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The Journal of the
Kirkland Heritage Society

KIRKLAND FOUNDERS WEEK



Walter Williams



John Kellett



Peter Kirk



Leigh Hunt



Reginald Collins

January 13th to 21st, 2003

Celebrate Peter Kirk's Birthday

February 15, 2003, 11:00 am

Historic Building at Corner of Central and Market



Kirkland Heritage Society

PRESIDENT'S LETTER Vic Newhard

Happy New Year - 2003 - To All!

Last year was full of very fine education programs, high visibility at City events including the twenty-year vision of the future, neighborhood association meetings, City Council and Park Board meetings, representation on the new Cultural Council and continued efforts with the Chamber of Commerce, Kirkland Arts Center and Kirkland Downtown on the Lake.

Our activities have been centered on historical points of view so that we don't lose the very rich heritage of Kirkland and it's people. There is sadness too as we celebrate the lives and the passing of Lilly Mae Anderson, Charlotte Bates, and Helen Mickelson - people who influenced the history of Kirkland! They will be missed!

This year of 2003 has the Kirkland Heritage Society very excited about the prospect of moving into the renovated historic building on Market Street and Central Avenue. This building will provide a great public meeting room on the main level and a state of the art historical research and archive area on the lower level. Thanks to the dedication and focus of **Bob Burke**, Kirkland will have a facility to be very proud of. Look for information on the February celebration of Founders Week and Saturday, February 15th - Peter Kirk Birthday activities.

Talk to a friend about coming to one of the Kirkland Heritage Society membership programs and joining our organization.

I look forward to meeting you.

JANUARY 2003 PROGRAM
7:00 pm, January 29, 2003

DAVID LUNDIN **Old Phonographs and Records**

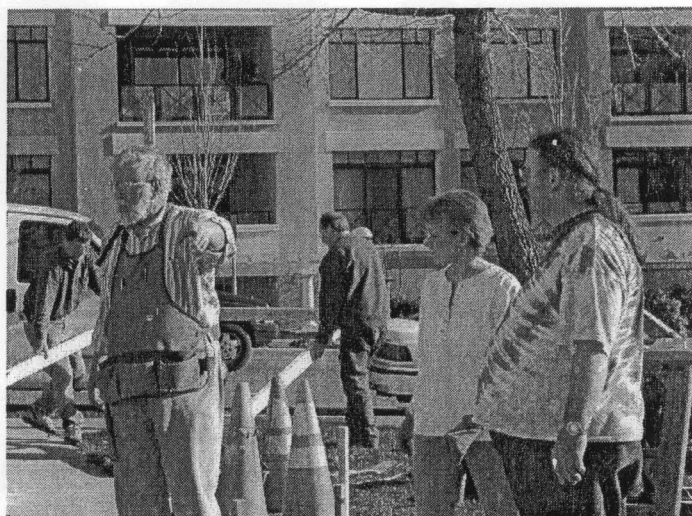
Kirkland Congregational Church
106 - 5th Avenue

KHS Board/Committees meet at 6:00 pm

WORK PARTY - JANUARY 18TH & 19TH

We had a very productive work parties this last weekend building and placing the forms for the concrete for the front patio and walkway that will have the pavers. We had twelve people on Saturday and six on Sunday! Thanks to **Jim Baskin with Audrey and Robert, Barbara Loomis, Dale and Loita Hawkinson, David Cantrill, Don Winters, Nancy Stephens, Vic Newhard, Betsy Pringle and Bob Burke.**

Thanks to the City Parks Department crew who excavated the front patio and walkway and completed the rockery and filling for the terrace at the north. A manhole for drainage needs to be moved with a bit more excavation and then we can complete the formwork for the front walkway. Our goal is to pour concrete the week of the 20th, if possible and the week of the 27th so we can install pavers prior to the 15th!



Don Winters, Bob Burke, Dale Hawkinson, Betsy Pringle & David Cantrill

Photograph: Loita Hawkinson

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IN MEMORY – 2002

Kirkland Heritage Society was sorry to see the passing of three of its long time members this past year. We will miss Charlotte Bates, Helen Mickelson and Lilly May Anderson.

We will miss CHARLOTTE RAGSDALE BATES, known to us simply as “CHAR”. She seldom missed our monthly meetings and volunteered every year to serve at our KHS Booth at the annual Summerfest and Kirkland Taste festivities in downtown Kirkland.

Char was born February 13, 1919 and left us on December 19, 2002. Char moved to Rose Hill in 1933 from Seattle, when her mother, widowed, decided it would be good to live where they could grow some of their own food. They bought a “fixer upper” house on 2 acres across from the Kirkland Cemetery with a truck garden, fruit trees and chickens where they lived for many years.

After marrying her sweetheart, Delbert Bates, in 1938, who she met while selling refreshments at the old Gateway Theatre in Kirkland, they eventually bought a log cabin on the current Lake Washington High School property. Char was one of the 1941 founding members of a Ladies group that called itself the ROSE HILL STUDY CLUB. They met monthly, rotating meetings among the member’s homes. They always had a set program for the month and made a point to share new information based on the theme. This group is still in existence today, though the membership has evolved through the years as members have moved away or passed on.

Char was always an involved person. Willing to assist others, she taught ESL to Hmong women and children for many years and was involved in Church choirs both at Rose Hill Presbyterian and more recently at the Kirkland Congregational Church.

Char will be remembered for many things, not the least of which was her warm smile and friendly attitude.

HELEN MICKELSON was born January 6, 1906 in Juanita and died October 3, 2002.

Helen’s family grew up on the property that now accommodates much of our current EVERGREEN HOSPITAL in the Totem Lake area. She attended Juanita Elementary from 1913-1921, Kirkland High School from 1921-1923 and moved to Seattle to attend Garfield High 1923-1924. As many of the ladies did during World War II, Helen worked in the Lake Washington Shipyards during the 1940’s doing her part to help.

Miss Mickelson’s contribution to Kirkland Heritage Society will be appreciated for years to come. In 1996, she gave an Oral History of her family’s history in our community to our group and shared many photo’s of her childhood in the Totem Lake area. Helen’s contribution to our recorded Kirkland History is an invaluable look at the early part of 20th Century Kirkland/Juanita/Totem Lake. A Historical Marker is currently in place near EVERGREEN HOSPITAL along NE 132 Street in honor of the Mickelson Family contributions to our community.

A remembrance of
LILLY MAY ANDERSON
will be included in our next issue.



*Barbara Loomis, Loita Hawkinson,
Susie Creger and Julie Devine
at Open House*

Photograph by Dale Hawkinson

“PETER KIRK - HIS LIFE AND DREAMS”

A Birthday Celebration On February 15th

KHS Sponsors Founder’s Week

by

David Cantrill, KHS Archivist

The Kirkland Heritage Society invites our members and Kirkland citizens to attend Peter Kirk’s Birthday celebration on Saturday, February 15, 2003 at 11:00 a.m. as part of a number of events during **Founder’s Week - February 13th—21st 2003**. Founders Week is a celebration honoring Peter Kirk, Leigh J. Hunt, Walter Williams, John G. Kellett, and Reginald H. Collins, the men instrumental in founding Kirkland. They formed the Kirkland Land and Improvement Company that laid out the first streets and platted the land for business and homes.

Peter began the process of planning a steel mill near Forbes Lake to produce iron rails for the railroad that was crossing the country. The City was named after Peter Kirk by John Kellett, and many of the street names and the inlet at the base of Market Street - Moss Bay - were named after English names they were familiar with in Workington, England from which Kirk, Kellett, and Williams came in the late 1880’s.



Peter Kirk’s Top Hat and Leather Case
Photograph by Dale Hawkinson

Peter Kirk’s Birthday
Saturday, February 15, 2003, 11:00 am

Peter Kirk Day, February 15th, honors the man who wanted to make Kirkland the new “Pittsburgh of the West.” On Peter’s birthday a number of activities will occur at the historic building being renovated at the corner of Market and Central in Waverly Park:

- The Official Proclamation will be read;
- The City will dedicate a tree to replace the one removed in order to locate the building here;
- The Kirkland Heritage Society will unveil the Wilkeson Stone pavers in front of the building that have been purchased so far by nearly 500 individuals, community groups and businesses to help pay for the renovation of the building (pavers are still available); and will dedicate a bench donated by George and JoAnn Harris. George was instrumental in working with the City to get the street signs with the historic names installed.

After these festivities, everyone is invited to go up to the Kirkland Arts Center for a special Saturday viewing of the Peter Kirk Display that will be open all during Founder’s Week.

This is the second year the Kirkland Heritage Society has sponsored Peter Kirk Day. Last year the process began with City Council proclaiming Peter Kirk’s birthday February 15th, as a day to honor his achievements. A reception was held upstairs at the Kirkland Arts Center to present this Proclamation to Jim Capron, Peter’s Great Grandson. Jim, his wife Barbara and son Kirk have been instrumental in donating many articles of clothing and memorabilia belonging to Peter and his family. Many of those pieces were on display for the reception. Since then, they have donated additional items.

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In the Waverly Park Master Plan this historic former church building has been designated for Community Meetings and a Heritage Resource Center. This facility, when completed, will ensure for posterity the safekeeping of the many and growing collections of historic photographs, documents and pieces of memorabilia given to the Society on behalf of the citizens of Kirkland. It is by these priceless donations that we will be able to preserve Kirkland's history for future generations. I'm sure many of you have things that might fit into this category. Rest assured that when this new facility is complete anything that resides in it will be protected and preserved.

Founder's Week Activities February 13th through 21st.

There will be a Gallery Opening at the Kirkland Arts Center, 620 Market Street, on Thursday, February 13th, 6:00—9:00 PM and all are invited to attend. An informative talk on Peter Kirk by **Alan Stein**, KHS Historian, will occur during this opening day event. Please contact the Kirkland Arts Center at 425-822-7161 for further details.

This Gallery Opening will mark the start of an expanded display by the Kirkland Heritage Society that will be open for the entire week. It is entitled "Peter Kirk - His Life and Dreams". This exhibit will be in the main gallery on the first floor of the Arts Center. There you will be able to view over one hundred photos and artifacts from Peter and his family's life. Clothing belonging to Peter and his wife Mary, along with their daughter Fannie will be on display. Many views of early Kirkland and new pieces of memorabilia will be shown for the first time.

This exhibit will encompass the years between 1875 and the late 1930's. The display will be broken down into nine sections talking about: the Beginnings in England, the Founders of the Township, Kirk's Family, their Kirkland Home, the Early City itself, the Industry that began here, the Kirks' interest in Arts & Music, Life after the Mill years and their move to San Juan Island, and finally Peter's death in 1916.

Founders Week will also include activities by many downtown businesses coordinated by Kirkland Downtown on the Lake. It is the goal of the Kirkland Heritage Society to make this celebration one of Kirkland's most

interesting and engaging annual events - as we explore together our community's history. If your neighborhood association or service organization has an idea for next year, please contact us! It needs to be a community-wide event!

Our thanks to the City of Kirkland, Kirkland Chamber of Commerce, Kirkland Downtown on the Lake and Kirkland Arts Center for your assistance.

HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE!

Thanks to **Chet & Susie Creger** for opening up their delightfully decorated historic home - Trueblood House - for our annual cookie exchange. Also,xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx thanks to everyone who brought a lot of great goodies.



Antique Stove in Creger House
Photograph by Dale Hawkinson

2002 - 2003 UPDATE HISTORIC BUILDING RENOVATION

By
Bob Burke, Chair, Renovation Committee

The work under the contract with **Moon Construction** should be complete by the end of January. This contract is with the City of Kirkland and KHS agreed to pay \$72,500 out of the \$184,500. On December 31, 2002 KHS gave a check for \$45,000 to **Mark Johnston**, Parks Manager for the City for work billed to us so far! This money came from two grants we received from King County for Heritage Facilities and from member contributions and paver sales. We have also paid for the Architectural / Engineering services and opted to pay for an alternative for additional electrical work. In total we will have raised and spent about \$110,000.

Thank you for your support!

The final finishing touches are being done on the upper floor: painting, tile and fixtures in bathrooms, stair treads and rails, lighting fixtures and refinishing the fir floors. The building will not be able to be occupied until the official City Council approval of the Waverly Master Plan (scheduled for January 21st) and until the north terrace is complete to provide ADA access to the upper floor. We also need to complete the office wall reconstruction and install display panels.

The lower floor now has unpainted plasterboard on the walls and ceiling (Code requirement to protect steel and separate uses) and the electrical and plumbing is roughed in. It still needs to be painted, trim and interior doors installed as well as light fixtures, flooring, shelving and cabinets. We still need about \$75,000 to complete the building furnish it and landscape around it. We will be starting a new program to raise money for landscaping in the near future!

LATE BREAKING NEWS

Tuesday, January 22, 2003, the Kirkland City Council approved the Waverly Park Master Plan, that includes provisions of the meeting hall and heritage resource center in the historic former church building.

BENCH DONATED BY JO ANN AND GEORGE HARRIS

The Harris's have donated a classic bench for the entry patio to the lower floor. It will be dedicated as part of the February 15th Birthday Celebration!

WILKESON STONE PAVERS UNVEILED February 15, 2003.

We have sold 544 Wilkeson Stone Pavers that will be inscribed and installed by the celebration of Peter Kirk's Birthday at 11:00 am on February 15, 2003. We still need to sell 530 to complete the front walkway! Thanks to all of you who have purchased a paver! We appreciate the contribution toward the renovation as well as your patience in our getting them installed!

Hope that the rain quits so we can complete the work.

VOLUNTEERS TO BE NEEDED!

Our next big push will be to build the front terrace and walkway to be able to install the Wilkeson Stone Pavers prior to February 15th. We'll need people to build forms, spread gravel, help pour and finish concrete. **Any expert concrete finishers out there?** We need you! If any of you can work during the week, please tell us!

When we raise more money we will be able to start installing trim and painting the lower floor. If you can help please contact **Don Winters**, 827-2650, who has been coordinating volunteers:

Potential future dates for volunteers (confirm due to rain):

January 25th, 10:00 am

Strip forms if concrete poured, build walkway forms, prepare north terrace area.

February 1st, 10:00 am

Strip walkway forms, build north terrace forms

February 8th, 10:00 am

Clean-up, get ready to install pavers.

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2003 CALENDAR

January 29 David Lundin
Old phonographs and records.

February 26 No meeting.

We will be celebrating *Founders Week*, February 13-21, *Peter Kirk - His Life and Dreams* on February 13, 6-9 p.m., at the Kirkland Arts Center, and *Peter Kirk's Birthday* on February 15 at 11 a.m. at the historic building, corner of Central and Market.

March 26 Kirkland Parkplace Books
Bring your old books and have the staff at Kirkland Parkplace Books give you insight into the value and history of your book or book collections.

April 30 TBA

May 28 TBA
Election for 2003-04 Board

June 25 Joan Voves' Home Tour

July 30 No meeting.
See us at the Summerfest Booth earlier in the month.

August 27 KHS's Annual BP Sundaes Social and Sharing Event

September 24 TBA

October 24 TBA

November No meeting

December KHS's Annual Christmas Home Tour - TBA

If you have suggestions for programs, contact Shannon Harris, 822-2478.

*Unless otherwise noted
KHS meetings are held
the last Wednesday
of the month at 7 p.m.,
Kirkland Congregational
Church, 106 5th Avenue.
Our Board and Committee
meeting is normally held at 6
p.m. at the same location.*

MEMBERSHIP FORM

July 1, 2002 - June 30, 2003

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 \$25
 Family \$30
 Senior/Student \$20
 Supporting \$100
 Life Member \$1,000
 Organization/Government \$100
 Professional/Business \$125
 Corporate \$250
 Extra Donation \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____

My Company Matches Contributions.
Please submit a signed gift match form with your membership form and check.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Your membership is the first important step in helping achieve our goals. Want to help on a project? Please indicate the areas in which you are interested.

Serve on Standing Committee:

Archives and Collections
 Communications: *Blackberry Preserves*
 Oral History
 Historic Sites and Planning
 Membership and Funding
 Programs and Education

Work on Specific Activity:

Christian Science Church Renovation
 Funding: Pledge Drives, etc.
 Volunteers: Carpentry, Painting
 Community Events/Exhibits
 Home Tour
 Photography/Update Slides

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home# _____ Work# _____

Organization/Firm _____

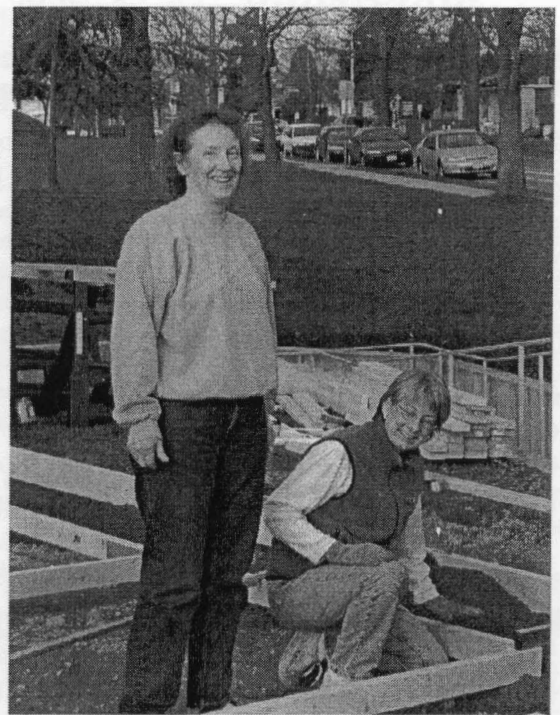
email _____

Provide Employer Matching Form, if applicable

Checks should be made payable and mailed to:
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1032 4th Street Kirkland, WA 98033



*Jim Baskin and Don Winters
Working On Forms For Front Patio*



*Loita Hawkinson and Betsy Pringle
Checking Forms To Be Sure They Are Level*

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