

Blackberry Preserves

The Journal of the
Kirkland Heritage Society



OSTBERG BARN
Built 1905

CITY OF KIRKLAND PURCHASES HISTORIC McAULIFFE NURSERY

The City has purchased the ten acre McAuliffe Nursery site for Park and Open Space Use. This is one of the most historic sites in Kirkland being one of the earliest homesteads - Langdon / Johnson - located in Juanita on 116th - originally Langdon Road. It represents the agricultural era of Kirkland's development. It contains the Ostberg barn shown above as well as two other important residential structures listed on our inventory of historic properties.



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PRESIDENT'S LETTER
Bob Burke

PURCHASE OF MCAULIFFE NURSERY!
CONGRATULATIONS! Kudos to the **Kirkland City Council** and key City staff for purchasing the McAuliffe Nursery site! It is one of the most historic properties in the City and will provide wonderful opportunities for education of Kirkland's early agricultural history! Thanks also to the **McAuliffe's** for their commitment to work with the City in helping to preserve this wonderful asset!

CHURCH UPDATE!

We understand that the recommendation of the review committee of the **King County Landmarks Commission** is to provide KHS a grant of \$30,000 for the renovation of the Church building. We had asked for more, but this will start the work on the stairs and toilets. We have two other grants pending that we will now about soon. The City has been busy installing the utility, gas and electrical service. Bids are underway for the stair and ramp railings and windows and doors in the lower floor. Once the railings are installed, the fence can come down.

WILLIAMS FAMILY PHOTO ALBUM

Thank you to **Nancy Bell Williams and David Bell** for contributing their family album to allow us to make copies of the album and of the photographs related to Kirkland's early history. This is a wonderful treasure that adds considerably to our historic photo collection! See the article by David Cantrell and please contact him if you have photos.

Thanks to everyone who contributed articles: **David, Alan, Nancy and Vic.** Nancy also did an article on the Oral History program for the Courier.

**Want to Volunteer? Call 828-4095 or
e-mail: bob@mc-binc.com**

**WALTER WILLIAMS FAMILY
PHOTOGRAPH ALBUM**
David Cantrill

At last month's KHS meeting we announced that **Nancy Bell Williams** granddaughter of **Walter Williams** and her son **David Bell** had contacted us to contribute photographs from their family albums. This album covers 1910 to the 1930's.

Hi Folks! I wish to let you know that I have finished the three copies of the **Walter Williams Scrapbook**. There are 363 pages with over 5,530 individual photos. It was quite a job. It took seven hours to copy the book and one to bind the three copies. One goes to KHS, the other two go to **Nancy Bell Williams**, and to **David Bell**.

Now The Fun Really Begins!!!! We need your help to go through our copy and pick out which photos we want to make negatives/photos of. Most of the local photos are of their summer place on the Lake in **Juanita**. Even though the Bells have loaned us the book till we are through with it, we need to start on this selection work right away. If you wish to have input on this with our committee, let me know and I will tell you when we have a place and time. A couple of hours should do. The photo process will take a few months. Let me know your thoughts on this please?? 425 821-4021. Thanks!

ORAL HISTORY PROGRAM

Great News!!! For all of you out there that have considered recording Oral Histories for us, we have just recently purchased three new tape recorders. Be the first to try them out! Contact **Erika Kahler**, (425) 823-6232, Chairperson of the Oral History Committee, to get involved.

Barbara Loomis is representing KHS on an advisory group to **West Water Real Estate Services** who is designing a new structure on the site of the former hotel at the corner of **Seventh & Market**. There are also representatives from the City, Market Neighborhood and **Kirkland Arts Center**.

**KIRKLAND ARTS FESTIVAL
Vic Newhard**

The Kirkland Heritage Society will be at the Kirkland Arts Center Summerfest on the weekend of July 14th and 15th of 2001. The time is rapidly approaching when the booth will be set up to show the public some of the things we have and do. Ice cold sarsaparilla may also be available, if the distributor is still nearby. **Barbara Loomis** had to drive to Tumwater, near Olympia last year for our supply. I wonder what ideas **Loita and Dale Hawkinson** will have to add to the fun weekend at the booth this year?

It takes many volunteers from our society to make this our most visible public appearances each year. There will be several shifts each day, of 2-3 hours, when we will need at least two people at the booth to answer questions, and **sell pavers**. Many of you who are there every year, however, we always need and welcome members who have never done the booth before and would like to be a part of the fun.

The signup sheet will be at the June membership meeting for anyone who has a particular time of day they would like to be at the booth. Please call me if you have any questions or need information regarding the booth for Summerfest or the Taste of Kirkland, in September: (425) 820-5151 x 233.

**BOUGHT YOUR STONE PAVER YET??
If not and you need a form call 828-4095!
If you have - buy another one - and pass this
form on to a friend and neighbor!**

**TALES FROM THE EAST SIDE JOURNAL
Alan J. Stein**

Last month when the earthquake hit, I dug through my files for an interesting story that I remember reading about in the old East Side Journal. This is my take on the events, based on the newspaper record of the time. If you visit HistoryLink often, you may have already read this stirring tale of animal survival. If not, enjoy:
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**Goldfish Survives Bizarre Earthquake
Experience On April 29, 1965.**

On April 29, 1965, a goldfish owned by Juanita resident Howard Pepple survives a strange experience. The glass bowl containing the fish flips off of a 4-foot 8-inch bookcase, overturns, and lands on the floor upside-down, forming a seal. When Mr. Pepple returns home, he finds the fish swimming complacently in its overturned domicile.

A Fish Story

Pepple, a caretaker at Juanita Beach Park, lived in an apartment above the park's concession stand with his wife and fish. No one was home during the quake except the fish, so two hours after the temblor Mr. Pepple returned to assess any damage that may have occurred to their dwelling and possessions.

The object most out of place was the fishbowl. When the Pepples had left in the morning it had been sitting on a shelf, more than four feet above the floor. It was now lying upside-down at ground level. Examining it further, Mr. Pepple saw water inside. The fish swam within, oblivious to its current predicament.

Flipper

Investigators surmised that during the quake, the shelf swayed, and the bowl was knocked from its perch. It flipped end over end as it fell to the tiled floor. The soft tile, similar to linoleum, softened the blow, and the mouth of the bowl landed perfectly flush with the floor. A seal formed which kept water (and fish) inside. Rocks which had been on the bottom of the glass domicile were on the floor, still within the fishbowl.

The local newspaper was alerted to this bizarre event and photos were taken. Pepple then inverted the bowl, returned it and its resident back to the shelf, and things returned back to normal in the Pepple household. All was well again in Juanita.

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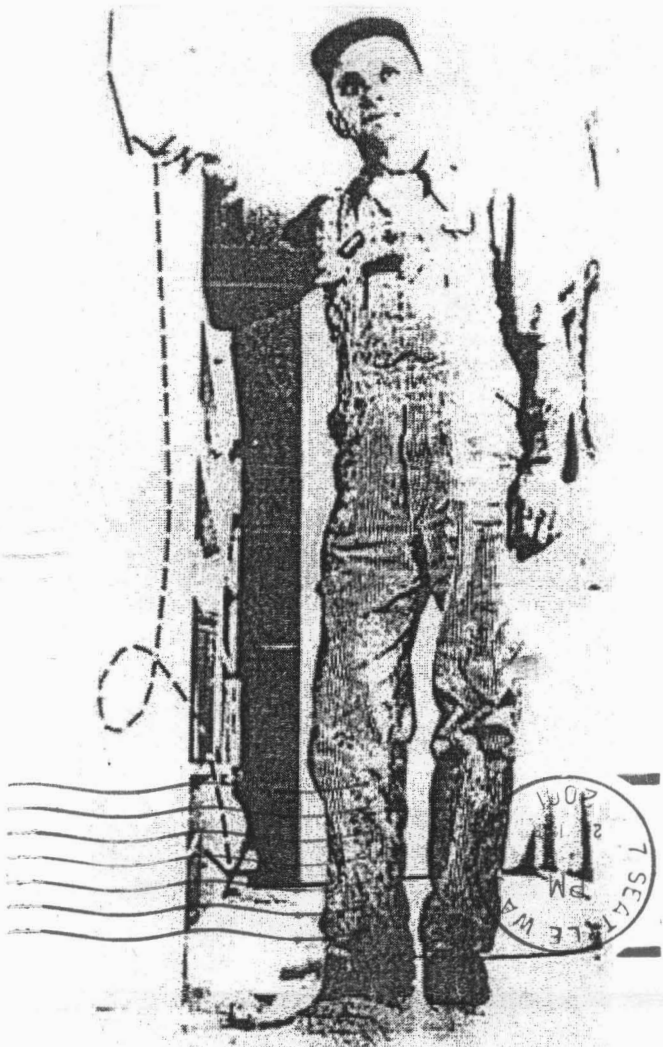
KHS MARCH 25, 2001 PROGRAM
7:00 p.m. - Kirkland Congregational Church
106 - 5th Avenue, Kirkland, WA

ANTIQUE OR JUNKTIQUE?
Appraisal Night
by
JULIE SCOTT
Certified Appraiser

Julie recently did the Antique Road Show and a
show on KIRO

Bring any object to be verbally appraised
(except rugs) to see if your most precious
objects are junktique or an antique.

APRIL PROGRAM
FANCY, FINE AND FOLK:
Three Centuries of American Furniture
WILSON E. O'DONNELL



BOWL FLIPPED 4 FEET 8 INCHES
Howard People Holds Hand Where Fish Bowl Had Been
Journal Photo

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