



# *Black Diamond Historical Society Newsletter*

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## **PICTURES OF THE PAST**

### **Black Diamond Youth Basketball Team, 1952-1953**

Front row, Louis Draghi, Frank (Butch)  
Zumek, Jimmy Parkins

Back row, Willis (Bud) Kirk, Tom Maks,  
Don Lloyd, Rod Eddy

*BDHS Catalog #2003.122.01, Courtesy Louis Draghi*

## **A BRIEF STORY OF THE CRAM FAMILY OF JUANITA, WA. EARLY 1920'S**

*Submitted by Bob Waller*

Earl and Mildred Cram and two sons, Richard and Sam lived in the village of Juanita, Washington. They had lived in the center of Seattle for some time, but stepfather Earl decided they needed to get "out in the country".

He was a motion picture operator at the downtown "Blue Mouse" theatre - late shift - and decided the boys would do better in a smaller school system. So, the Crams bought a piece of lake property - a 40-foot lot - in Juanita just across from Sand Point.

It took 5 or 6 years to complete their house on that property, so Earl built a garage for living in till the house was completed. Old "Eagle-Eye" - a good friend of Earl's - was the bricklayer, and helped each weekend to complete their brick domicile.

Earl drove each day to Seattle in his Maxwell car, but soon they bought in addition a Model T Ford, and Earl, being a good carpenter as well, built an oak box on the back of the Ford to haul coal from the Black Diamond Mines.

Son Richard remembers that he and his brother Sam and stepfather drove several times to Black Diamond for coal, and he remembers that "We drove underneath a huge chute where 1400 pounds of coal was

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**T**he mission of the Black Diamond Historical Society shall be the discovery, preservation, and dissemination of the history of Black Diamond and environs, as it relates to King County and the State of Washington.

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## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**



We are beginning a new fiscal year for the BDHS. I extend a warm welcome to the new Board Members Rosemary Konoske, Don Malgarini and Bob Thompson. I would also like to thank outgoing President Don Mason and Directors Joe Zumek and Jackie Buss for a job well done. Don is continuing to serve as Tour Coordinator. Not enough can ever be said about those who volunteer their time to the community.

As your new President, I want to take this opportunity to share with you some thoughts on our future.

- 1) Education:
  - a) We promote education for all ages through tours and school programs. For our in-house tours, I would like to see our museum become more child friendly with "Touch Stations" throughout the Museum. In these special places in the Museum, we could have toys, replicas of artifacts or actual artifacts that are not sensitive to handling. These items would relate to that particular area in the Museum where they are placed, and promote interest.
  - b) Coke Roberts is working on a new program for schools. He is developing a script that covers coal mining in Western WA, focusing on Black Diamond and our Museum. We are coming up with pictures to follow the script that can be shown as a slide show at the school on the TV screen from a CD. Schools are not always able to secure funding for field trips, so they welcome this type of program that can come to them.
  - c) Rosemary Konoske is chairing the education program for this term, and Judy Hastings (a new member and retired schoolteacher) is eager to help with our school programs after the first of the year.
- 2) Securing Artifacts:
  - a) Many of our artifacts are lying around loose, and are in danger of damage or theft. With something as simple as a few screws, nails, and wire we can improve our chances of

these artifacts being here for future generations.

- b) The back door has no alarm on it, and the docents up front never know when someone may come or go through it. It's a fire exit, and cannot be locked during business hours. We are looking into having a device installed on it so the docents at the front desk will be alerted when this door is opened.
  - c) We have display cabinets that have the potential to secure artifacts, if they only had locks on them. We are currently seeking the funding for purchasing special display case locks for them.
- 3) Our relationship with our community, The City of Black Diamond, King County and the State of Washington is very important and essential for our existence. We will continue to focus on strengthening our relationship with these sources, as we depend on their support.

Steve Israel



### **PRESIDENTIAL AWARD**

Don Mason receives a special award for his time served as President of the Black Diamond Historical Society. Steve Israel presents the award at the Annual Membership Meeting, October 12, 2003.

## **LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

Louis Draghi sent us a picture of the Boy's Basketball Team, that we placed on the cover of this issue. He writes:

"....hope you can find a place for it in the Museum. ...."

"It was a pleasure for Rosa and I to meet your group and we plan to visit again soon. Best wishes to everyone and we love the paper.

Lou & Rosa Draghi"

Brook Hickle wrote this thank you letter:

"Steve, We want to thank you for your time and participation in our 10th annual Thanksgiving Family 'Road Rally' on Thanksgiving weekend! We greatly appreciate the effort that was put in on your part; your help really made our fun event a success! Thanks again & Happy Holidays to you and the Museum Staff.

Britt Uray, Angie Nelson, Brook Hickle"

The family mentioned above contacted us some time back to ask for our participation in this family event. We worked out the details, and it went as follows: The family had about 50 members from all accross the nation merge around Franklin. They were given instructions as to where to go, what and who to see, and what information they would need to gather to succeed in their quest.

Groups of about 5 began to arrive at the Museum one after the other. They had previously visited a couple of other historical sites, and were now seeking information at the Museum.

They were looking for a picture of "familiar miners". We had placed a picture of Black Diamond miners on the wall behind Hard Hat Harry. This picture had been altered. The faces of the original miners were replaced with family members, plus Elvis.

When the group found the picture and wrote down the names, they were left with the last task: "Sing the poem of the Franklin Mine Disaster to Steve."

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When they finished, I would inform them that there is a City Ordinance against public singing. Off to jail they would go. They would be locked into the jail, and the keys would be hanging just out of arm's reach on a nail on the wall.

If they were observant, they would notice the broom just outside the door. They had a couple of other options to get out of jail, as predetermined by the event coordinator. If they failed to get out, they were released in 5 minutes, after their picture was taken.

Docents Clayton and Nancy Mead, and the "regular" visitors to the Museum were rather amused by the whole chain of events.

Even though we made up the part about the public singing ordinance, we noticed that nobody has tried to sing in the Museum since that day.

## **SPRING EVENT**

**April 18, 2004**

**1:30 PM**

**We will be having our semi-annual Membership Meeting, followed by refreshments and a van tour through Historic Black Diamond.**

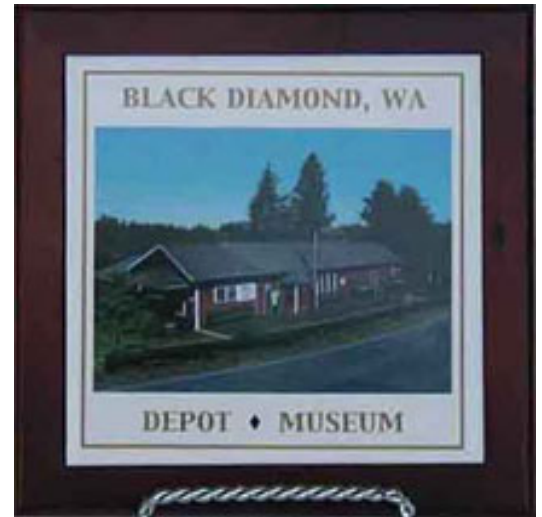
**Our route will take us to historic sites as outlined in our new "Riding / Walking Tour Brochure"**

## **FRAMED TRIVETS**

In our previous issue, we announced the introduction of the hot plate tiles. In this issue, we wish to announce the introduction of the framed version of the tiles, or trivets.

The framed trivets have a hanger attached to the back, or they can be laid on a flat surface.

We have the framed trivets available at the Museum for \$10.00 and still have the trivets without frames for \$5.00.



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dropped in our Model T truck box. It probably was more than we should have loaded on that Ford, but our new house had a coal-stoker, and we needed the fuel badly."

Their father then let the boys take the Ford by themselves back to Black Diamond for future loads of coal. But Richard remembers the roads were so rough that it was a terrible ride. He remembers a long hill after passing through the village of Bellevue that had a stop sign at a crossing at the bottom of the hill, but the brakes on the Ford were so stressed that they wore the brake bands out, plus the reverse gear as well. Father Earl was very understanding and didn't mind too much that they had to do a lot of car repair after the trip.

The boys both learned a lot about car maintenance in the days when cars AND roads were very primitive.



## SECRETARY REPORT

By Dee Israel

October, November &  
December, 2003



**ARCHIVE:** We now have in our collection the forge that was owned by Abramo Pennacchi of Black Diamond. The forge is complete, with all the tools and in working condition. Gino Picini arranged to have it donated. We also have obtained a cheese cooler cabinet. Society Members Brock and Tammy Deady are storing it for us. They plan on restoring it for us, under our guidance.

JoAnne Matsumura is making a display at the front desk of retro candy (which is similar to the penny candy of the olden days). It will be sold for 1cent to 25cents a piece. She is also making a display of pictures showing the evolution of the Black Diamond Schools. She is requesting either a donation or a loan of any Black Diamond School pictures that you might have.

JoAnne is assisting Coke Roberts with the Black Diamond Alumni mailing list for the 2005 Class Reunion. If you know of any alumni that were missed last time, please let us know.

In 2003 we had a total of 136 new accessions.

**FACILITIES & GROUNDS:** We are looking into some kind of alarm and/or light for the back door so the docents at the front of the Museum can tell when someone enters or exits in the back. We are also getting ready to add some gravel in front of the washhouse and at the top of steps.

President Steve Israel has been working every Sunday on the floor joists for the past month. He has had a little help, but would gladly accept additional help from anyone that's willing and able.

**OFFICE EQUIPMENT:** We have been having problems with our computer and printer/copier. President Steve Israel took the printer/copier to George Tantzen to be repaired, only to find that it was not cost effective to be repaired. At that point, Mr. Tantzen donated a refurbished IBM computer and a new Hewlett Packard printer/copier/scanner/fax machine to the Society. An older model, upgraded computer was also donated by Home Care

Construction and has been set up in the downstairs room for JoAnne to use in working with her archives. At our November Board Meeting, each officer and director was given a 3-ring binder to set up his or her own personal Board Book.

**MEMBERSHIP:** We now have a total of 251 memberships. Since our October Newsletter we have issued 11 new memberships, but have lost 10 due to death or nonpayment of dues. Our new Family Memberships are for Bob & Jodine Burke, Dan & Suzi Dal Santo, Wayne & Shirley Dal Santo, Brock & Tamie Deady and Steve & Diane Kitz; our new Individual Memberships are for Faye D. Green and Jean Sturton; and our Individual Life Memberships are for Judy Hastings, Bob Smith, Ellen Vieg and Loretta Vincenzi.

**TOURS:** We have had a total of 1,002 visitors in 2003 with ¼ of them being involved in at least one of the 38 tours held. A Franklin Tour is scheduled for Saturday, December 27<sup>th</sup>. Another one will be on Sunday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2004. Both of these tours will leave from the Museum at 1:00.

### **RIDING/WALKING TOUR BROCHURE:**

The brochures are being handed out to various organizations and businesses and are very popular. People have said they can't believe they are free as they are so well done.

**"MINING THE MEMORIES" BOOK:**  
The printing company has returned the proof of the book for us to peruse for any errors before the final printing.

**HOTPLATE TILES:** The tiles we announced in the last newsletter were without a frame. We now have framed tiles also. Frameless tiles are still \$5.00 and tiles with frames will sell for \$10.00 each.

**BY-LAWS:** The revised By-Laws were approved by the Membership at our Annual meeting on October 12<sup>th</sup>.

Our next Membership Meeting will be held at 1:30 on April 18<sup>th</sup>, followed by refreshments and a van tour through Historic Black Diamond. We will visit points of interest as outlined in our new Tour Brochure.

## GUESTS

By: Don Botts

During the months of **October, November and December** we had **845** visitors to the Museum. There were visitors from **17** States: Arkansas, California, Florida, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Maryland, Massachusetts, Missouri, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Dakota and here in Washington.

## REMARKS MADE BY OUR GUESTS

As usual, our guests have left great comments in our guest book, such as: So very nice, This place feels like home, Thanks for the special show, Enjoyed Don Mason's talk, Great, This place was really good - keep up the good work, Thanks for the special show, Awesome, Wonderful memories, A lot of happiness, I haven't been here since I was a kid - I love it, Wow, Wonderful history, Very interesting, What a treasury collection, Wonderful experience, Big help on my project - thanks so much, I'll be back, Brings back memories, Great docent helpers, I like it, Real neat, It was very interesting to see all the old artifacts, and I especially liked the downstairs.

## MONITARY DONATIONS

We wish to thank the following for their generous donations to the Black Diamond Historical Society.

Donations to the general fund were made by: **Audrey Carlin and Ellen Vieg.** Donations to the archive fund were made by: **Alma Frietag and Debbie Pridmore.** The Black Diamond Historical Society is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. All donations are tax-deductible to the fullest extent of the Law, and are greatly appreciated.

## MEMORIAL DONATIONS

During this past quarter, The Black Diamond Historical Society has received the following in Memorial Donations:

*IN MEMORY* of **Theola Estby**, a donation was made by Ralph & Lois Estby.

*IN MEMORY* of **Elaine Mead**, donations were made by Donald Botts, and Lynda Maks.

*IN MEMORY* of **Bill Parkinson**, a donation was made by Jennie & Herb Johnson.

*IN MEMORY* of **Shirlee Rupert**, a donation was made by Palmer Coking Coal Co., and Don Botts.

*IN MEMORY* of **Germain Thompson**, a donation was made by Robert & Judith Thompson.

*IN MEMORY* of **Irene Thompson**, a donation was made by Donald Botts, Ralph & Lois Estby, Jerrine Hope, Rosemary Konoske, Ramon Kravagna, Lynda Maks, Mary Elsie Marchetti, Bernard & Marlene Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Daryl McCauley, Lew & Glee McCauley, Bill & Elsie Parkin, Byron & Janie Parkinson, Fred & Patty Weston, and Robert & Judith Thompson.

*IN MEMORY* of **Frank Welsh**, a donation was made by Ramon Kravagna.

*IN MEMORY* of **Frank Zumek SR**, a donation was made by Ralph & Lois Estby.

*IN MEMORY* of **Frank Zumek JR**, a donation was made by Ralph & Lois Estby.

The Black Diamond Historical Society would like to thank those of you that made these donations, and offer condolences to the families and friends of the deceased.

## FRANKLIN TOUR

The next Franklin Tour is scheduled for  
**Sunday March 28th,**  
**Meet at the Museum, 1:00PM**  
**Rain or Shine**

The Franklin Tours have been very popular. Don Mason has researched Franklin for many years, and has gathered many interesting facts about Black Diamond's Sister Town.

Experience history come to life!

## IN MEMORY

**Elaine Vera Brown Mead** passed away November 30, 2003. She was born in Kent, WA on December 18, 1912. Elaine was a teacher through and through, as she taught students to learn their math while she took “them through a musical drill” by playing the pitch horn “to help them remember their Roman numerals”. At the age of 88, then a retired teacher, “the lure of the schoolhouse was strong.” So she started helping with class lessons at Black Diamond’s Elementary School, the children having “improved 200-fold” from her efforts. “A school is like a magnet to me,” she once said. The Black Diamond Parent Teachers Association awarded her the Golden Acorn Award.

School was not her only passion. She enjoyed square dancing, could play many different musical instruments and participated in past years Christmas tree lighting at the Black Diamond Community Center, by playing the piano.

Less known is Elaine’s gift of writing poetry. Several pieces of her work were published through the Northwest Poetry Society and on a National level.

Preceded in death by her husband Charley in 1973, her survivors include her son Clayton Mead, and daughters, Shirley and Christine Mead. ♦

**Shirley Edward Ruppert** passed away September 19, 2003. He was born in Ravensdale, WA on July 31, 1909. He was 94 years old. Mr. Ruppert graduated from Black Diamond High School in 1930. He spent most of his adult life in the Black Diamond area and was a carpenter. He also worked for Palmer Coking Coal Co. Mr. Ruppert was a lifetime member of the Society having joined in 1986.

Mr. Ruppert is survived by his wife of 66 years, Emma, and children Pat, Rhoda, John, Dave, Dick, Frank, Mary Ellen, Barbara, Betsy, Harold and Margie. His parents once lived by the Presbyterian Church in Black Diamond. ♦

**Irene L. Hill Thompson** passed away October 17, 2003. She was born on November 3, 1913 in Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

Irene was a Charter Member of the Historical Society. Her contributions and kindness over the years were given in many ways for which we sincerely appreciate.

In 1995 Irene wrote of her memories in “Let’s Reminisce”. She reminded us of our good fortune as she talked about having only cold water, one kind of wallpaper-everywhere-, used script books “for everything we bought” and saving the 10 pennies to go to the movies at the Show Hall was challenging.

“We had a lot of good times. Dances, card games and pot lucks with good friends. We have all grown older. Black Diamond is still a great town and the pool hall never did burn down!”

Irene is survived by, her two sons Jack and Jerry, one brother, Ronald Hill and one sister, Babe Lind. ♦

The Black Diamond Historical Society expresses condolences to the families on behalf of its membership.

Please let us know when you become aware of the passing of a Society member or former member so that we may extend our condolences. Thank you.

## FROM THE ARCHIVES

By **JoAnne Matsumura**

To the people who lived in Black Diamond during the period from 1930 until 1960 the name Grandma Davies belongs to a wonderful woman named Alice Davies. She was the good kindly lady who ran The Confectionery and had much patience with all the children who came to her store and shopped for the 60 varieties of “penny candy.”

Those children now grown can be a kid again by visiting the Museum’s new Alice Davies Confectionery Candy Land section. The available edible nostalgic candies should satisfy your sweet tooth. (Check out “In The Museum” elsewhere in this newsletter)

We thank each of you who took time to share your memories of “The Confectionery.” It was

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your memories that provided the spark of enthusiasm for this exhibit. For the creative arrangement of the display we thank Donald Botts; Beth Botts Van Buskirk with daughter Donna and Muriel Botts Waldo. For containers and display materials we are grateful to the Snoqualmie Candy Factory for their generous donation. We especially thank Marcia Lee Berg and JoAnne Matsumura of their donation for all of the edible nostalgic candy for this memory 'Candy Land' exhibit.

Archive Committee Member, Jackie Cedarholm has continued her ardent task of compiling information of the early Welsh settlers in Black Diamond for the Around Town Series. She recently discovered through a Seattle newspaper of March 2, 1902, that the "Welsh Citizens Have Organized." They called the State organization "The Cambrian Society." Serving as Vice-President for Black Diamond was Morgan Morgans, and for Lawson it was Gus Jones. Representing Black Diamond on the committee was Richard T. Lewis and from Lawson it was William Richards.

Conrad 'Coke' Roberts, Archive Committee Member At Large, has started working on a special educational program for children. It is certain to be educational for adults as well. Thank you 'Coke' for helping us tell the story about the importance Black Diamond played when Coal Was King!

This Archivist is appreciative to Homecare Construction for the recent generous donation of a computer and installation. My work has just begun!

New to the High School Room exhibit area is a reproduction photograph of the brick and mortar high school building. The Asahel Curtis photograph taken on June 22, 1925 and provided by the Washington State Historical Society was matt framed by member Harry Berry. It is our goal to compliment this photographic exhibit with reproduction photographs of the earlier school buildings. We thank Beth Botts Van Buskirk & Muriel Botts Waldo for their vision and suggestion of this exhibit and to Clayton Mead for installing the photograph. If you have an earlier era photograph of the 'stick' or 'brick' school building please send us an example for evaluation

for this worthy exhibit. Credit will be given with the exhibit. Thank you.

So until next time, Happy Trails. ♦

*Respectfully, JoAnne Matsumura, Archivist*

## TREASURES AND TRINKETS

### New Accessions

We thank the following individuals and businesses for their donations of artifacts, memorabilia and labors of love. It is donations such as these that help us in telling the history of Black Diamond, WA.

♦ **Bender's Collectibles**-Sketched advertisement, "I Use Renton Coal"

♦ **Marcia Lee Berg and JoAnne Matsumura**-Edible nostalgic candy for the Alice Davies Confectionery Candy Land exhibit

♦ **Donald Botts**-Lipton's Tea tin

♦ **Dorothy Botts, Steve Israel and Clayton Mead**-BDHS Hot Plate Trivets. For Clayton's inspirational idea, Steve's art work and Dorothy's ceramic kiln expertise

♦ **Larry Calhoun**-Memoirs of Inez Calhoun Shaffer with photographs, poem by Mrs. Hattie V. Beldin, Carbide lamp by "Justrite"

♦ **Don Camerini**-Camerini family vital record

♦ **Jackie Cedarholm**-Book, "Country Music Hall of Fame"

♦ **Stanley Celigoy**-Snapshots, deer hunting

♦ **Robert Charles**-Book, "Wales, 100 Years Ago"

♦ **Theodore D. Delude**-Glass shoes, Circa 1890s

♦ **Louis Draghi**-Framed photograph of the 1952-1953 Youth Basketball Team, framed newspaper clipping

♦ **Ralph and Lois Thomas Estby** -1979 Labor Day Program, Catcher's mitt of **Ralph Estby Sr.**, Selleck Team, Circa 1914, post card of the Thomas Boarding house, 1902 and copy of Florence Harries Thomas graduation picture

♦ **Frank Grgurich**-USA 48 Star flag, 2'x3', book matches depicting railroad companies, Boy



Scout camp cooking set with holder, cow bell, bottle labeled "Grolsch" with wire and porcelain cap

◆ **Home Care Construction**-Computer equipment and installation for Society use

◆ **Patsy Davies Johnson**-Photograph of **Antonio Morelli**, July 1, 1908 by **Kelly**, BD

◆ **Ruth Mills Kerkes**-Snapshot of **Kate Pagani**

◆ **Bill Kombol**-Book on Logarithmic tables and pamphlets

◆ **Dan Krainick**-Wage agreement document, 1947

◆ **W. R. Lewis**-Mounted anthracite coal piece from Abercraf Colliery, Wales

◆ **Elsie Thompson Marchetti**-WWII Observer armband from the estate of **Henry (Harry) C. Thompson**

◆ **Cyndi McDaniel**-Old fuse box intact, door locks, wall inset ironing board unit, scoreboard emblem made by **Gordon Roberts and Tom Zumek**, and installed by **Louis Carnino**

◆ **Vince & Ceci Muscolo**-Forge and accessories, toolbox with docking saw, and vice from the estate of **Abramo Pennacchi**. Also horse harness from Ceci.

◆ **Elsie Parkin**-Spice tins

◆ **Olive Parkin**-Historic calendars

◆ **Daniel Picini**-Harness awl, large USA 48 Star flag, can opener, straight razor sharpener, two razors, metal razor blade container, razor case

◆ **Gino Picini**-"Swingspout" oil can, GE electric steam iron for Society use, brass switch plates and installation, book "The Story of Italian Immigration"

◆ **Janice Goldsberry Ranton**-Christmas card from **Ada Gourley** Circa 1930s, books

◆ **Southeast Glass**-Basement showcase front plate glass

◆ **George Tantzen**-Computer equipment for Society Business Office use

◆ **Bob Thompson**-Wood dovetail "Yeast" shipping box, large off center balance scale

◆ **Jack & Sue Thompson**-WWII "Observer" armband worn by **Bert Hill**, copies of sports photographs, Strain Coal Co., pencil

◆ **Unknown**-Photograph of **Bill Morris** in Wales, key ring from the Black Diamond Saloon, 1988, Coins from "Danmark" and "Panama"

◆ **Earl Upton Jr.**-Book "From Coal To Jets", 1916 Graduation Program of **Elsie Swanson Upton**, snapshots of Swanson and Upton family and news-clippings

◆ **Beth Botts Van Buskirk**-Plants for the garden surrounding the jail

◆ **Muriel Botts Waldo**-"Frango Mints" tin, "Lipton's" tea tin, "Fisher's Wheat Mixed Feed" 100# cotton sack

◆ **Mr. & Mrs. Don Winsor**-Photographs of school children

◆ **Joe Zumek**-Restored the Jail House door jam, casing and threshold

Thank you one and all.

*JoAnne Matsumura, Archivist*

## THE CLASSMATES CORNER

By JoAnne Matsumura

It will not be long and the High School reunion will be a reality. Committee Chair, Conrad "Coke" Roberts is forming a committee of which seven have signed up to help for the event.

The Master list of Alumni has been compiled. Our challenge now is in determining the survivors of those on our Missing Alumni List. This list will be posted on The Classmates Corner bulletin board in the Museum for you and visitors to peruse and notify the Docent on duty if a name is recognized.

We have learned that John Morganti is the eldest known surviving alumnus and Concelia Vernarelli Picini the eldest alumna. There are seven vying for the one being the youngest of the surviving alumni. We will keep you posted.

Our chronology of "Black Diamond High School Notes" is nearing six pages and growing steadily. Contributors include: Rae Frederickson Fagnan, Harry Berry and Beth Botts Van Buskirk along with published materials found. In the search for opening day of the Black Diamond brick and mortar school we discovered that on September 5, 1921 it was opening day at the new High school building in Enumclaw, WA.

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We cordially invite your submissions for the chronology. There is nothing better than personal knowledge. It is people who make history.

We are seeking to procure for the Society's collection of High School photographs the Senior Classes prior to 1932; photographs of school classrooms and activities, from dances to class plays. We welcome any issue of the *Sparkler*, even single pages. Other memorabilia from artwork for the *Sparkler's* cover page; year banners, creations from the manual training class, programs and sports uniforms are also highly desired objects for our collection that will be appreciated by future generations of your descendants.

By your contributions you help make the Museum's School Room exhibit the best collection of school memorabilia that can be found!

Keep those cards and letters coming. We love hearing from you! ♦

## SNIPPETS 'N SMIDGENS

Contributed by JoAnne Matsumura

Did you know:

♦ THAT-We extend to you our Best Wishes for the New Year

♦ THAT-The historic Black Diamond ball field was renamed the "Fred Pettersen Memorial Field" by the Enumclaw School Board, circa 1982

♦ THAT-"Cattle or hogs now found within this district (BD) may be impounded by the owner of the property on which they are found and held for damages." (The Herd Law, effective March 31, 1923)

♦ THAT-Nearly 2400 tons of sacked Black Diamond coal was shipped to Alaska in May 1923

♦ THAT-The Black Diamond Courier (newspaper), Volume 1, No. 1 was issued in April 1923

♦ THAT-The *Sparkler* began in the 1927-1928 school year

♦ THAT-Everything we do is for YOU, in the memory of your ancestors and for your descendants of the future

## ARCHIVES WISH LIST

- ♦ Children's hanky, for exhibit
- ♦ Sadiron trivet, 3 legs, circa 1920-1930, for exhibit
- ♦ School "Sparkler", any issue. Any single page
- ♦ Jacks and Ball game, for exhibit
- ♦ Wood Yo-Yo with original string, pre 1950, for exhibit



## GENEALOGY TIP

If you received snapshots in your holiday greeting cards, now is the time to label them. Type or write on a label the name/s, date, location, occasion and any other information. Affix the label to the back of the snapshot. Writing directly on the back of any photograph damages the image and leaves impressions that generally cannot be removed. ♦

## ARCHIVE TIP

Now that you have labels on the backs of your holiday snapshots, they are ready for the family album. Use acid free bond copy paper between the pages to protect the snapshots. You can also store snapshots and negatives in regular bond stationery envelopes, cutting off the glue edge, as it gathers moisture and can damage the contents. Write a brief description on the envelope. Store on edge in a sturdy box and place in a closet or trunk at 50 to 70 degrees Fahrenheit. ♦

## NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS

From an old Ann Landers column

"Golden Rules for Living

By Miriam Hamilton Keare

If you open it, close it.

If you turn it on, turn it off.

If you unlock it, lock it up.

If you break it, admit it.

If you can't fix it, call in someone who can.

If you borrow it, return it.

If you value it, take care of it.

If you make a mess, clean it up.

If you move it, put it back.

If it belongs to someone else, get permission to use it.

If you don't know how to operate it, leave it alone."



## Membership and Renewal Form

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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## IN THE MUSEUM

Alice Davies Confectionery  
Candy Land

Our new exhibit of edible nostalgic candy should satisfy your sweet tooth. Start with penny Double Bubble gum to licorice pipes, Nik L Nip, candy cigarettes, Sen-Sen, Black Jack, Cloves and Beeman's gum. There is peppermint sticks, Slo Poke suckers, U-NO bars, Necco's, candy lipstick, Boston baked Beans and much more.

Stop by and purchase some sweets for you and your sweetie. Valentines Day is February 14<sup>th</sup>.

Thanks for the memories  
Alice. ♦





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## **SPRING EVENT**

**Sunday April 18**

**1:30 PM - Membership Meeting**

**Come and join us for fun and food!**

**Tour Historic Black Diamond!**

**Vans will provide transportation!**

**Visit points of interest as outlined in  
our new TOUR BROCHURE!**

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## **MONTHLY BOARD MEETINGS**

**1:30 PM**

**3rd Sunday  
Of Each Month**

## **The Black Diamond Historical Society**

**is a non profit organization.  
Our funding comes mainly  
from donations, dues, and  
some grants.**

**The restoration and  
maintenance of the Museum  
and its contents are done by  
volunteers.**

**To donate your time or money  
would be a great way for you  
to help preserve your history.  
Find out more by talking to one  
of our volunteers.**