

Blackberry Preserves

The Journal of the
Kirkland Heritage Society



Olivia French at age 18

Dressed in this exquisite gown of satin and lace

From the KHS French Family Collection



Kirkland Heritage Society

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

by

Bob Burke

Controversy! - Good News! - Bad News!

A controversy has been created over the historic property inventory. As a result of our two property owner meetings a few owners who do not want to have their property recognized by the City have written letters to all property owners "Warning" them of the dire consequences of being listed. They are mixing issues and creating confusion and fear. We felt the City had responded well by suggesting that the Planning Commission not consider which properties would be listed until the regulations and incentives had been defined. We are considering what should be done to get out the correct information to all property owners!

The street signs with the historic names are beginning to go up along Market Street!! They really look great! About 100 intersections will be done in the Market, Norkirk, Highlands and North Rose Hill Neighborhoods. Again, thanks to "Hoppy" and his crew in Public Works!

The Waverly Park Neighborhood Association (not a recognized City neighborhood association) has decided to appeal the Judge's decision which dismissed their previous lawsuit over the former Christian Science Church Building. At this time we do not know all of the particulars of the appeal.

We have been working with the City and their Architect, Harry Cummings and Preservation Architect Ron Murphy to assure that the foundation and site work is consistent with the historically significant aspects of the building. We are also completing a nomination to King County for landmark status which will enhance our chances for funding both with King County and the State.

HISTORIC BUILDINGS - MODERN USES

Art & Architecture in Society

This is the program we did with the Kirkland Arts Center and the two fifth grade classes at Benjamin Franklin Elementary School. It was funded through the King County Landmarks and Heritage Program. One of the products is a video on the history of Kirkland done from the two in-class sessions. We also did a visit to the Peter Kirk Building and took a tour of downtown Kirkland. KHS participants were **Christina Brugman, Alan Stein and Bob Burke**.

We received a notebook with letters from students in the class. The comments are great!

The slide show taught me a lot about houses and now when I'm in the car, I try to guess the type of house style." Savannah Cook

"I never knew Kirkland was so cool and exciting to be in and walk around in! Hearing about the pig races was really funny to hear and must of been funny to watch them swim! I didn't even know pigs could swim!" Megan A Bowen

"Something I learned is that that Lake Washington was lowered. I think that was very interesting because I never knew that before." Penny Li

What I liked the most was the tour of Kirkland because some of the things I saw I never knew that they were there like the raised up church". Pepper Snider

"I wish I lived in the past because it sounds better than the present, the way you described it. So lets move on! Love, Lainey Howard, Your fan."

Last week one of the classes at Ben Franklin also borrowed the historic street sign display to use in a class. We have had two or three teachers in other schools express interest in the program! Thanks again to the Kirkland Arts Center for putting together and administering the grant.

Tales from the East Side Journal

By Alan Stein

Since our topic this month is fashion, this month's historic article from the old East Side Journal pertains to a hairstylist from Kirkland who made it to the big time. The article is from the April 1, 1954 edition of the paper, and it's about Lee Smith, who came from Kirkland and went on to become the stylist for the stars of Hollywood under the name of "Mr. Lee".

Former Kirklandite Wins "Oscar" for Best Hair Style



Audrey Hepburn and William Holden won the top Academy Awards last Thursday night but Lee Smith, formerly of Kirkland, packed away a trophy from the Biltmore in Los Angeles Sunday night that made Hepburn's and Holden's Oscars look like peanuts.

hair-do fanciers. And when all the oh's and ah's were over, Lee had won the top award for the third straight year. Just like the New York Yankees.

Here's how a Los Angeles newspaper put it:

Edgar Lee Smith's trophy was for hair-styling and it's so big it will be hard to get it through the front door. It's about three feet high and worth \$1,700 in actual cash, let alone the distinction that goes with it.



"Yesterday afternoon, the Pampas Cut - a broader version of the familiar Italian style - was presented to the thousands of hair-stylists attending the meeting, sponsored by the Hollywood and Western States Hair Design Council."

Smith, 33, goes by the name of Mr. Lee. His dad, E. M. Smith, once was the proprietor of what is now Ward's Beauty Salon but before Sadie moved to her new establishment on Central Way. Later Smith and Lee took over operation of the Washington Beauty College in Seattle where they still hold forth.

"A Seattle stylist made council history by winning, for the third straight year, the Challenge Cup competition for personal versions of the new style-setter."

"Smith will get you nowhere," said the dad, "So the boy changed his name to Mr. Lee. It carries a lot more weight."

Presentation of the award last Sunday evening was made by Rita Moreno, who modeled the official version of the Pampas Cut."

It carried more than weight with the judges of the International Congress of Beauty. Over 15,000 fans saw the hairstyles of 1954 unveiled at the Biltmore. It's the World Series of

Lee attended Kirkland grade school and was graduated from Broadway High in Seattle. After serving three years in the Navy he went to the Washington Beauty College to work with his father, a former commander of the Warren O. Grimm post, Kirkland American Legion.



GEORGE AND FAMILY AT THE DEDICATION OF "GRANDPA'S BENCH" ON WAVERLY WAY THIS LAST SPRING THE HARRIS FAMILY: SHANNON, GEORGE, MARIN, PATRICK HOLDING COLBY, JO ANN AND DAUGHTER CHRIS RENFREW, JO ANN'S BROTHER AND SISTER IN-LAW JIM AND ROBERTA COLBY

GEORGE T. HARRIS, JR.

George Harris passed away August 20, 1999.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Jo Ann, Patrick and Shannon and all of the family!

His memorial service truly celebrated his life - in music and remembrances from his children! Next spring when you will likely see a lot more of the colorful cosmos flowers blooming in our neighborhoods - think again of George - we all got packets of seed from his garden!

In the August Blackberry Preserves we discussed George's \$1,000 contribution to KHS for a bench associated with an interpretive marker near the church; his work on the new historic street signs which are now being installed, and his dreams of a more visible location for the Houghton Bell and interpretive markers about that historically important area in the development of Kirkland.

George! Thank You!

You will be missed, but not forgotten because of all of the reminders you have woven throughout the Kirkland community!

**THE KHS BOOTH HAS ANOTHER
FUN SUCCESSFUL YEAR**

The Kirkland Heritage Society was well represented with our booth in Kirkland's two big weekend, outdoor festivals this year. Summerfest in July, by the Kirkland Art Center, and the September Kirkland Taste, by the Chamber of Commerce, were well attended events we were glad to participate in.

Weather conditions couldn't have been better. Many people came in the booth to see the picture displays, ask questions, and discover interesting facts of our community heritage. Visitors had stories to tell about their family attachments to the area. There were a number of potential new members taking the brochures with member application forms enclosed. Some purchased mounted pictures of historic Kirkland. During Summerfest the ice cold, old fashioned Sarsaparilla was most welcome in the heat of the day served out of **Dale and Loita Hawkinson's** Y2K compliant, antique washing machine. We went through seven cases of the delicious beverage. Many visitors registered in the "were you born in the old Kirkland Hospital?" book. Also available was the shipment of special KHS mugs that arrived in time for the September "Taste of Kirkland". A mock up of the historic street sign for Market and Picadilly drew much attention both weekends. Looking up the old historic street names was popular on the large street map. The Kirkland Women's Club had a display promoting the memorial fountain to be installed in the old Kirkland cemetery.

The Kirkland Heritage Society booth couldn't exist without the help of our volunteers. Many hard workers spent their valuable weekend time to make our two festival weekend showings a success. Thank you **Charlotte Bates, Christina Brugman, Bob Burke, Angie Eggers, Sue Carter, Shannon Harris, Dale and Loita Hawkinson, Corrine Hieb** (who brought in some of the Womens Club members to help), **Barbara Loomis, Melissa Nelson, Betsy Pringle, Michael Radcliffe, Cathy Smith, Alan Stein, Nancy Stephens, Melissa Thirloway, Laura Westlund, and Velda Wilson.** Thank you one and all for the generous giving of your time and hard work.

Vic Newhard, Chairman, booth committee

THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

MAUREEN AND JIM BASKIN

FOR YOUR LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP

**THANK YOU SUPPORTING
MEMBERS FOR YOUR RENEWALS**

Jim Lauinger

Kirkland Woman's Club

Louis & Patty Marsh

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Jeff & Sharon Clark

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Dick & Michele Gidley

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**THANK YOU MEMBERS
FOR YOUR RENEWALS**

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**THANK YOU FOR YOUR
EXTRA CONTRIBUTIONS**

Dick & Michele Gidley

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CALENDAR

October 21
**Oral History
Meeting**
Nancy Stephens' house:
10208-126th Ave. NE
Call Nancy @ 822-9475 for
more information.

October 27
**KHS Board/Com-
mittee Chairs**
6:00 p.m.
KHS Program:
7:00 p.m.

**SEATTLE GOODWILL
VINTAGE CLOTHING
FASHION SHOW**
Attend a fashion show featur-
ing vintage clothing from the
early 1900's. The show will be
in the **sanctuary** at the Kirk-
land Congregational Church.
Because of the expenses in-
curred at this program we are
asking for donations.

November 6, 10 - 5 p.m.
**BUNGALOW & CRAFTS-
MAN HOME SHOW & SALE**
Good Shepherd Center,
Wallingford. Call Historic
Seattle for details: 206-622-
6952

November
Program Cancelled
HAPPY THANKSGIVING

December 11
**Christmas Social
& Cookie Exchange**
in one of Kirkland's Historic
Houses. Members only, you
will get a notice in the mail.

*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, 2000

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
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TOTAL ENCLOSED: _____

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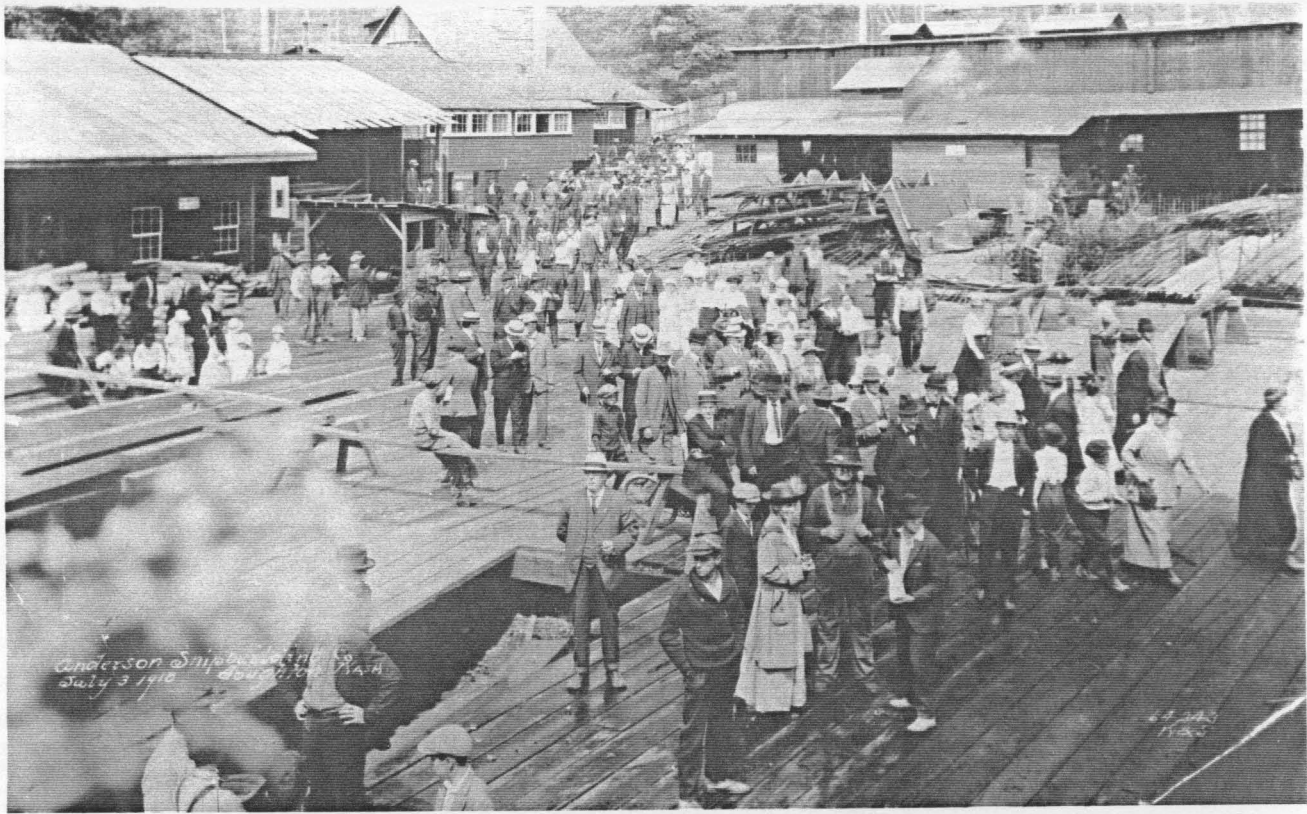
Your membership is the first important step in
helping achieve our goals. Interested in helping
on other projects? Please indicate the areas in
which you would be able to volunteer.

- Serve on a Standing Committee:**
- _____ Archives and Collections
 - _____ Membership and Funding
 - _____ Monthly Programs
 - _____ Oral History
 - _____ Newsletter, Blackberry Preserves
 - _____ KHS Web Site

- Work on specific activity:**
- _____ Christian Science Church Renovation
 - _____ Funding: Pledge Drives, etc.
 - _____ Volunteers: Carpentry, Painting
 - _____ Community Events / Exhibits
 - _____ Home Tour
 - _____ Do Photography / Update Slides
 - _____ Video on Kirkland History
 - _____ School Education Program

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Home# _____ Work # _____
E-Mail _____
Organization/Firm _____

Checks should be made payable and mailed to:
Kirkland Heritage Society, 235 - 10th Ave. W.,
Kirkland, WA 98033. Phone: (425) 889 - 9120



*Anderson Shipyard, Houghton Washington, (Now Carillon Point) July 3, 1910
This has always been one of my favorite pictures because of the clothing styles of that era. Everyone has on a hat! Be sure and attend the KHS Vintage Fashion Show October 27. See inside for details.*

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