

BLACKBERRY PRESERVES

The Journal of the

KIRKLAND HERITAGE SOCIETY



The Ferry Leschi Coming into the Kirkland Ferry Dock - 1946

This photo was taken for the April issue of East Side Magazine's business feature in 1946. From the City of Kirkland/Charles Morgan Collection/East Side Magazine; Photographer Stuart Hertz, East Side Journal Photographer.



PRESIDENT'S LETTER

APRIL

BOB BURKE

The strength of any volunteer organization such as KHS is the volunteers who commit their time and energy to that organization. This month's Blackberry Preserves is full of articles on members in KHS making changes, being recognized or contributing to our ongoing programs:

- **David Cantrill** resigned from the Board and as Chair of the Archives Committee;
- **Vic Newhard** was recognized as Volunteer of the Year by KDA;
- **Shannon Harris** retires as Program Chair after serving for 10 years;
- **Dale and Loita Hawkinson** continue collecting oral histories and in getting our collections placed in the new database – PastPerfect;
- **Inge Theisen** and Clarence Stone have also completed Oral History interviews;
- **Sue Carter, Bev Hoerlein, and Marjorie Denton** are calling members to remind them of meetings each month;
- **Barbara Loomis** attended the National Main Street Conference in Seattle with KDA staff and members;
- A Nominating Committee is working on recommendations for the May Election; and
- A grant to restore the columns on Heritage Hall that I wrote was approved.

Obviously, we have some key positions to fill with the departure of Shannon and David. We will be working to do this and will appreciate anyone who has interest in helping to talk to any Board member or call me at 828-4095 or by e-mail at rgburke2@verizon.net.

In addition there will be a lot of work going on around Heritage Hall this summer – column repair, painting and construction of the Centennial Garden and parking north of the building. In August we have our annual Blackberry Sundae Social and this

year we are combining it with our KHS 30th Anniversary!

We are working on engraving and installing the next batch of Wilkeson Stone Pavers, so if you get your order in by the end of April it will be installed soon!

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Vic Newhard

Vic Newhard, Cathy Smith and Steve Lamson are working on obtaining a slate to run for the four board positions that are up for election at May's monthly meeting. These positions are: President, Secretary and two At-Large positions (one is for one year). A notice will be mailed with their recommendations in early May.

APRIL - PROGRAM

Genealogy - Discover the Secrets
Guest Speaker - Sarah Fleming

History puts the meat on the bones of our ancestors. **Sarah Fleming**, who has been doing genealogical research for over 35 years, will cover the importance of history to genealogy, as well as some basics of research, local resources, and online resources.

MAY - PROGRAM

Legends & Lyrics of Northwest Woman
Guest Speaker - Maggie Bennett

Folklorist-Professional-Extraordinaire, **Maggie Bennett**, will share her stories and songs of pioneer woman.

MAY IS PRESERVATION MONTH

Making Preservation Work!

The theme of this year's National Preservation Month - Making Preservation Work - is about celebrating the country's diverse and irreplaceable heritage. It's a time to demonstrate the importance of our nation's heritage as we focus on many aspects of the preservation movement including historic travel, heritage education, historic home ownership, and community revitalization.

DAVID CANTRILL RESIGNS FROM BOARD

David Cantrill submitted his resignation from his At-Large position on the Board and as Chair of the Archives and Collections Committee on March 25th. Reluctantly, the Board accepted his resignation at their meeting on March 28th.

We noted his commitment to KHS over the years and the extensive amount of time he volunteered in organizing the archive once we moved into Heritage Hall and the numerous exhibits that he coordinated allowing us to bring the history of Kirkland to its citizens. Particularly significant were his efforts during the Centennial with the 100 Years of Kirkland History, Monthly City Hall displays, Art & History Event at the Kirkland Art Center, photographs for the Centennial History Minutes and our AKCHO award winning Kirk Family Reunion.

The Board assured him that we will not forget his passion in protecting the collections that many people have entrusted to KHS as well as his concern that we continue practices that will assure their long-term protection. Thank You, David, for your contributions to KHS and Kirkland's citizens!

INTERIM CO-CHAIRS: ARCHIVES AND COLLECTION COMMITTEE

The KHS Board adopted a plan to assure the preservation of KHS expanding collections by appointing Vic Newhard and Bob Burke as the Interim co-Chairs of the Archives Committee. Their primary roles are to assure the continuity of the archives and the collections stored there, to determine how the items are filed, to prepare an inventory of the files, to assure the public and donors that the archives are functioning, and to prepare recommendations to the Board and Committee Chairs for the organization of the Archives and Collections Committee.

SHANNON HARRIS RETIRES AS PROGRAM COMMITTEE CHAIR

Shannon Harris has indicated that come May she has served as program chair for 10 years and she feels it is time to retire. Shannon has arranged an exemplary variety of programs emphasizing history in Kirkland and the Northwest – people, fashion, art, radio, television, gardening, kitchen items, banking, buildings, and home tours for our Holiday Cookie Exchange. She has pretty well organized the programs for the rest of 2007. . Thank you Shannon for all of your years of service and the wonderful programs you have organized for KHS!



? Can You Help With Programs?

Shannon has been pretty much a one person committee with help from Loita Hawkinson on refreshments and in recent months Lynette Friberg Weber has been assisting her. We need to develop a committee to continue this effort:

- A chair or co-chairs to assure that the programs are arranged and the speakers or panels are there!
- People who will take on the responsibility to set up at Heritage Hall before the meeting and help put the tables and chairs away;
- Someone to arrange for refreshments – make coffee, bring goodies, etc.

KHS has a budget for speakers and refreshments. If you would be willing to help, please call Bob Burke at 828-4095. Thanks!

MARCH MEETING

We had about 33 people come to the March meeting for an inspirational program about heirloom plants and flowers given by Master Gardener Lisa Brown.



GRANT REQUEST TO REPAIR HERITAGE HALL COLUMNS

It was discovered in 2003 that the base of the western column of Heritage Hall was deteriorating and that there was damage to other columns. We received a grant from 4 Culture to have an architectural / engineering evaluation of the columns. Based on the recommendations from that study done by PTF Architects in February, we submitted a grant request to 4 Culture to replace all four bases and to restore the columns in such a way that they will survive for another 85 to 100 years. We have been informed that the review committee recommended full funding (\$15,500) for the project. Work is being scheduled to coordinate with painting the building.



HERITAGE HALL LOTS OF WORK THIS SUMMER!

A lot of work is being planned in and around Heritage Hall this year! Work on Centennial Garden is scheduled to begin soon. The tennis court will be moved to the west end of the park and in its place will be Centennial Garden. Also included in this work will be parking, and major drainage improvements that will reduce the potential for future flooding of our space. Landscaping plants that were damaged or lost will be replaced. The City will be painting the building inside and out – including the newly restored columns. And, another group of pavers will be installed.

VIC NEWHARD KDA'S VOLUNTEER OF YEAR

Vic Newhard serves on the Board of the Kirkland Downtown Association as KHS's representative. He obviously represents us very well in that he was honored at the annual meeting of KDA at the Kirkland Performance Center last month as the "Volunteer of the Year". He was totally surprised! **Patty Tucker** said that Vic is always there for whatever volunteer activity is needed. Come rain or shine they can always count on Vic Newhard! Vic serves on the KHS Board as Past President.



Vic Newhard Receiving his Award from Patty Tucker

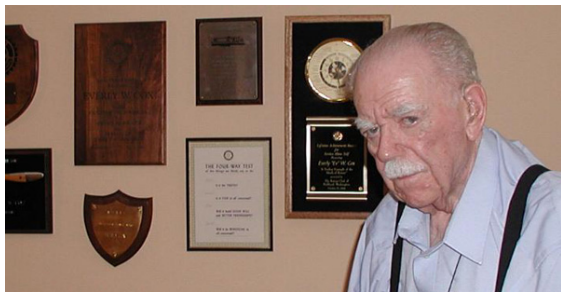
CONGRATULATIONS VIC



LAKEVIEW TERRACE PLAQUE

Hugh Givens, member, Houghton Community Council, contacted KHS about a wood plaque that had been stored by different people in Houghton and had ended up in his care. The plaque is solid wood with incised lettering that was mounted at the dedication of Lakeview Terrace for worker's wartime housing in 1942. The plaque includes the name of President Franklin D. Roosevelt, and other Federal, State and King County Officials. Thanks to Hugh and all the others who helped preserve this part of Kirkland's history!

Oral Histories by Loita Hawkinson



Everly Cox

Everly Cox was born in Wapato, Washington, graduated from high school and college in Ellensburg and got his first teaching assignment in Kirkland. Except for his Navy wartime tours for our country, Kirkland has been his home for 60 years. He was a young bachelor school teacher when he rented a room from the Ona family who had purchased the Rev. Newberry home on 1st Street. Here he met Gen Ona. They were married for 56 years.

Mr. Cox has had two careers. He was in the Navy for 33 years and was in the teaching profession for 30 years. He clearly has touched many lives. Mr. Cox also took time for the civic side and served on the Kirkland City Council as well as Rotary. Today, he often attends the monthly breakfast at George's of some of Kirkland's retired gentlemen.

Mr. Cox also worked at the old Lake Washington Shipyards (now Carillon Point) as a night watchman, watching for leaks, power outages and theft. It sounded like it was his least favorite job because it was dark and creepy aboard those old ships.

Several years ago Ev Cox donated an old oak school desk to KHS. It is the desk by the main door as you enter the Resource Center. As near as he can remember, it was from the old Central school. The Cox children used it as they were growing up in their home on 19th Avenue. So this desk has seen three homes and lots of hours of study. It is a KHS treasure.



Verna Berto Thormahlen came to Kirkland as a child and grew up on the west side of Lake Washington Blvd. Verna still lives just south of this family home.



Verna Berto Thormahlen

She grew up going in and out of the Harry French home which was just across the street.

The Berto and Thormahlen family were long time members of the Congregational Church. When the old church was scheduled for demolition to make room for the current church, five beautiful, but traditional stained glass leaded windows, were given to the five families who submitted their names in a drawing. The Thormahlens had no room for this very large and tall window so it rested against the outside wall of their home for many years. When they built their retirement home on the same property but nearer the lake, they asked the builder to find a space for their window. That is when they discovered the small brass plate telling them that their window had been dedicated to the memory of Harry French. The builder divided the window into two sections. The top section is a window and the bottom section is the skylight. In the photo, you see the top section. The light shining on Mrs. Thormahlen is from the skylight above. Seems fitting that the window in the memory of Harry French should be in the home across of the street from where his family home stood for 80 plus years. The historic French house, (Kirkland's oldest building), was moved to the southern end of Lake Washington Blvd. in the '70's to make way for a development.

Mrs. Thormahlen remembers when the circus came to town and set up tents and camp across the street from them. She has pictures of the elephants getting a bath in Lake Washington. She plans to loan these photos to KHS to be scanned and added to the KHS photo collection. They will be returned to her after scanning.

Linda Johnson Jatton was present during this oral history taping and we thank Linda for submitting Mrs. Thormahlen's name, and for making all the arrangements.

THANKS TO by Loita Hawkinson

Arnold “Arnie” Berkey for his oral history recorded in February. A summary of his history is scheduled for June’s BP.

Michael Radcliff for donating an upright power driven vacuum. It is heavy and powerful. We had been bringing one from home so KHS is grateful.

Lynette Friberg Weber for a small laptop computer. It is just what we need to show CD’s of the ever growing KHS photo collection.

Elaine Josten McKenna for returning the family photo photocopies complete with names and dates. Mrs. McKenna is now living in Spokane. She is the daughter of the Josten/Thorndahl marriage and a niece of Harry Langdon.... all three families are Juanita pioneers. Now we will be able to identify and date most of the photos in the Josten collection. KHS has an oral history of Mrs. McKenna recorded by **Christina Brugman** in 1997. It has been transcribed and is in the KHS library.

Brett Johnson, son of Lee Johnson and grandson of Leroy Johnson for the loan of family movies. The movies show a glimpse of the older Johnson’s as well as Kirkland parade pictures. The movie has been copied and the original returned to the Johnson family.

Milton and Coralie Sessions, Sterling and Dorothy Sessions for their oral history record in March 2007. This history was recorded and video taped at the Resource Center. A summary is scheduled for the June BP.

Dorothy Brennan Daily and Eileen Brennan Warren for their oral history which was recorded at Heritage Hall in March. A summary will be in a later BP. An original photo envelope from Miles Studio was donated. Will be nice for a future display.

Stan Denton for his oral history recorded April 1, 2007. A summary will be in a future BP. **Doug Denton**, Stan and Peg’s son, video taped the history and KHS will be getting a copy of that as well.

Clarence Stone has checked out an oral history recording kit and has started on his list of people to record. There are 5 kits checked out so more oral histories will be recorded as people find the time.

Martha Millar for including news of KHS in her Christmas letter. She mentioned the Oral History program and in response, received a 5 page typed family history from **Elisabeth Wilsie Aprill** of Homer, Alaska. Elisabeth Wilsie lived in Kirkland from 1923 to 1940. This wonderful history will be treated as an oral history except that we will not have a tape recording.

MEMBERSHIP by Lynette Friberg Weber

Thanks and Welcome to our New Members

Dick and Patricia Shinstrom	Supporting
Dave and Betty Roberts	Family
Carol Trapp	Senior
Eileen Warren	Senior
Marilyn Johnson	Senior

Thanks to our Renewing Members

Jean Jayne	Senior
Mary-Alyce Burleigh	Individual
Sue Carter	Senior
Sue & Sants Contreras	Supporting
Dale & Loita Hawkinson	Family
Carolyn and Jim Hitter	Supporting
Jill Keeny	Individual
Hank & Mary Grace Melton	Family
Chet & Melissa Nelson	Family
Vic Newhard	Supporting
Jerry Rutherford	Senior
Dee Saunders	Senior
Eric & Debra Shields	Family
Dave Ramsay & Carol Cooper	Family
Shannon & Patrick Harris	Family
Linda & Wayne Jatton	Family
Kathi Anderson	Individual

AKCHO UPDATE by Lynette Friberg Weber

February’s AKCHO (Association of King County Historical Organizations) meeting was held at Lake Wilderness Lodge in Maple Valley, known as Gafney’s Lodge in it’s beginning in the 1950’s. Quite the beautiful setting, even in winter. The program was given by Susan Boyle and Eugenia Woo, members of “DoCoMoMo, WeWa” – Documenting and Conserving the Modern Movement in Western Washington. Michael Houser, architectural historian with the National Register Program gave a power point slide show of world wide examples of modernism in architecture. 250 buildings have been recorded to date. Modernism in architecture is probably something most of us haven’t given much thought to....or possibly don’t agree with the idea of preserving these very modernistic looking buildings. However, just some food for thought...in 50 years or even less, they will be part of history. All buildings have a story to tell; we need to be protectors of our history. For more information their website is www.docomomo-wewa.org.

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**Thank You For Your Support!
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Lakeview Terrace Nursery 1946

This photo was taken for a summer edition of the East Side Magazine. The Nursery was built with funds from the Lanham Act, an emergency ruling to help maintain nurseries so that mothers could work during WWII. The Act was repealed in March 1946 and the Lakeview Terrace Nursery became independent and successful. Pictured: Twila Farris, Nursery supervisor; Brent Halls, Donald Krueger, Judy Pedersen and her brother Jerry. From the City of Kirkland/Charles Morgan Collection/East Side Magazine; Photographer Ethel Bierbrauer, East Side Magazine Photographer. See the article about the donation of the Lakeview Terrace Plaque in this issue.

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