



# KENMORE HERITAGE SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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## Greetings from Kenmore, Scotland

*Hello to all our friends in Kenmore, Washington ~*

*A year on we have been thinking of you all and remembering your outstanding hospitality extended to ourselves and family last October and the honour of Keith and Sheila Mitchell days.*

*We had a visit of Harry and Diane McAllister of 4th October—it was so nice to see them again.*

*Since we were last in touch, Taymouth Castle has been sold and work has started on the development of a 6-Star Hotel complex.*

*The caravan site has moved up market with new modern restaurant and shopping premises with plans to further improve; not quite sure if the modern building and interiors are right for Kenmore.*



*A small pleasure cruiser has now been operating for a few months on Loch Tay as a prelude to a larger steam-powered vessel.*

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## *President's Corner . . .*

Don and Faye Linderoth recently donated to KHS a large Seattle-Everett suburban map. It was created for Puget Mill Company Real Estate Department and published by Kroll Map Company in 1929. At that time Puget Mill was one of the largest individual property owners on Puget Sound.

The map shows the new "Seattle Road No. 1" (Highway 99), the Pacific Highway (Bothell-Everett Highway), and the Everett Interurban route that vanished decades ago. The reverse side shows eleven views of Puget Mill properties, including a few in our Kenmore area:

- The Lakewood Villa development with frontage on the Sammamish River (NE 175th Street)
- And at the northeast corner of 68th Avenue NE and Bothell Way (Rite-Aid parking lot) is a picture of the "Dixie Inn", a popular restaurant back in the 20's and 30's.

This is a great addition to our map collection. Many thanks to Don and Faye.

KHS had a booth at the Kenmore Good Ol' Days celebration held on Saturday, September 17. Photos of Kenmore's early days were displayed. We also sold Kenmore flags and the books, *The History of Kenmore for Kids* and *Kenmore by the Lake*. Many thanks to those individuals who set-up and manned the booth.

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## ***“Kenmore by the Lake” continues to sell***



A recent article in the Seattle Times has stimulated more interest in our history book, *Kenmore by the Lake*. Quite a few books sold at the Kenmore Good Ol' Days celebration. Books continue to be available at the Kenmore City Hall, Ostrom's and Third Place Books for \$25. Are there some people on your Christmas List who might appreciate the book as a present??? Please continue to promote our book — all proceeds will be used to preserve the history of Kenmore for future generations. Remember that 250 people from our community were involved in putting this book together; it is truly a Kenmore project we can all be proud of.

~ Char Crawford

## **KHS Teams with City of Kenmore on Logboom Park Interpretive Center**

Plans for improvements to Logboom Park, which have been shown at public hearings, include an Historical Interpretive Center which was proposed by the Kenmore Heritage Society.

The effort is being coordinated by Tom and Bobbi Traeger, KHS life members, who meet with Park Director Bill Evans periodically to help coordinate the inclusion of the center.

KHS desires to maintain the logboom theme in the Interpretive Center with a timber/shake construction. Consultants will be hired to design the structure, and Mr. Evans has indicated that he will invite the Traegers into sessions where various diagrams are discussed.

Within the Interpretive Center, eight to ten panes will show historical aspects of our community, including geological, Native American, early industry, lakefront recreation, land and water transportation and air harbor, as well as fish and wildlife.

The goal of Kenmore Heritage Society is to provide a place where people of all ages can enjoy a shelter that is

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## **< President's Corner** (cont. from page 1)

Did you know for years the Kenmore Volunteer Fire Department had a 1930 Model A Fire Truck that was used for special events and parades? The vehicle was christened the *Whoopie Wagon* and now belongs to the Kenmore Heritage Society. This year the historical fire truck was in the parade, driven by retired volunteer fireman, Vic Tvrdy. Unfortunately it did not complete the route, as it overheated. Look for the return of our “fire truck” next year.

The 5th annual McMaster Heritage Award will be presented at the Founders' Day Dinner on February 1. The guidelines are included in this newsletter as well as a nomination form for this special award.

The award was named for John McMaster, who came to the Northwest from his hometown of Kenmore, Ontario in 1889 to join his brother, Peter, to learn the new technique of cutting shingles with a machine instead of the time consuming by-hand method. In 1901 he and Chris Kruse erected the McMaster Shingle Mill at the north end of Lake Washington. To identify the area, on January 10, 1901, he named it *Kenmore* after his Canadian hometown, Kenmore, Ontario, which had been named after Kenmore, Scotland.

This newsletter will update you on the most current happenings with KHS. And don't forget to look at the back cover for your invitation to our annual Harvest Festival Dinner!

I hope to see you there,

*Priscilla Drage*  
President

## **< Interpretive Center** (continued)

full of interesting and educational information about our community's life over the years.

Businesses and residents will be given an opportunity to be a part of the project and funding by purchasing commemorative bricks with names engraved. Details will be forthcoming in the months ahead.

< *Scotland (Continued from page 1)*  
Our own bakery business has had a very good season with our ever-popular Christmas season now just around the corner.

We are sending you some goody parcels which we hope will this time arrive safely.

Our very best wishes to all of you.

*Kindest regards,  
Keith, Sheila Mitchell and family*


## Nominees Announced

The KHS Nominating Committee presents the 2006 slate of nominees:

- President ..... Priscilla Droge
- Vice President ..... Elmer Skold
- Secretary.....Jeanie McBee
- Treasurer .....Annette Eaton
- Board of Trustees Member .....LeRoy Anenson
- Board of Trustees Member .....Jack Crawford
- Board of Trustees Member ..... Russ Evans
- Board of Trustees Member ..... Ed Straw

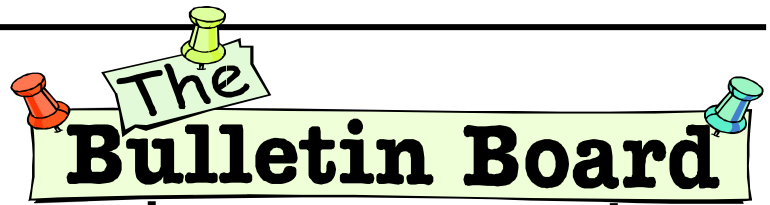
Continuing Board members serving through 2006 are: Don Ivanhoe, Lucibelle O’Grady and Dick Taylor.

The slate of nominees will be presented for a vote by the membership at the Harvest Festival Dinner on November 2.



**IN  
MEMORIAM**

*Richard “Dick” Detjen*  
KHS Member and President  
of the Kenmore and District Pipe Band  
Passed away June 13, 2005. We extend our  
sympathy to his wife, Barbara, and family



### Have you checked our Web Site?

Don Ivanhoe does a great job keeping the site current with updated information about meetings, membership, programs and more. Please check it out at:

[www.scn.org/civic/kenmoreheritage/](http://www.scn.org/civic/kenmoreheritage/)



### Archives Information:

We are continuing to gather materials, articles and pictures of early days of Kenmore. If you have any items of historic interest to place in our archives, please call us.

Elmer Skold  
425-486-4536

### Patronize our KHS Business Members:

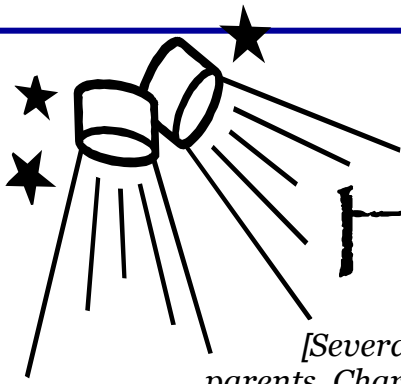
- Annette’s Uniques (425-488-8350)
- David M. Minihan, DDS
- Gene’s Tire & Brake
- Kent Sturgis, Epicenter Press, Inc.
- James Mahar, Kenmore Chiropractic
- Gregg Munro, Kenmore Air Harbor
- Maser’s Grooming and Pets
- Ostrom’s Drug and Gifts

### It’s Dues Renewal Time for 2006:

It’s time to think about your KHS membership renewal. There are two convenient options offered for paying the 2006 dues:

- Pay at the Harvest Festival Dinner on November 2, *or*
- Watch for the mid-November mailing with a dues statement and self-addressed envelope.

The dues money is used to help defray the costs incurred by the organization over the course of the year: postage, production costs, post office box rental, meeting costs, organization membership fees, etc.



# Historical Spotlight

*[Several months ago we received an e-mail from Philip Krebs, whose grandparents, Charles and Mary Kregs, started the Eagle Inn back in the late 20's. It was at the present site of Starbucks in front of Kenmore Lanes. Here are some excerpts for your enjoyment.]*

I can remember my dad telling me that the Eagle Inn had some kind of coin-operated gambling machine. My dad said that occasionally my grandmother would observe a customer putting a lot of money in the machine and finally leave without winning. When the customer left, my grandmother would go over and put in a nickel to see if she could hit the jackpot.

Grandma and Grandpa had four sons: Frederick (my father), George, Robert and Walter. Dad helped build the Eagle Inn, including the stone fireplace that could be seen from the original building for some years. I believe the outside dining area also had some cement and stone-lined ponds as decoration.

My grandparents' house was on Queen Anne Hill. I think they spent most of the summers in Kenmore where they ran the Eagle Inn and did canning. I remember dad, who was an electrician, installed some kind of an electric pump in the back to bring water out of a small stream behind the place for irrigation of the garden. [Swamp Creek]

Sometime in the late 30's or early 40's, Grandma and Grandpa opened an ice creamery and snack bar down in the industrial area

west of Boeing Field. They turned the Eagle Inn over to George. I remember George and his wife had horses on the place; unfortunately, George was thrown from his horse and suffered a head injury that left him severely impaired for the rest of his life. His wife took over the Eagle Inn.

I remember eating there sometime in the 1960's (nice buffet and very good). I can recall a friend telling me of eating there sometime in the late 70's when it was called the "Porterhouse".

Only my Uncle Walt survives. He is a retired veterinary doctor and lives in Grant's Pass, Oregon. He and his wife recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. They are both doing well. Walt hunts, fishes and goes cross-country skiing near Crater Lake. He had to sell his airplane and give up flying in 2003. If you are interested in talking to him about the Eagle Inn and Kenmore, I could contact him and set up a phone call.

Sincerely,

Philip Krebs  
(in Las Vegas as well as Lima, Peru)

*[Recently Philip Krebs e-mailed us 26 photos taken of the Eagle Inn in Kenmore between 1929 and 1939. They are now on our website. Click on [www.scn.org/civic/kenmoreheritatge/](http://www.scn.org/civic/kenmoreheritatge/) ]*

## 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.

*A McMaster Heritage Award Nomination Form  
is included with this newsletter.*

# KENMORE HERITAGE SOCIETY

P. O. Box 82027  
Kenmore, WA 98028



An invitation to our Annual

## Harvest Festival Dinner

**Wednesday, November 2**

Social Hour: 6:30 pm

Dinner: 7:00 pm

Kenmore Community Club  
73rd Avenue NE and NE 175th Street

A slate of nominees for the election of officers and trustees for 2006 will be presented by the nominating committee; the membership will vote at the Dinner.

Entertainment! A musical special treat will be presented by the Inglemoor High School's Music Department.

Tickets: \$8 at the door. RSVP 425-486-4202



*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: DECEMBER 31<sup>st</sup> ~**