

# Blackberry Preserves

The Journal of the  
Kirkland Heritage Society



## Christian Science Church Building Moved To It's New Home!

This is approximately how the building will look but about 4 feet lower.  
Chris Goodman of History Link enhanced this photo by removing the movers sign,  
put the stairs back on along with some landscaping.



Kirkland Heritage Society

**PRESIDENT'S LETTER**

by  
**Bob Burke**

**City Council Votes to Keep Church at the Waverly Site Permanently!!**

**Thanks to Everyone for Helping Save the Christian Science Church Building**

On behalf of KHS, I want to recognize and thank all of the people who have made this possible:

- **Don Stabbert, West Water Real Estate**, who offered the building to the City and contributed \$25,000 to the cost of the move;
- **Harry Cummings, Architect**, for initially buying the building and keeping it in good condition and for doing the feasibility study for the City;
- **Kirkland City Council** for placing strong historic preservation policies in the City's Plan and who have voted unanimously three times to accept the building and to provide funds to move it and place it on a foundation;
- **City Staff** including the **City Manager's office, Parks and Recreation, Legal, Public Works, Police and Planning Departments** who all assumed additional work to make it happen;
- **Members of the Neighborhood Associations, KHS and Citizens** who come out to support saving the building at meetings and who wrote letters; and,
- **The crew at Lindsay Moving and Rigging** who did an excellent job in moving the building.

It was an exciting and historic community event! Again, thanks to everyone who has provided their support in saving this historic structure for Kirkland's future generations! And, for supporting keeping the building at the Waverly site!

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS IN MAY**

At the April meeting no additional nominations were received for the Board of Directors. The following have been nominated for two year terms running from July 1, 1999 to June 30, 2001:

- President: Bob Burke**  
**Secretary: Loita Hawkinson**  
**At-Large: Vic Newhard**  
**At-Large: Melissa Thirloway**

The election is at the regular May KHS meeting. Nominations can be made the night of the election.

**MAY MEETING**

**INVENTING THE COLOR TV  
IN OUR KITCHEN**

**Chuck Geer**  
**May 26, 7:00 p.m.,**  
**Kirkland Congregational Church**

Chuck Geer, son of the colored TV inventor, Dr. Willard Geer, will be our guest speaker on May 26. Come find out about the 1927 Kirkland Connection and the strange way in which big business and the government in the 1950's went about selecting the TV system which we all take for granted today.

**PART OF TREE SAVED**

A large Deodara Cedar on the Waverly site had to be cut down to move the building onto that site. It was rotting and splintered when it was cut down. Other options to save it would have removed more healthy street trees. **Terri Anderson**, an avid gardener, however, has a large portion of the trunk of the tree in her van and is saving it for use in the landscaping. Maybe we can put up a marker with a photo of the tree.

OTHER KHS NEWS!

— Historic Property Inventory: Draft report is complete and being reviewed; inventory files are being prepared; and the final report should be printed in June.

— Historic Street Signs: **George Harris** and City staff reviewed street sign designs at our April meeting. Revisions are being made based on suggestions and will be ready in May for review at the Market, Norkirk and KHS meetings. **John Hopfauf** and city staff working on this have really been great!

— We are working to save an excellent Bungalow on 132<sup>nd</sup> in Bridle Trails which is on our "most significant" list. The developer has expressed interest in moving the building to another site.

— Interim Archives: We are finalizing the contract with King County for the grant for some equipment for a temporary archives.

— The Kirkland MainStreet program is considering a **Kirkland Heritage Month** for this fall or next spring. We submitted a grant request two years ago - this may allow it to be done this year!

— KHS will be participating with other historical societies on the East Side with exhibits at Bellevue Square in July. **Alan Stein** is coordinating this by utilizing previous City Hall exhibits.

— **Christina Brugman** has compiled photographs, sketches and text for the Mickelson historic interpretive marker which we plan to complete and install this summer.

— Thanks to **Darby Johnson** and **Patty Tucker** for volunteering to help on Photographs and Building Plaques!

We can always use a lot more help, so please call - Bob Burke - 828-4095. Thanks!

UPDATE:

MOVING THE FORMER CHRISTIAN  
SCIENCE CHURCH BUILDING  
APRIL 29TH & 30TH, 1999

City Council Vote - May 18, 1999  
Confirmed Waverly Site as Permanent Home!

The Church has been saved and is now resting on cribbing on the lower Waverly site. City Council evaluated two alternative sites at their May 18<sup>th</sup> meeting and again unanimously voted to keep the building permanently at the Waverly Site. Thanks to **Jim Lauinger**, speaking on behalf of the Multi-Service Center; **Tere Gidlof**, and **Bob Burke**, KHS who were the 3 speakers for retaining the building at Waverly.

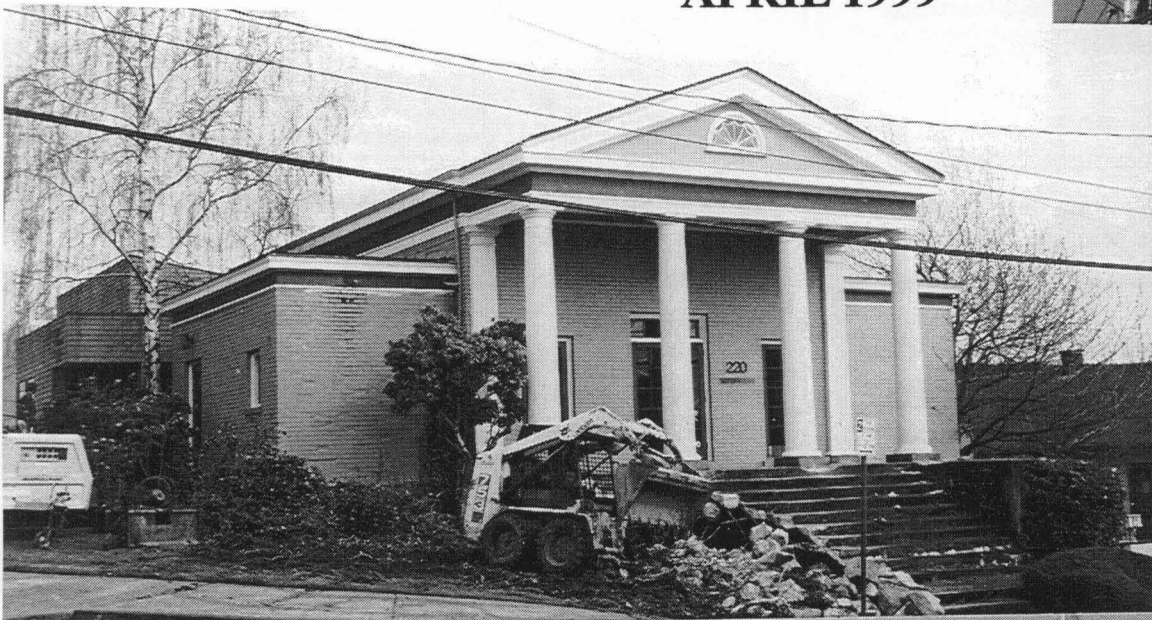
The photograph on the cover, arranged by **Alan Stein**, is a composite of the building on cribbing with the original stairs and landscaping on it. Also, the mover's sign has been removed. The building will be about 4 feet lower in height when placed on its permanent foundation!

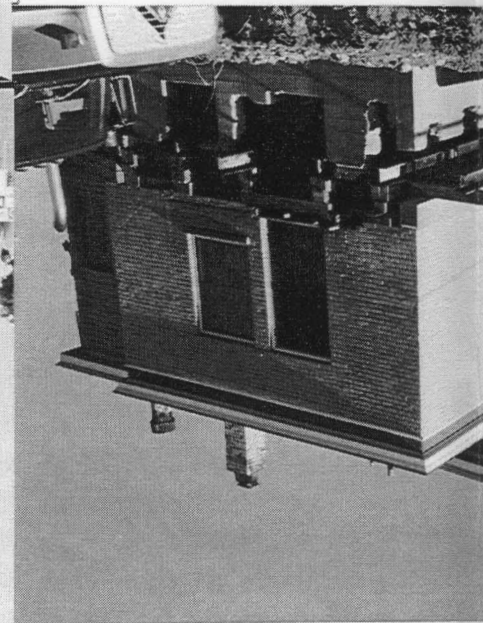
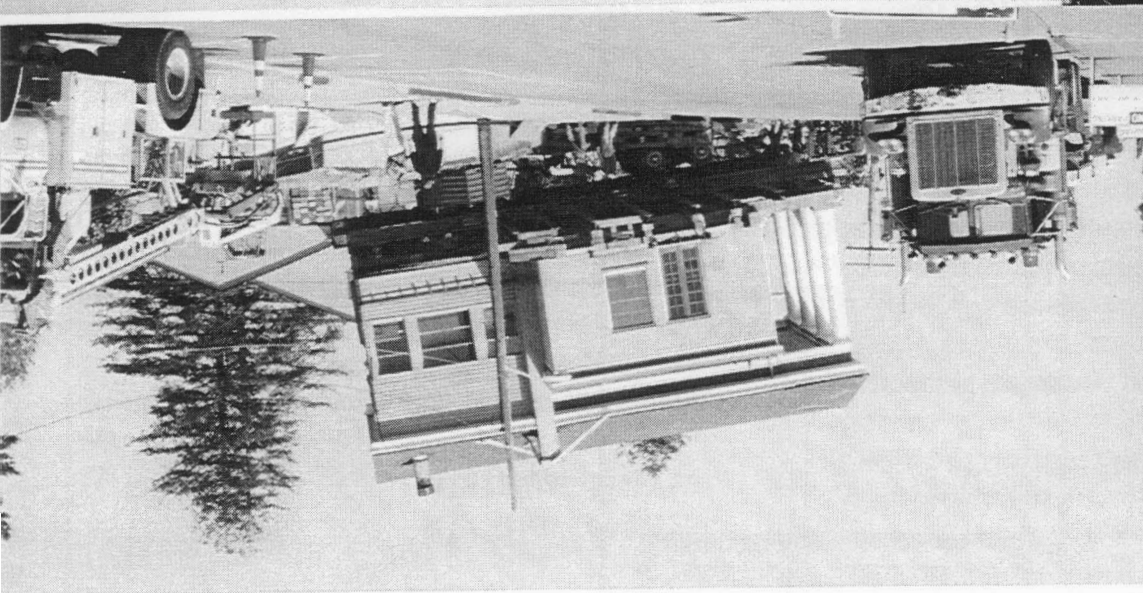
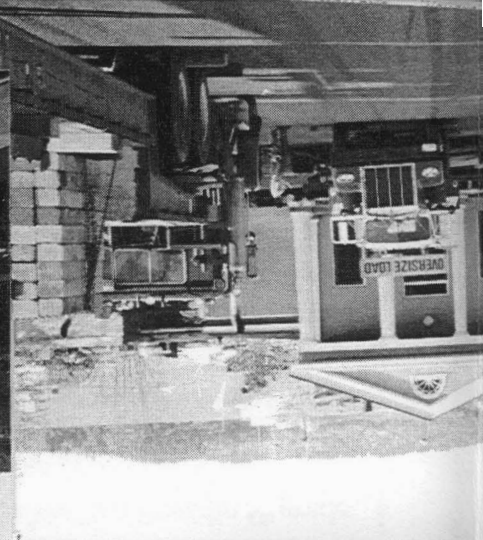
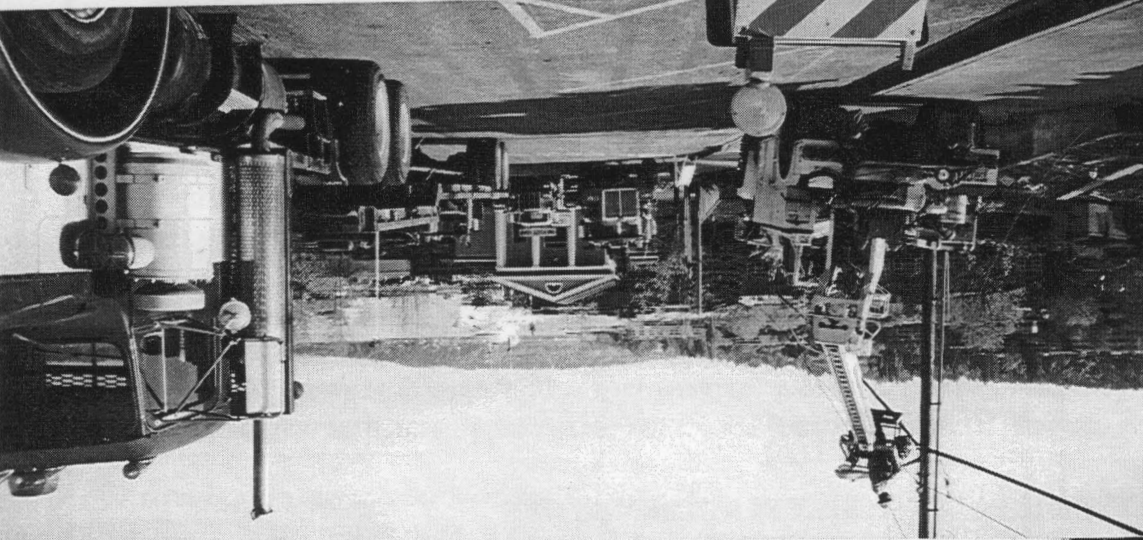
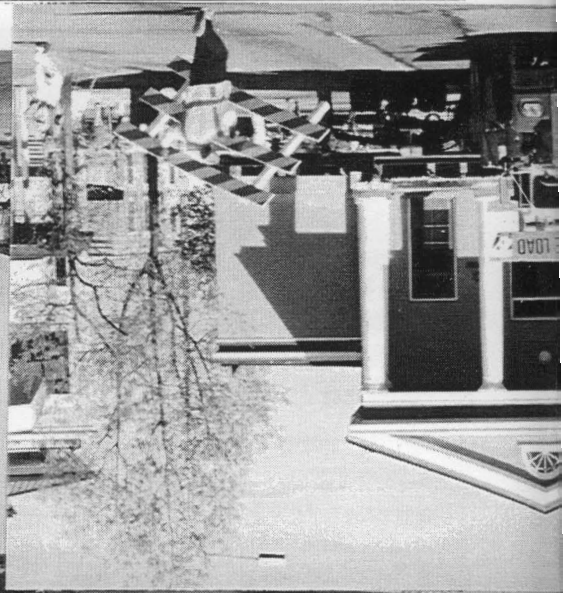
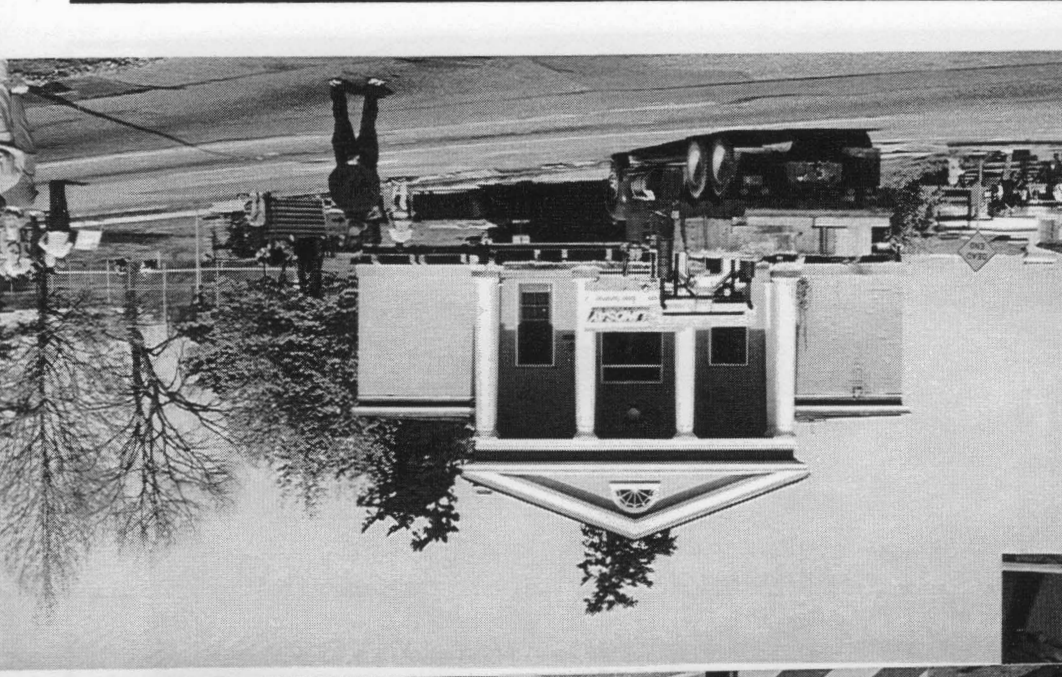
In early April work began to prepare the building to be moved. **Barbara Loomis** and **Bob Burke** removed windows and doors from the existing basement so they can be used in the new location.

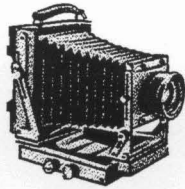
The City held two facilitated meetings to discuss Alternative Sites, and Site Location Criteria and then to finalize a recommendation to City Council for consideration on May 18<sup>th</sup>. After the City Council decision, they will begin the official public process (II-A) before the Hearing Examiner. This process takes about 4 months - the hearing will likely be held in late summer and a decision made in September.

We need to continue to be active throughout this entire process. It is extremely important that our members participate. City Council and City staff have been very supportive and helpful through this effort. If you get the opportunity, thank them!!

**MOVING DAYS**  
**CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH BUILDING**  
**APRIL 1999**







### RECORD OF THE HISTORIC MOVE

The church move was videotaped by the City and **Barbara Loomis**, digital pictures were taken by **Alan Stein**, and slides and color photographs were taken by **Bob Burke**. We have an excellent record of this historic event. We are also trying to get all of the documents - reports, letters, and newspaper articles so they can be in the permanent archives.

### BOB BURKE HONORED NATIONAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION

In April Bob was one of 46 members of the American Institute of Certified Planners elected to the College of Fellows. This is the first year of this program and is considered the highest honor which can be bestowed by this professional organization on one of its members. It is a very well deserved recognition of the tremendous contributions he has made in the field of Planning, professionally and as a volunteer.

**CONGRATULATIONS BOB!**

### SCHOOL EDUCATION PROGRAM BEN FRANKLIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

KHS in conjunction with the Kirkland Arts Center completed its three class program with the Ben Franklin 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes on May 7<sup>th</sup> with a tour of the Peter Kirk Building, lessons in drawing perspective and a tour of the neighborhood and downtown. **Alan Stein** and **Bob Burke** were the tour guides from KHS. Both agreed that the energy of these kids is boundless!

The first two sessions were video taped and will be used by the school, Arts Center and KHS for events and display booths. In addition we have three newsletters on the history and architecture of Kirkland. This project was made possible by a grant from King County.



Students learning how to draw in perspective at the Kirkland Art Center

# KIRKLAND HERITAGE SOCIETY

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# CALENDAR

**May 25**  
**AKCHO**  
 9:30 a.m.  
**Annual Awards Ceremony**  
 Rainier Valley Cultural Center  
 (old Christian Science building)  
 3515 - S. Alaska, Seattle  
 Rainier Valley Historical Society

**May 26**  
**KHS Board/Committee Chairs**  
 6:00 p.m.  
**KHS Program:**  
 7:00 p.m.

**INVENTING THE COLOR TV IN OUR KITCHEN**  
 Chuck Geer will talk about his fathers roll in inventing the color TV and the Kirkland connection!

**June 29**  
**AKCHO**  
 6:30 p.m.  
Special Time

A special program and performance showcasing Franklin High's Historic Theatre Organ. Franklin High School 3013 - S. Mt. Baker Blvd., Seattle. Theatre Organ Society & the Franklin School Arts Foundation.

**June 30**  
**KHS Program**  
 7:00 p.m.

KHS Program to be announced

*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:** \_\_\_\_\_

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## 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

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Checks should be made payable and mailed to:  
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**Students From Ben Franklin Elementary School  
Learning About Art, Architecture and History of Their Community  
Some of the Students on the statue in Marina Park**

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