



KENMORE HERITAGE SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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Dick Ramsey selected for McMaster Heritage Award



January 7th was the date we had scheduled for our fourth annual Founder's Day Dinner with the presentation of our third annual McMaster Heritage Award. However, on that day the weather man delivered ice and snow with the added bonus of a power outage. The festivities were re-scheduled for February 4th.

It was with great pleasure that the Heritage Society presented the McMaster Heritage Award to Richard "Dick" Ramsey, in recognition of his many contributions to the Kenmore Community and the Northshore area. Specifically recognized were his support of youth, youth programs, and senior activities, his involvement and leadership in securing improvements for the community, and his fostering appreciation and understanding of Kenmore history and heritage. Many were on hand to congratulate this year's McMaster Heritage Award winner!

May 5th Meeting, 7 pm

Kenmore Community Club

Come and learn all about the "down under" Kenmore, this one a suburb of Brisbane, Australia. Russ and JoAnn Evans have visited there and will share their pictures and historical information with us.

Don't miss it!

President's Corner . . .

When the Kenmore Heritage Society organized five years ago, many goals were established and many of them have been accomplished. A partnership has been established with the Kenmore schools and the Kenmore Library to ensure the local history is a part of the joy of learning for people of all ages.

In our first year we planned to research and write a Kenmore history book for kids. "The History of Kenmore for Kids" was written and published in 1999. The booklet was distributed to all the students at the elementary schools in our city: Arrowhead, Kenmore, Lockwood and Moorlands. The third grade students study local history.

The society considered various projects, among them a museum, an interpretive center, and a community history book. The book project was seen as a "literary museum" that could be started immediately with some research that already had been done. Formal work on the book began in 1999.

Four years later, thanks to the dedication and commitment of hundreds of Kenmore residents, "Kenmore by the Lake" became an exciting reality with

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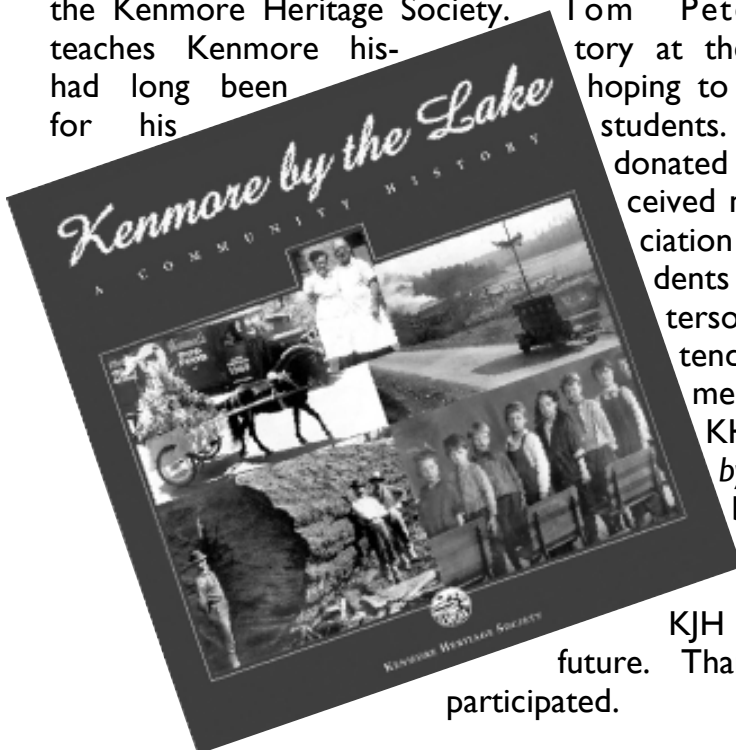
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Kenmore by the Lake SECOND PRINTING IS SELLING WELL!

Sales of the Kenmore Heritage Society's book, *Kenmore by the Lake*, were so successful that we had to order a second printing of the book, which became available in January. The second printing continues to sell well at the Kenmore City Hall, Ostrom's Drug and Gifts, and Third Place Books. Many people who purchased and read the book earlier are now buying copies for members of their families and their friends.

The Press had been very helpful to our book sales. In a recent issue of *The Kenmore Reporter*, an article entitled, *Book Rekindles Memories of 'Bottles'* appeared. The author of the article was John Hughes, owner and publisher of the *Northshore Citizen* from 1961-1988. Hughes writes, "The strength of the Kenmore book is the lack of any effort of 'sanitize' the local history in the fear of offending early day inhabitants. *Kenmore by the Lake* contains a number of colorful stories such as the page about 'Bottles'."

Other book news —thirty-six copies were presented to the ninth grade class at Kenmore Junior High by many members of the Kenmore Heritage Society. Tom Peterson, who teaches Kenmore history at the Junior High, had long been hoping to acquire books for his students. Those who donated books each received notes of appreciation from the students and Tom Peterson. Tom attended the March meeting of the KHS. *Kenmore by the Lake* will be studied by the ninth graders at KJH now and in the future. Thanks to all who participated.



The Kenmore archives, which the KHS is now in the process of developing under the leadership of Elmer Skold, will be partly funded by proceeds from the Kenmore history book.

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Book Display Well Used . . .

The wonderful free standing *Kenmore by the Lake* book display put together by Russ and JoAnn Evans, with pictures made for us by Kenmore Camera, has been widely used in the Kenmore community. Many Northshore businesses, such as Washington Mutual Bank, Third Place Books, James R. Murphy Auction, and Northshore Utilities, have already had the display. Kenmore Junior High had it for a month as did Inglemoor High School, and it is now at Arrowhead Elementary. Other businesses will use it this summer, and in the fall we hope to have it at the other Kenmore schools.

If you are aware of other Kenmore businesses that would like to have the display for a month, please contact Char Crawford, 486-0861.

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All proceeds from the book must be used to preserve Kenmore history through the archives and other related endeavors. Please continue to encourage sales of the book wherever possible. This has been a labor of love and dedication - our gift to the Kenmore community now and in the future.

Char Crawford
Book Committee Chair

President's Message *(cont. from page 1)*

the publishing of the book in 2003. It was delivered in August and proved to be a best seller! We re-ordered in December.

One of our goals was to establish a Kenmore History Week. John McMaster and Chris Kruse started a shingle mill operation at the North end of Lake Washington in January 1901. The mill, with a small settlement of workers, needed a name. McMaster named this small shingle mill town, Kenmore, after his former home of Kenmore, Ontario, on January 10, 1901. We celebrate our Founder's Day in January every year. The Kenmore Library features a photo display of early day Kenmore during this time. It has become a tradition to present the "McMaster Heritage Award" at the annual Founder's Day event to a person in recognition of his/her contributions to the Kenmore Community.

The Society maintains a vital network with local heritage groups, county and state organizations and our partner organizations. We have maintained our relationship and correspondence with the "other Kenmores". Some of our members have visited Kenmore Ontario, as well as Kenmore, Scotland. We also have contact with Kenmore, Australia, a suburb of Brisbane. We are a member of the Washington State Historical Society and the Association of King County Historical Organizations (AKCHO).

We are establishing historical archives which will reflect our community heritage through artifacts, photos and oral/written history. The photos and written material for the history book are being archived. All the photos and donated items are catalogued. There will be a future storage facility at the Kenmore Community Club.

We have plans for developing an Interpretive Center at Log Boom Park. We will work with

the City of Kenmore on this project and also will apply for a grant to help fund this project.

We are seriously thinking about doing a video about the history of Kenmore, including the history of the Kenmore flag. We are also thinking about doing a historical map showing early Kenmore landmarks.

Someday we hope to have a Kenmore Heritage Museum and are working with the City of Kenmore to explore the feasibility of that project.

I hope this "historical" update will be helpful to you all as we move forward with our plans for this year.

Priscilla Droge, President

Thank you . . .

The Kenmore Heritage Society gives special thanks to the Kenmore City Council for making official the name of the sixteen-acre park on the shores of Lake Washington . . .

**Tracy Owen Station
at
Log Boom Park**

Logging brought the first settlers to Kenmore in the 1860s, and Lake Washington was the primary highway for logs to be floated to mills further south. Log booms were a familiar sight next to the 1000' railroad pier for over 100 years until the early 1970s.

The Kenmore Flag . . .

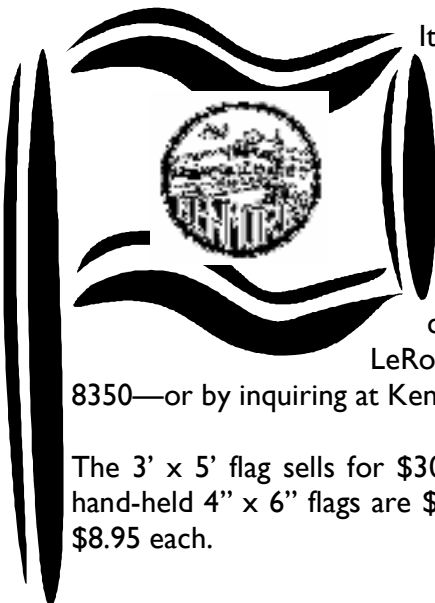
Each Friday throughout the year as you look around Kenmore you will see the bright yellow Kenmore flag flying from flag poles, store fronts and many homes. The reason for this display is that the City has proclaimed Friday of each week, *Kenmore Flag Day* !

In 1979, to promote goodwill and pride in our then unincorporated Kenmore community, the Kenmore Chamber of Commerce Flag Committee created our first flag, under the guidance of LeRoy Anenson. Businesses and residents proudly displayed their new flags, giving support to the community of Kenmore

When Kenmore became a city, the flag was reworked in design to include the following:

The white capped mountains and evergreen trees continue to remind us of the beautiful Northwest in which our community is situated. The city skyline reflects the future growth of the commercial center. The plane, boats and water depict the vital harbor in our community, a community of activity and services, illustrated by the moving plane, but also a peaceful community in which to live, as represented in the tranquility of the sailboats. The herons are included because of it being the official bird of the City of Kenmore, with numerous rookeries throughout the city.

With the creation of the Kenmore Heritage Society in 1998, LeRoy Anenson and Les Eaton proposed to preserve the image of the original Kenmore Flag by adopting it as the Heritage Society logo. The idea was accepted, and the old flag design is now preserved.



It is the intent that the new Kenmore Flag will proudly convey the beauty, progressiveness and tranquility of the City of Kenmore and its future!

Your purchase of a Kenmore Flag contributes to and helps support the programs of the Heritage Society. To purchase a flag, you can contact either LeRoy at 206-365-0258 or Les at 425-488-8350—or by inquiring at Kenmore City Hall.

The 3' x 5' flag sells for \$30, the 4' x 6' flag sells for \$40, and the hand-held 4" x 6" flags are \$2 each. Flag poles also are available for \$8.95 each.

THE ARTS OF KENMORE Spring Event to feature Irish Singer and Dancers

One of our sister organizations in Kenmore, *The Arts of Kenmore*, is featuring a special program for their annual Spring Celebration on Sunday, May 2. **Irish singer and entertainer Sheila Ryan** and the **Comerford Irish Dancers** will present a program at 2 pm.

Born in Ireland, Sheila Ryan has been a singer and performer since childhood. She has entertained across Europe, Canada and New Zealand, is a recording artist, has entertained on cruise ships, and has been lead singer in several major Irish stage presentations.

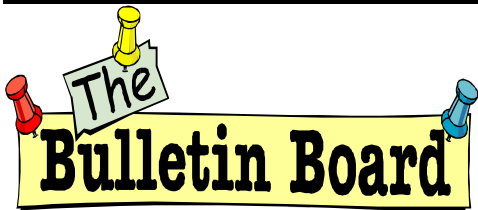
The Comerford Irish Dancers are award-winning young performers who will compete in the 2004 World Irish Dancing Championships in Belfast, Northern Ireland.

This special event is presented by the Arts of Kenmore and is made possible by the generous sponsorship of Phil and Nancy Carothers.

Again, the time is Sunday, May 2, 2:00 pm, at Kenmore Community Club, 7304 NE 175th Street. Admission is \$10 per person. There will be refreshments. Reservations should be made by phoning Vicky Hacker at 485-9341.



Don't miss this unusual and exciting event!



Surf the Web!



Check out the Heritage Society's Web Site at:

www.scn.org/civic/kenmoreheritage/

Thanks to Don Ivanhoe, for continuing to maintain the site for us.

Patronize our Kenmore Heritage Business Members:

- Annette's Uniques (in Firdale Village)
David M. Minihan, DDS
Kent Sturgis, Epicenter Press, Inc.
James Mahar, Kenmore Chiropractic
Gregg Munro, Kenmore Air Harbor
Maser's Grooming & Pet
Ostrom's Drug and Gifts

KHS will have a booth at the Kenmore Good Ol' Days Celebration on August 28. Please let Priscilla Droge know, if you can help for an hour or two on that day. This booth is a good way for us to inform the community about the work of our group, and it also is a way to promote our book! An added bonus from a previous year was that it gave a community member the opportunity to make contact with the Heritage Society to donate something to the archives.

2004 Calendar of Events

May 5 ----- General Meeting
Program: Kenmore, Australia Another Kenmore!
(Russ and JoAnn Evans)

June 2 ----- General Meeting
Program: Logging and lumbering in the area.
(Erik Erickson)

July 14 ----- Annual Picnic
Potluck - with Kenmore Community Club

August 28 ----- Kenmore's Good Ol' Days Festival
Heritage Society Booth at Festival

October 6 ----- General Meeting
Guests from Kenmore, Scotland

November 3 ----- Harvest Festival Dinner

Note: With the exception of the Good Ol' Days Festival, all of the above events will take place at the Kenmore Community Club.



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PICNIC! PICNIC! PICNIC!

Mark your calendars now for Wednesday, July 14th, for our annual picnic with the Kenmore Community Club members.

As the date gets closer, watch your mail for an announcement describing what you can contribute to this fun potluck event.



As usual, it will be held at the Kenmore Community Club building.

