginbotham children. It is Irving's collection from Juanita and WWII that is being passed along to Kirkland Heritage Society. Among the collections are photos, Juanita Hideaway Ashtray, 1983 audiotape of **Deep Higginbotham**, WWII Pearl Harbor movie, and newspapers. There will be more donated in the future.

**Marjorie J. Denton** for being our very important mailing committee of one. The board has been working on the mailer after the board meeting making it a very late evening. It is wonderful to now have an official **KHS Postmistress**.

**Larry Miller** for providing the vast majority of the blackberries for the Sundae Social. Others did pick but most came from Larry or from Larry's property.

**Sally Jo Bechtel, Joan McBride, Corrine Hieb and Barb Loomis** for scooping ice cream at the 2008 Sundae Social.

**Lynette Friberg Weber and Vic Newhard** for decorating Heritage Hall for the Sundae Social. The Hall itself looked good enough to eat.

**Gregg Oppenheimer** from California for donating video and a copy of a radio script from **Lanny Ross**. Gregg is son of **Jess Oppenheimer**, writer and producer of *I Love Lucy*. These items are some of Jess Oppenheimer's personal collection so are rare. **Lanny Ross** was born in Kirkland and was the grandson of Kirkland Founder **Walter W. Williams**. Slowly, the Ross collection is growing.

**Loita Hawkinson** (yours truly) for collecting those ice-cream dishes for over 40 years. Dreamed of having an ice-cream shop where **Taco Mama's** used to be. That did not happen but the KHS Sundae Social is the next best thing



**Barbara Loomis & Joan McBride**

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**Kirkland Heritage Society**

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**Pictured is Colby tending his Lemonade Stand with Grandma Harris keeping him company on July 4, 2004. See story, page 5.**

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