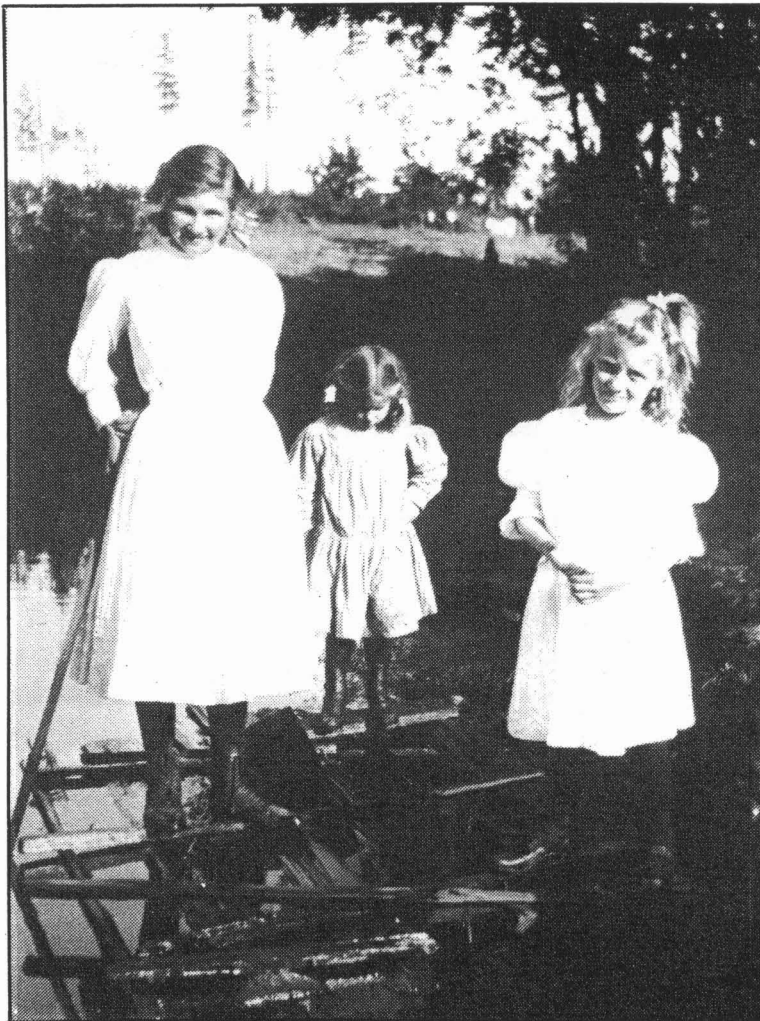


Blackberry Preserves

The Journal of the
Kirkland Heritage Society



Grace, Helen & Hilda Mickelson on Raft at Mickelson Pond c 1910
Photograph: Mickelson Collection, Kirkland Heritage Society

**MICKELSON
MARKER
DEDICATION**

**SUNDAY
MARCH 26
2:00 p.m.**

East of Corner
NE 132nd Street and
120th Street NE
(Near Evergreen Hospital)

**EVERYONE
IS
INVITED
TO
ATTEND!!**



Kirkland Heritage Society

MARCH 2000 PRESIDENTS LETTER

Bob Burke

THANK YOU!! to everyone who came out on Saturday, February 26th and to all of you who said you would like to help, but couldn't make it to that meeting. We had twenty six people turn out with another 20 who have expressed interest in working on a specific task. As a result of that morning, we have:

- Exciting and Fun Programs set for the entire year!
- Active effort to organize our Photographs and temporary archives;
- Started research Historic Property Inventory (Phase Two) and developing Juanita history;
- Have arranged to have our Web Page set up with HistoryLink, this month!
- Oral History has new recruits and will be expanding its efforts to do interviews;
- Exhibit in City Hall will be updated;
- Committee for fundraising, donations and volunteers for the Christian Science Church has started, but needs a Co-chair and more members!
- Education Programs at elementary schools will be organized and available!
- Building Plaques will again be installed on our most significant structures.

There are four critical areas where we need help!

- Assist Barbara Loomis in publishing the *Blackberry Preserves*. Call Barbara at 827-7194.
- Take charge of the Interpretive Marker Program - we have a number that need to be done, but no one to follow through!
- Coordination of articles with photographs in the *Kirkland Courier* (monthly) and *City Update* (3 times a year). Call Bob Burke at 828-4095.
- Recruit and coordinate volunteers!

There are people who will help you on each of these important projects!

MARCH 29th KHS PROGRAM

7:00 p.m.

Kirkland Congregational Church

WEST SEATTLE MEMORIES MEMORY BOOK PROJECT

Our March program will feature **Pat Filer** from the Log House Museum and Southwest Seattle Historical Society and **Cathy Fulton**, owner of Capturing Memories, Vashon, WA.

Hear about their very successful memory book project with personal recollections, photographs and mementos of the 20's, 30's and 40's from current and former residents of Alki in West Seattle. It included memories of Alki Beach, Schools and Teachers and Landmarks and Legends. What would be comparable in Kirkland? Pat and Cathy will educate us on how we can conduct a memory book project for Kirkland. This could be a wonderful supplement to our Oral History Program. **PLEASE - PLAN TO ATTEND!!**

*If you need a ride to the meeting, please call
Vic Newhard, 820-5151, ext. 233.*

MICKELSON MARKER DEDICATION

Sunday, March 26, 2000 - 2:00 p.m.

Thanks to **Christina Brugman** who did the oral history interview with **Miss Helen Mickelson** we will be dedicating a wonderful new interpretive marker on Sunday, March 26th at 2:00 p.m. Christina prepared a successful grant application to King County, wrote the text and compiled the photographs from those donated by Miss Mickelson.

The marker has wonderful images of this family at the turn of the century - some of them are on the cover and back page of this issue. It is on NE 132nd Street and overlooks what we refer to as Mickelson Pond which was created by Martin Mickelson about 1910. You can park at the clinic at 120th Avenue NE.

Miss Mickelson who is 94 will attend!

Everyone is invited!

ORAL HISTORY GROUP UPDATE

Nancy Stephens

We would like to welcome three new members to our Oral History Group.. At our February 26, 2000 Volunteers Workshop we were fortunate to have **Jane Maule, Hank Melton and Jette Townsend** become involved in the Oral History project. They are beginning their new "adventure" by listening to the tape recordings made by some of our early Kirkland citizenry, and reviewing our Field Workbook that explains the process and procedures involved in recording oral histories.

If you are interested in joining our group, our next meeting will be held **Thursday, March 30**, at 7:00 p.m. at my home:

10208 126th Avenue NE; Kirkland, WA 98033

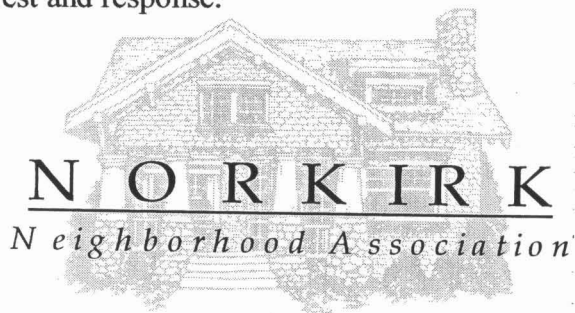
Telephone: 425-822-9475

E-mail: ns10208@yahoo.com

Feel free to call or e-mail me to let me know you if you can attend, or if you would like further information but are unable to attend that evening.

NORKIRK NEIGHBORHOOD NEWSLETTER

The Norkirk Neighborhood Association published its first newsletter with the wonderfully appropriate new logo of a Bungalow created by **Camille Spina**. The newsletter was sent to every neighborhood resident - about 1,500 addresses. KHS prepared and paid for a double sided insert on the history of the neighborhood with some explanation of some of our programs such as the historic property inventory and preparing neighborhood histories. We thought this would be a great way of getting information out to an entire Kirkland neighborhood to see if it generated any interest and response.



**CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH
OFFICIALLY DESIGNATED A LANDMARK**

On March 16, 2000, two historic events occurred!! The first meeting of the Kirkland Landmark Commission was held at City Hall. Through the interlocal agreement with King County the King County Landmark Commission with a representative from Kirkland - **Cathy Smith** - function as Kirkland's commission. Their first nomination for landmark status was the Christian Science Church which was nominated by the **Kirkland City Council** in February. After staff presentations and testimony, the Church has now officially been designated a Kirkland landmark!

Barry Russell, Director of Parks and Community Services, represented the City at the public hearing. He noted that the City has worked very hard to preserve this building, weathered two law suits and is in the process of preparing a master plan for the entire Waverly site and that that process will determine the future use of the building. **Angela Ruggeri**, Planning Department, has been the liaison for this project.

Thanks to everyone who has worked to make this next step in the process of saving and renovating the historic Christian Science Church possible!!

**THE CONCRETE FOUNDATION HAS BEEN
POURED. THE FRONT STAIRS WILL BE
BUILT NEXT! THIS PHASE OF WORK IS
SCHEDULED TO BE DONE MID-APRIL.**

MOHAI - NEARBY HISTORY PROGRAM

MOHAI is presenting their **NEARBY HISTORY** program at Bellevue Public Library at 10:00 a.m. on alternating Saturdays. Each class is very informative and motivating, and free of charge.

- April 1: Your Collections**
- April 15: Neighborhood and
Community History**
- April 29: What Next?**

You may call the Museum of History and Industry for further information at 206-324-1126.

PRICELESS FAMILY MEMORIES ARE OF VALUE TO THE COMMUNITY

Alan J Stein

You may not know it, but you could very well have a lot of untapped Kirkland history in your closets and attics. Pull out those old photo albums, slide-shows and home movies and take a close look at them. If you and your family were raised in Kirkland, chances are there's a lot more to these images than meets the eye.

For you, those photos and films probably document your family history. Those births, graduations, weddings, picnics, sporting events, and reunions truly define you and yours. But if you think about it, there is another common thread that runs through your collection - most of those events that mean so much to you happened here in town.

The Kirkland Heritage Society has an extensive photo collection of Kirkland's past. Most of these photos were taken in the first half of this century and many of them are from family collections. At the time the photos were taken, no one gave much thought to their future use. They were just family photos. Today, they mean so much to the entire community.

Let me give you an example. One of the photos in the KHS collection shows some young people horsing around at Juanita Beach around 1916. At face value, it's just a photo of another day at the lake with a bunch of kids goofing around in front the camera. But behind these kids is an odd wooden structure.



As it turns out, this is a rare image of the Urania dock. Before the lake was lowered due to the digging of the Ship Canal, the ferry Urania had a landing in Juanita Bay. After the water fell, this dock was high and dry for a few months before it was torn down. The photo shows the dock during this brief period. It's the only image of its kind that we have.

Okay, you probably don't have photos that go back 80 years, but that doesn't mean that your collection may have rare images also. Recently, while preparing an interpretive marker about central Houghton's growth after WWII, it was noticed that no images of the old Houghton City Hall were in the KHS collection. This building was around just a few decades ago, but what did it look like?

There used to be school buildings at what is now called Waverly site. Thousands of children graduated from there, but most known pictures show the buildings off in the distance. Didn't anyone with a camera attend community-attended school events? This also applies to every school within the community. Do you have pictures of the old Collins School (BEST) which was recently torn down - we want to install an interpretive marker there because it was named for Kirkland's first Mayor.

There used to be a civic center at Peter Kirk Park. Kirkland folk referred to it as the White Elephant. It burned in the 1960's, but where are the pictures before that? It loomed in the center of town yet very few images of it are known to exist, but they must. They might be in your collection.



How many proud parents took pictures at local schools during graduation ceremonies? How many pictures are there of countless family picnics at local parks? How many business owners captured their grand openings on cameras? How many festivals and parades were filmed on Kirkland streets?

Home movies are an often overlooked form of historical documentation. A few years ago, I had the opportunity to see family films that some folks on Vashon Island took in 1939. There were scenes of the usual family outings, but at one point the camera panned up and caught a full-screen image of a dirigible floating over the island with biplanes attached underneath. Just another family movie? Think again.

Your family may not have film of something that dramatic, but lots of parents had movie cameras to capture baby's first steps and the like, especially during the 1950's when there were so many babies walking around. Since the baby boom was big in Kirkland, that's a lot of film. Where's it all at today?

The Kirkland Heritage Society would enjoy hearing about your family pictures and films, and would be quite pleased to share information with you. We'd love to hear your stories and if there's something noteworthy in your photo documentation, we may be able to provide you with a few stories in return. Family history is an integral part of community history, and vice versa.

Selected Barrie Family Photographs
Barrie Collection - Kirkland Heritage Society



Many people are concerned about handing over family history to someone else, but don't worry. KHS takes great care of materials they borrow, and with today's technology excellent copies can be made. Once the images have been duplicated they are returned to you, and archival acknowledgment is given to your family, if you so desire.

Please dig out your old photos and films and have another look. This time, examine your family's history and think about their place in Kirkland history. Everyone played a part in the growth of the community, and your memories may be of value to others, just as other historic photos are to us all.

If you would like to know more about how your family archives can help to document community history contact me at 821-0164, or by e-mail at: sangreal@nwlinc.com. This month's program is also very applicable to preserving our memories.

KIRKLAND VOLUNTEER FAIR
Thursday - April 13 - 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

KHS is participating in a "Volunteer Fair" at the Kirkland Performance Center and Kirkland Senior Center on April 13th. This is an effort on the part of a number of nonprofit organizations to let Kirkland residents get more information of what volunteer opportunities are available.

We have had more people requesting information on volunteer opportunities, including high school students looking for community service. We need someone to take charge of getting ready for this fair as well as coordinating volunteer requests with our various committees.

One big volunteer opportunity will be the painting and landscaping of the Church later this spring. This may be an opportunity to begin to compile a list of people who would be interested in working on the Church. If you would like to discuss what might be included in this KHS volunteer opportunity - please call Bob Burke - 828-4095 or 827-6550.

Thanks!

PROGRAMS FOR THE YEAR 2000

Mark your calendar now!!

APRIL 26

David Martin from Martin -Zambito Fine Arts
History of Northwest Artist 1890 to 1950

MAY 31

Model A Car Club Exhibit Show
Frank Rosin arranging several Kirkland Car Owners
KHS Election of Board Members

JUNE 28

Jerry Nissley / Tom Kuykendall
History of the Bellevue Botanical Garden Presentation

JULY 8 & 9

KHS Booth at Summerfest, Marina Park

AUGUST 6

120th Anniversary Celebration
Kirkland Congregational Church
AUGUST 30

Blackberry Sundae Social and Sharing

SEPTEMBER

KHS Booth at Taste of Kirkland
SEPTEMBER 27

Monthly Program To Be Announced

OCTOBER 25

Lorraine McConaghy
Museum of History and Industry

NOVEMBER

No Meeting Scheduled Due To Thanksgiving

DECEMBER

Historic House and Christmas Cookie Exchange
Date To Be Determined

Unless other wise indicated our monthly programs are held the last Wednesday of the Month at the Kirkland Congregational Church, 106 - Fifth Avenue.

Thanks to **Shannon Harris** for another outstanding year of very interesting Monthly Programs!
For more information, please call her at: 822-2478.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Three of the seven positions on the Board of Directors of KHS are up for election this year:

Vice President: Alan Stein
Treasurer: Nancy Stephens
Communications: Barbara Loomis

Alan has indicated a willingness to continue. Nancy was appointed earlier this year to fill out an unexpired term. Barbara Loomis has indicated that her schedule will not allow her to be on the Board for another term so we will need a replacement for her.

These positions are for two years running from July 2000 to June 2002. The election takes place at the May KHS meeting. If you are interested in being on the Board or a Committee, please contact Bob Burke at either 827-6550 or 828-4095.

CHURCH RENOVATION COMMITTEE

Bob Burke

With the Church being placed on its foundation and the basic site work completed by mid-April, we are working to accomplish a number of items:

- Analysis of hazardous materials -i.e. asbestos and lead based paint. This will help us determine what needs to be done as preparation for painting.
- Painting of the Church will be one of the first community events this spring.
- Preparation of a detailed Renovation Master Plan which will outline the sequence of steps to be done with detailed costs is critical to soliciting donations, contributions and applying for grants.
- **Patrick Harris** has offered to prepare a landscape plan appropriate for the 1920's vintage of the building.
- Researching which foundations have an interest in funding historic preservation projects has begun.

If you would be interested in helping on this committee, plan to attend the meeting at my house - 1032 4th Street in the Norkirk neighborhood on Thursday, March 23 at 7:00 p.m. If you need help finding it, please call 828-4095.

**KIRKLAND
HERITAGE SOCIETY**

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CALENDAR

March 23, 7:00 p.m.
**Church Renovation
Committee Meeting**
See article, page 6.

March 26, 2:00 p.m.
Special Event:
**MICKELSON
MARKER
DEDICATION**
See article, page 2.

March 29, 7:00 p.m.
KHS Program:
**WEST SEATTLE
MEMORIES**
See article, page 2.

March 30, 7:00 p.m.
**Oral History
Committee Meeting**
See article, page 3.

April 1, 15, 29, 10 a.m.
MOHAI:
NEARBY HISTORY
Bellevue Library
See article, page 3.

April 13, 7 - 9 p.m.
**KIRKLAND
VOLUNTEER
FAIR: Kirkland
Performance Center**
See article, page 5.

April 26, 7:00 p.m.
KHS Meeting:
See article, page 6 for the
Year 2000 Programs.
*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, 1999 - 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
- Professional/Business \$125
- Corporate \$250

TOTAL ENCLOSED: _____
 My Company Matches Contributions
Contact: _____

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
- _____ 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.,
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The Mickelsons And Their Team Of Horses - c 1910
(left to right) Hilda, Mort, Ed, Helen, Mr. Mickelson and Art
Photograph: Mickelson Collection, Kirkland Heritage Society

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