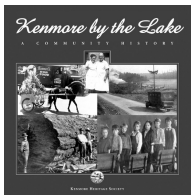




# KENMORE HERITAGE SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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## Book News. . .

### *Kenmore by the Lake*

St. Louis is a wonderful place!

We were especially pleased to be given the opportunity to represent the Kenmore Heritage Society as an award recipient at the 2004 Annual Meeting of the American Association of State and Local History in St. Louis, Missouri. On a Thursday night in September, we attended the 59<sup>th</sup> Annual Awards Banquet to accept the Certificate of Commendation for our book, *Kenmore by the Lake, A Community History*. The banquet, co-sponsored by the History Channel, presented eighty-eight awards given in four different categories. For each award, an image was projected on a giant screen — there in all of its glory was our book! Dick and I walked across the stage, shook hands with two judges, had our picture taken, and were awarded the certificate. The audience applauded in appreciation. I had written a little acceptance speech, and you can see why it was not called for—that was a lot of people walking across the stage! (Dick said it reminded him of a high school graduation!) Even so, we, and our book were duly honored.

The banquet was delicious - red or white wine, green salad, rolls, chicken

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## *President's Message ~*

### **A Highlight of the Year KHS RECEIVES VISITORS FROM KENMORE, SCOTLAND**

The highlight of our year was the October 6<sup>th</sup> meeting with a visit from Keith and Sheila Mitchell, residents of Kenmore, Aberfeldy, Perthshire, Scotland. The village of 150-200 folks lies at the head of a bay called Loch Tay, fed by the river Tay. The river emerges under the village's historic bridge, much like the Sammamish River flows into Lake Washington.

Our Kenmore traces the roots of its name to Kenmore, Ontario, which in turn was named after the original Kenmore, Scotland.

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LUNCH AT THE INGLEWOOD GOLF CLUB — (L to R) Sheila & Keith Mitchell, Priscilla Droge (KHS President), Steve Colwell (Kenmore, WA Mayor), Megan & Kevin Mitchell, Maureen & David McInally.

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Six of our Scottish visitors, Keith and Sheila Mitchell, their son Kevin and his wife Megan, and Sheila's sister Maureen and her husband, David McNally, enjoyed lunch at the Inglewood Golf Club, hosted by Dick Ramsey of Ostrom's Drug. Dick had played golf at the Taymouth Castle Golf course in Kenmore, Scotland several years ago.

Jack and Char Crawford gave our guests a tour of the area, including our parks, the campus of Bastyr University, the Air Harbor, Great Harvest Bread Company, and City Hall, where they were greeted warmly and were given gifts from the City to take back to Kenmore.

At our KHS meeting, as a special treat for our guests, six members of the Kenmore & District Pipe Band made a grand entrance and played selections of Scottish music. Dick Detjen, president of the pipe band, spoke briefly on the accomplishments since they organized three years ago.

Mayor Steven Colwell presented Keith and Sheila Mitchell with a formal, framed proclamation from the City making them honorary citizens of Kenmore, Washington.

Keith and Sheila own the Kenmore Bakery, and he is a bee keeper as well as a photographer. He showed slides of their picturesque village, Taymouth Castle where Queen Victoria and Prince Albert spent their honeymoon in 1840, and Kenmore's beautiful countryside. We were then presented with gifts for our archives/museum and things to share with our members, including shortbread from their bakery, honey, Scotch whiskey, photos and postcards by Keith, and greetings from their Kenmore School.

Our visitors seemed genuinely thrilled with the reception they received in this Kenmore, and we hope they go home with good memories of their time with us.

In other news, KHS again participated in the annual good Ol' Days Celebration and parade on August 28<sup>th</sup>. Our parade entry was our vintage 1930 Model A "Fire Truck" driven by Chip Davison. Unfortunately, the truck overheated and didn't make it the full length of the parade route.

Our booth was set up in "Community Village" (actually NE 181<sup>st</sup> next to Kenmore Village and the carnival. We had a display of historic photos, Kenmore flags, brochures and the "Kenmore by the Lake" book. Thanks to all who worked on this festive day.

We now look forward to another celebration - our annual Harvest Festival Dinner on November 3.

*Priscilla Droge*  
President

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and shrimp, sweet potatoes and vegetable strips with cherry cheesecake for dessert. As we were milling around before dinner, we visited with Mary Montgomery, Head of the Collections and Library at Seattle's Museum of History and Industry. She also was accepting an award. She said she would like to come to one of our meetings and share ideas.

The next morning we, along with other award winners, were in the display room at the AASLH booth showing of our awards, so that participants could get a better feel for the content of the awards. We thought ours looked especially good because of Russ Evans' book stand and Priscilla's Kenmore Heritage flyer holder. We took pictures to prove it!

Thank you, it was a great experience. We have lots more to share. Care to hear more?

~ Eleanor Taylor

### **Added book notes:**

- *Kenmore by the Lake* also recently received the 2004 Award of Excellence by the Washington State Museum Association.

~Priscilla

- *Kenmore by the Lake* continues to sell well at City Hall, Ostrom's and Third Place Books. The book makes a great Christmas present!

~ Char

# FLAG VIDEO History of Kenmore Flag . . .

The Kenmore Heritage Society Flag Committee has been in contact with Inglemoor High School Video Productions Group, coordinating the production of a short video detailing the history of the Kenmore Flag.

The Video will depict the history of the flag through a series of still photographs and narrative, starting with the development of the original flag into what is today the third generation of the flag.

~ Les Eaton



## News from the Kenmore & District Pipe Band

Richard Detjen, President of the Kenmore and District Pipe Band, has given us an update of the activities of this fine group.

2004 consisted of twenty paying performances that ranged from Edmonds, Washington, to Sitka, Alaska. Included in this list of twenty: participating in the funeral of a police officer killed in the line of duty, winning competition prize money at the Skagit Valley Highland Games in Mount Vernon, and being invited to the Alaska Days celebration in Sitka.

There are now sixteen pipers, seven drummers, a Drum Major and four students. During the year four members from the Seattle Fire Department joined the ranks.

Detjen says, "The KDPB is now a recognized pipe band in the Pacific Northwest. When we appear in any event, the name of KENMORE ... is on display for the viewing public to see...the name of our community is very well known. In addition, we are now known as a very determined competitor in piping competition.

Detjen continues, "**The band is looking for a practice site** - a school gym, senior center, fire station, warehouse or church hall — someplace  
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The KHS  
NOMINATING COMMITTEE  
presents the  
SLATE OF NOMINEES  
for 2005.

President..... Priscilla Droge  
Vice-President..... Elmer Skold  
Secretary..... Jeanie McBee  
Treasurer ..... Annette Eaton

Board of Trustees Members..... Don Ivanhoe  
..... LuciBelle O'Grady  
..... Dick Taylor

Continuing Board of Trustees members serving through 2005 are: LeRoy Anenson, Jeannie Bower, Ken Munro and Ed Straw.

The slate of nominees will be presented for a vote by the membership at the Harvest Festival Dinner on November 3.



# IN MEMORIAM

KHS charter member  
**Rev. Lyle D. Sellards**  
passed away on August 2, 2004.  
We extend our sympathy to his wife,  
Joyce Williams Sellards.

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that would be available to practice for two hours on Tuesday evenings. If any member of the KHS has any influence or can help us, it would be very much appreciated...we may be contacted at 425-486-6235."

## **McMaster Heritage Award**

Each year the Kenmore Heritage Society presents the McMaster Heritage Award at a Founder's Day celebration in January. Guidelines have been written by the KHS Board, which are printed below. Opportunity is given for the membership to make nominations for this award, using the nomination form included with this newsletter. Please note that the deadline to submit a nomination is November 30.

### **GUIDELINES FOR THE SELECTION OF McMASTER HERITAGE AWARD**

*The McMaster Heritage Award was initiated by the Kenmore Heritage Society in 2001. The award bears the name of John McMaster, the man who named Kenmore on January 10<sup>th</sup>, 1901. The purpose of the award is to recognize a person who has made outstanding contributions to the community.*

1. The recipient shall be a person who has made a significant contribution to the Kenmore community, who through commitment and dedication fulfills the high ideals which the McMaster Heritage Award embodies. The selection process must take into consideration the candidate's accomplishments and displayed leadership role in the Kenmore community over a long period of time.
  2. The award shall be presented as part of the Founders Day celebration held in January of each year.
  3. Nominations shall begin in November of the previous year in which the award is to be presented. Nomination forms shall be made available to the members of the Heritage Society. Completed nomination forms are submitted to the Board of Trustees, who will make the final selection of the recipient. Current KHS Board members are not eligible for this award.
  4. Research may be necessary to obtain additional information regarding the achievements and qualifications of the nominees.
  5. The board will select someone to make the official presentation of the award.
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### **A Letter from Kenmore, Scotland . . .**

#### To the Community of Kenmore in Washington

Greetings to you from Kenmore on Loch Tayside. I thought I would take the opportunity of a visit by Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell to convey to you our warmest wishes and to tell you a little of what we are up to.

We have had an interesting year with rather more than our fair share of rainfall. This has had a beneficial effect of more salmon running up the Tay than for a number of years. On the other hand major landslips to our east and west had the effect of diverting a lot of heavy traffic from main roads through our village of Kenmore for two or three days.

The harvest and livestock farmers in the community have not only had to contend with heavy rain but also I fancy a fall back in prices this year.

Taymouth Castle Estate, which has been for sale for a number of years, does look as if at long last has a sale about to go through. If it does we are likely to see the Castle and its grounds being transformed into a six star luxury hotel, using the Castle as the hub and the lovely grounds to conceal small luxury cabins as an adjunct to the main enterprise. We are told that the golf Course will be improved and the plans also include a Riding School. So, all in all, this is a very exciting development, which if it comes off, will greatly boost the area.

Discussion about renewable energy following on from the Kyoto Agreement has been considerable, and we now have four small hydro plants either up and running or being developed, with plans for a fifth one imminent.

Further back into the hills there are proposals for a number of wind farms generating hundreds of mega watts of power. However, not all of the community are behind such developments as there is considerable concern about their impact on tourism.

The tourists this year have returned in some considerable numbers albeit, I suspect, they are a little back on last year.

One highlight was a visit from Mr. and Mrs. Scott, who came from Kenmore in Eastern Australia near Brisbane. They stayed with us for a couple of weeks and enjoyed immensely comparing and contrasting their hometown down under. Their suburban lifestyle is somewhat different from our agriculture and forestry setting and our hills a little more taxing to the physique.

All in all we are in very good heart and wish you all the very best.

J. Duncan Millar  
Chair  
Kenmore and District Community Council  
(Scotland)

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*Kenmore Heritage Society*

## ***The McMaster Heritage Award***

### **NOMINATION FORM**

*The purpose of this award is to recognize someone from the Kenmore area who has made significant contributions to our community through leadership and actions and fostered an appreciation and understanding of Kenmore's history and heritage.*

Nominee \_\_\_\_\_

Family Contact \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ St. \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

How long has nominee lived in Kenmore area? \_\_\_\_\_

Does nominee own business in Kenmore?     Yes     No

If yes, what is business name? \_\_\_\_\_

Please write your brief description of why this nominee is qualified to receive the McMaster Award. *(If more space is needed use back of this form).*

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Submitted by \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please submit form at Harvest Festival Dinner or to a Heritage Board member  
or mail to: KHS, P.O. Box 82027, Kenmore, WA 98028-0027.

**~ DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 30<sup>th</sup> ~**

# KENMORE HERITAGE SOCIETY

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*Kenmore Heritage Society's Annual ...*  
**Harvest Festival Dinner**  
**Wednesday, November 3**  
*Social Hour begins at 6:30 pm;*  
*Dinner is at 7:00 pm*

Tickets are \$8, payable at the door, but you must reserve a spot in advance by calling Priscilla Droge (425-486-4202) or Char Crawford (425) 486-0861. Program: Turn back the clock and "Turn Your Radio On", with Old Time Gospel favorites by ....

**"The Sojourners"**