



# *Black Diamond Historical Society Newsletter*

## **Museum Hours**

|                    |        |
|--------------------|--------|
| Thursday           | 9 - 4  |
| Sat & Sun (Summer) | 12 - 4 |
| Sat & Sun (Winter) | 12 - 3 |

---

**Printed Quarterly**



**April 2005**

---

32627 Railroad Ave, PO Box 232, Black Diamond, WA 98010 360-886-2142 For special tours: 253-852-6763  
museum@blackdiamondmuseum.org **Visit our web site!** blackdiamondmuseum.org

---



### **PICTURES OF THE PAST**

BDHS #2000.09 Carl Steiert Collection

The Black Diamond Garage, with Eve Thomas at your service, prior to 1957. The Black Diamond Garage building was built in 1942. You remember getting gas here and having your car fixed? Give us your memories. We would love to have more pictures of this establishment and any memorabilia.

### **WELSH HERITAGE DAY**

**June 4th, 2005  
12:00 - 3:00**

**RAFFLE FOR PRIZES!**

**See details inside this issue**

### **SPRING EVENT**

**April 10th, 2005  
1:30 - 3:30**

**Membership Meeting  
Guest Speaker**

**Food  
Fun  
!**

The 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.

The Black Diamond Historical Society Newsletter is published by and for the members of the Black Diamond Historical Society, a non-profit 501(c)(3), Washington Corp.

To send material for the Newsletter, address it to:  
**Steve Israel, Editor BDHS**  
P.O. Box 232, Black Diamond, WA 98010  
360-886-2582 homecareconst@comcast.net

For address changes or corrections, contact:  
**Dee Israel, Membership BDHS**  
P.O. Box 232, Black Diamond, WA. 98010  
360-886-2582 stevedee@comcast.net

#### Society Officers

President: Steve Israel  
Vice President: Darryl Buss  
Secretary: Dee Israel  
Treasurer: Clayton Mead

#### Board of Directors

Don Botts, Howard Botts, Jackie Cedarholm, Judy Hastings, Don Malgarini, Don Mason, JoAnne Matsumura, Anna Morris, Bob Thompson

#### INSIDE THIS ISSUE

2. This Page
3. Secretary's Report
4. Memorial Donations/Monitory Donations
5. Calendar
6. Treasures and Trinkets
7. Welsh Day Raffle Info
8. Letters to the Editor
9. Memories from the Past
10. In Memoriam
11. Fourty years of Service
12. Who am I?
13. Welsh Day Flyer
14. Raffle Tickets
15. Around Town

#### PRESIDENT/EDITOR

Steve Israel



Greetings to my fellow Members. I hope this message finds you in good spirits. Spring is a time of new life and energy! It is also a time for yard work, spring cleaning, longer days and shorter nights. It is a time to feel the effects of the accumulations of winter and those holiday meals.

For those of you who can get out and go for walks, it is one of the best ways to get the body back into the swing of things. It is also a great way to unwind from the pressures that life can throw at us.

I try to never take for granted the beauty of nature around me. We are truly blessed to live in the Great Northwest (and for those of you reading this that do not live here, I'm sorry) and enjoy such beautiful mountains, rivers and trees.

It is this beauty that was a big part of the attraction of the first settlers in this area, and is still today. The coal miners that came to this area in the early days were in awe when they arrived on the train.

A visitor to this area in 1936 writes a post card to her friend, and says it all. I have included it on page 9 of this issue.

Take time out of your busy day to enjoy your surroundings. (Even for those of you who don't live here in the Great Northwest, there's beauty in nature all around us.)

*Steve Israel*

## SECRETARY REPORT

By Dee Israel  
Jan. Feb. March 2005



**EDUCATION:** Chair Judy Hastings advised she and Steve Israel are working on a tri-fold brochure as a handout to advertise the Education Kits. They believe this can be designed in house and the cost of printing will be all the Society will have to bear.

On Feb. 11<sup>th</sup>, 2005 JoAnne Matsumura and Judy Hastings went to The Enumclaw Rehab Center and showed a slide show and talked about the Black Diamond Museum to the residents.

The Black Diamond Community Center will be holding their annual Family Resource Night at the Elementary School on May 3<sup>rd</sup> this year. Judy Hastings is planning on being there to hand out brochures and talk to the visitors about the Museum and the educational programs that are available. A couple of "Black Diamond - Mining the Memories" books will be amongst the door prizes.

**FACILITIES & GROUNDS:** President Steve Israel and several of the Board Members met Thursday the 24<sup>th</sup> of February to dig a trench and lay drainage pipe, to eliminate the problem of water seepage in the basement of the Museum. The plan is to wait until the wall dries, and then paint the interior basement wall.

The whole floor of The Museum has now been insulated. The Maple Valley Rotary Club covered a major portion of the cost of this project. We sure do thank the Rotary for their help with this project.

The lady's restroom has a fresh coat of paint, and thanks to Joan Malgarini, both restrooms have new curtains on the windows.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Chair Dee Israel announced we now have **277 memberships**. Since the January newsletter, The Black Diamond Historical Society has gotten new memberships from: **Ted & Beth Barber, Cindy Bess, Marya Perkins Galvin, Mark & Dawn Johnston, Joann Nichols,**

**Paula Perkins, William & Karen Steele, Larry Sullivan, and Andy & Nancy Valaas.** We are pleased that you have become members and hope to see each of you many times at the Museum.

**NEWSLETTER/WEBSITE:** Chair Steve Israel has announced his plan to include a 4-month event calendar in the newsletter. Look for it on page 5.

**PROGRAMS:** Chair Howard Botts has arranged for Mr. Dick Peacock of the Maple Valley Historical Society to be here for the April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2005 Membership Meeting to talk about the Maple Valley Community.

Society Member Bill Kombol has produced a report on "Washington State Coal Mine Fatalities: 1885 - 1960". He has given a CD and a hard copy of it to the Archive Dept. of The Black Diamond Historical Society. Charles Payton of Heritage 4Culture highly praised Bill for this great piece of work.

**TOURS:** Chair Don Mason led a tour on January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2005 of the townsite of Franklin. There were 25 people on the tour, and they all seemed to be impressed with the pictures that Mr. Mason displayed, as well as his knowledge of the Town That Used To Be.

March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2005 a Cadillac Club came for a tour of The Museum. Several Cadillacs were on display. Members Gino Picini & Clayton Mead helped with the tour, as there were 82 guests.

April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2005 a Lincoln Club is scheduled for a Tour. Who is next, The Model T Club?

**WELSH HERITAGE DAY** is scheduled for June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2005. Plan on coming to this big event.

**NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR 1:30 on SUNDAY APRIL 10TH, 2005.**

## MEMORIAL DONATIONS

Memorial Donations:

*IN MEMORY* of **Ralph Estby**, a donation was made by Mary Freeman.

*IN MEMORY* of **Don Roehrick**, a donation was made by Charles & Ethel Johnson.

*IN MEMORY* of **Esther Vernarelli Babb**, a donation was made by Inez Aden.

*IN MEMORY* of **James Norman**, a donation was made by Jeanne Norman.

*IN MEMORY* of **Ernesta Franchini VanderHeyden**, donations were made by Esther Pennacchi Birch; Stan, Joan & Cathy Mettler; Mr. & Mrs. Louis Fontana; Dale & Sallie Palella; Jim VanderHeyden; Steve & Diane Franchini, Inez Aden, Carla J. Lowe and John & Suzie Morganti.

*IN MEMORY* of **Lyda Malgarini Hardin**, a donation was made by Mr. & Mrs. John Malgarini.

*IN MEMORY* of **Elsie Thompson Marchetti**, donations were made by Lynda Maks; Beth VanBuskirk and Lois Estby.

*IN MEMORY* of **Bill Parkin**, a donation was made by Ramon Kravagna.

*IN MEMORY* of **Meredith Parkin**, a donation was made by Ramon Kravagna.

## MONETARY DONATIONS

We wish to thank the following for their generous donations to the Black Diamond Historical Society. To the Archive Preservation Fund:

**Beverly Cooper**

To the general fund

**Marsh Mott**

**Mr. & Mrs. Chris Pieren**

**Mark & Dawn Johnston**

**Gladys Pierotti**

**Esther Birch**

**Leslie & Gayle Baumgartner**

**Josephine Long**

**Cindy Bess**

**Henry DeLauro**

These donations are greatly appreciated. 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.

## GUESTS

By: Doc Botts

During the months of **January, February and March of 2005** we had **639** visitors to the Museum.

There were visitors from **7** States: California, Idaho, Indiana, Montana,

Oklahoma, Oregon, and here in Washington. There were also people visiting from other places, such as Frankfurt, Germany.



## REMARKS MADE BY OUR GUESTS

Here are a few of the comments that were in our guest book this quarter:

**This stuff is way cool, Very interesting, Wonderful Museum, Very Educational & Fun, Super, (Very Impressive, the really old times!), Thank you, Wonderful Museum, Fantastic, One of the best, Great Presentation, Excellent, Wonderful Tour, Very Cool, Love it, Great, (Lovely, Thank you), Great to look at, Well organized, Enjoy the History, Great job, Precious Old Things, Fun to see, Very interesting & well presented, Kids love to come, and Talk was very interesting.**

## CALENDAR DATES TO REMEMBER

April 3rd - Daylight savings time begins

April 9th - City of Black Diamond Spring Special Collection and Recycling Event

**April 10th - Membership Program. Sunday at 1:30 at the Museum.** Guest Speaker: Dick Peacock from Maple Valley Historical Society talks about the Maple Valley area. Join us for food, fun, and see old friends!

April 29th - Arbor Day

May 1st - May Day

May 3rd - Safety Awareness Program

May 5th - Cinco de Mayo

May 8th - Mothers Day

May 21st - Armed Forces Day

**May 22nd - Board Meeting**

May 30th - Memorial Day

June 3rd - Black Diamond all school reunion. "Come Alive in '05". Don't miss it!

**June 4th - Welsh Heritage Day. Saturday from 12:00 to 3:00 at the Museum**

June 14th - Flag Day

**June 12th - Board Meeting**

June 19th - Fathers Day

June 21st - First Day of Summer

July 4th - Independence Day

**July 17th - Board Meeting**

Today's mighty oak is just yesterday's nut that held it's ground.

## TREASURES AND TRINKETS

New accessions and Acts of kindness  
By JoAnne Matsumura, Archivist

- ◆ **Roylene Callero Baker**-Photograph BD School Grade 2, 1948-49
- ◆ **Benders Collectibles**-Coins, B&W Co., Cumberland, Burnett Club
- ◆ **Lou Bischoff**-Photographs of past Welsh Heritage Days
- ◆ **Dorothy Botts**-Ceramic preservation treatment
- ◆ **Paul Botts**-Booklet, "Agreement, District #18 UMWof A and The Western Coal Operators Association"
- ◆ **Dennis Boxx**-Fish for the Thursday Crew, book "Coal" by Coca Cola 1949
- ◆ **Jackie Cedarholm**-Archive supplies
- ◆ **Foothills Historical Society**-Calendars, BD Garage & BD Pharmacy
- ◆ **Don Garrett**-Welsh song books, historic BDHS Calendars
- ◆ **Jane Gattavara**-Photographs Gattavara Family
- ◆ **Don Greggs**-Copies of documents of the John Family
- ◆ **Frank Grgurich**-School memorabilia, Photographs
- ◆ **Dee Israel**-News clippings
- ◆ **Bill Kombol**-Photograph, Mine & Miners probably at Ravensdale, WA, copy of a Thesis, New Black Diamond Mine-1929, Video "Christmas Coal Mine Miracle"
- ◆ **Ray Kravagna**-School books, photograph
- ◆ **Gary & Sharon LaChance**-UMWofA Ribbon 1898, oak sign holders
- ◆ **Jack Laney**-Books, WA Pioneers
- ◆ **Joan Malgarini**-For her creative exhibit work with the Flashlight Collection, nostalgic patterned curtains for the 'gents' bathroom
- ◆ **Robert Mann**-News clippings book from the Estate of Julia Mann
- ◆ **JoAnne Matsumura**-'Green River' pop bottle, toy doll





- ◆ **Clayton Mead**-Nostalgic men's ties & tie tack circa 1950s, Radio Tube, "Vanco" soap tin, typewriter ribbon tin cases
- ◆ **Jeanne Norman**-News clippings
- ◆ **Jeff & Carolyn Reed**-Floor model 49 Star Flag, USA
- ◆ **Bob Thompson**-Photographs of Bill, Jerry & Bob Thompson
- ◆ **Van's Upholstery**-Re-upholster dining room chair seat
- ◆ **Beth Botts Van Buskirk**-Mannequin
- ◆ **Pat Walsh**-Photograph
- ◆ **Lennie Sternig Witt**-Sternig family cabbage cutter circa 1911
- ◆ **Joe Zumek**-Refurbish Safety and Carbide lamps

Thank you one and all

# SPRING EVENT

SUNDAY APRIL 10th  
1:30 PM



## MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND GUEST SPEAKER:

**DICK PEACOCK**  
from the Maple Valley Museum will be  
speaking about the Maple Valley area.

## REFRESHMENTS !

## WELSH DAY CELEBRATION RAFFLE

June 4<sup>th</sup> is the date of this years big Welsh Day Celebration at the Black Diamond Museum. This year we are going to have a raffle. The proceeds from the raffle will help defray the cost of next year's **WELSH DAY CELEBRATION**, which we expect to be bigger and better than ever.

1<sup>st</sup> prize will be a beautiful 17" porcelain doll that has been donated by JoAnne Matsumura. The doll will be dressed in a handsome Welsh outfit that was hand made and donated by Beth VanBuskirk.

2<sup>nd</sup> prize is a basket of Welsh things, such as a Welsh cookbook donated by JoAnne Matsumura, a Welsh cup donated by Carole Watkins, a music CD of "The Red Dragon Band" donated by Jackie Cedarholm.

3<sup>rd</sup> prize is a wonderful coffee table book on Wales, donated by Baker Street Books.

Included with this newsletter are 5 raffle tickets. If you would like to enter to win one of these wonderful gifts, fill out one or more of these tickets and return to us along with \$1.00 for each ticket. Keep in mind that your friends, neighbors and relatives may like to purchase a ticket as well. Think of all the times that you have purchased Girl Scout cookies, candy bars, wrapping paper, magazine subscriptions, as well as their raffle tickets from them. Isn't it pay back time? Let us know if you need more tickets. Remember, the raffle will be held on June 4<sup>th</sup>, so you must have your tickets in by noon on that date.

**Mark Welsh Day on your calendar for June 4th (12:00 to 3:00). We hope to see you then.**

## BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

To Society Members:

- ◆ Inez Costi Aden-April 7<sup>th</sup>
- ◆ Esther Pennacchi Birch- May 27<sup>th</sup>
- ◆ Howard Botts-April 12<sup>th</sup>
- ◆ Gertrude Botts-May 11<sup>th</sup>
- ◆ Roy Callero Jr.-April 23
- ◆ Joe Darby-June 29<sup>th</sup>
- ◆ Ralph Dockham-June 28<sup>th</sup>
- ◆ Len Flothe-June-30<sup>th</sup>
- ◆ Ruth Ayers Hofto-May 13<sup>th</sup>
- ◆ Steve Israel-June 30<sup>th</sup>
- ◆ Leasha Tyerman Janet-April 16<sup>th</sup>
- ◆ Dawn Johnston-June 23
- ◆ Mary Savicke Keehner-June 27<sup>th</sup>
- ◆ Pauline Herbel Lane-June 15<sup>th</sup>
- ◆ Junette Larson-June 1<sup>st</sup>
- ◆ Betty Malgarini Manieri-April 6<sup>th</sup>
- ◆ Marsha Mott-April 12<sup>th</sup>
- ◆ Margaret Franz Pearce-June 17<sup>th</sup>
- ◆ Concelia Vernarelli Picini-June 11<sup>th</sup>
- ◆ Gino Picini-May 3<sup>rd</sup>
- ◆ Jean Sturton-June 26<sup>th</sup>
- ◆ Jerold Thompson-May 5<sup>th</sup>
- ◆ Ralph Uhrig-April 16<sup>th</sup>
- ◆ Mama Passarelli's-First Birthday-June

Have you sent us your date of birth?  
We love sending you greetings!

## SALUTING OUR VOLUNTEERS

By Don Botts, Volunteer Coordinator

If we tried to thank every volunteer that is going beyond the call of duty to keep this place running, we would fill the pages up. I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you, you know who you are. You aren't doing it for recognition anyway. It's your way of giving to the community, and getting a lot of satisfaction in return.

**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

February 11, 2005

“Dear JoAnne Matsumura, Archivist

Thanks very much for the assistance and hospitality you gave to the two of us when we visited the museum last fall. We’re sorry that it has taken so long to get back to you, but family business and some health issues seemed to have intervened. At the time we were there, we mentioned that our old car club group would like to visit the museum and we would be very pleased if we could set the date as March 5 (Saturday), 2005.....”

“.....One of the features of the Black Diamond Museum which we admired when we were there was the use of the old hand-lettered signs on the exhibits which, we thought, contributed much to the “originality” and charm of the displays. We hope that those can be kept as a part of the museum. Both of us have had some experience with museum and archival work, Ted being on the Board of Directors of the national Cadillac LaSalle Club’s Museum (still gathering its collection and working on a permanent site) and Beth is a former librarian and has consulted with the club’s museum board on various issues.

We hope that our proposed visit will be a success.

Sincerely,  
Ted & Beth Barber”

---

3/8/2005

“Regarding Black Diamond March 5  
JoAnne Matsumura, Gino Picini, Don Mason, and all  
the Black Diamond Museum staff,

Thank you very much for such a great time that we had last Saturday at the museum. I especially enjoyed talking with Mr. Picini; he’s quite an automotive historian in his own right. All the members of our club who attended were impressed with the museum and the hospitality we were shown there. Again, thank you very much.

Ted & Beth Barber”

“To All

I wish to thank all of you for doing such a fine job in bringing the Museum to the forefront as you have done. Also, the write up’s and display’s you have done about the Confectionary, and my Mother. Thank you very much.

Ior Davies”

---

Feb. 25, 05

“Museum Crew –

Hi – I’m Olga (Kezele) Saylor from New Plymouth, Id. I called Beth Botts VanBuskirk about Elsie’s passing and she suggested I mail a copy to you – so here it is. Beth & Elsie were friends since the 5<sup>th</sup> grade! I remember Clara and Vi & Chick Thompson – company store and sports!

I did visit the Museum two years ago and it was so nice and hope to do so the next time I am in the area. Keep up the good work!

Sincerely,  
Olga Saylor”

---

2-13-05

“Steve Israel

Dear Sir;

The enclosed clippings were from a long story on the life of Eda Vanni – you may have seen the article and if you have no need for the story. I remember him as a player – very well – we often went to Sick’s Stadium – on Wed nite – Ladies free & so was parking & a hot dog 5c – Eda was a big favorite.

Also the enclosed check is just in Memory of my father-in-law James Norman – to be used in whatever areas is needed – general use of?

Thank you for your time – always enjoy the Newsletter & my son is thoroughly enjoying The Old Days of Mining – it was a Christmas present & it pleased me to see him interested –

Sincerely –  
Jeanne Norman”



## Memories from the Past

It was a warm summer day that August 31<sup>st</sup> of 1936. She was standing on the Observations narrow boardwalk over the falls at the Green River Gorge, and enjoying the spray to cool her off from the warm summer heat. As she admired the beautiful scenery she decided to write that evening when she returned to Portland, Oregon, to Miss Margorie Redshaw in North Dakota about her visit to Black Diamond, and the Green River Gorge.

“Mrs. Ace took us to the Green River Gorge where it is awfully nice. The water was just roaring down. Would like to live here. Wish you were here with me. All the places marked with an X (on a post card of the Green River Gorge Falls) I have been. I picked up a stone for you from these Cascade Mountains. I have pressed all kinds of fruit leaves and shook a

plumptfull of a tree and ate 2. Saw grapes on vines, apples, apricots, walnuts, peaches, pears, & every fruit. The people we are staying with are very nice. Saw some cowboy & they are homlier than a mud fence. Any book that says they’re handsome is goofy, Ha Ha. Was lots of fun. Awfully pretty here. Lots of brooks & trees. Much Love, Sybil S.”

*Contributed by J.Matsumura, Private Collection*



**IN MEMORIAM**

✧ Gone but not forgotten ✧

**✧ Ernesta Franchini Vander Heyden**

She was known as Esther and in later years Ernesta. She was born on February 10, 1908 in Tuscany, Italy and passed away January 19, 2005. Ernesta, her two older sisters and mother arrived in Black Diamond, WA in 1909, where her father had just started work as a coal miner. Ernesta was the last surviving child of 8 children.

Ernesta was one of the three eldest surviving classmates of the Black Diamond High School graduating class of 1926. She is a member of the Black Diamond High School Alumni.

She was a Lifetime member of the Society and was a faithful donor. We enjoyed seeing her on her frequent visits to the Museum, attending the Membership Meetings and bringing her family over the years.

Ernesta gave of her time in volunteer work with 45 years to the Red Cross, teaching First Aid at most of the volunteer fire departments in North King County and South Snohomish county, and later Arlington's Food Bank. She worked for the Lake Washington School District in special education while living in Woodinville, WA from 1945 to 1976. By 2000 she had moved to Totem Lake.

Survivors include her children, James, Jeanette and Vanesa.

**✧ Marjorie Roberts**

Society member, Marjorie passed away on January 29, 2005. She was born May 5, 1925 in Aberdeen, WA, to parents Milo & Golda Robbins. In 1943 she married Conrad 'Coke' Roberts. Marjorie worked for Montgomery Ward and for Leadership West Corporation. Marjorie and Conrad raised four children.

Survivors include her husband Conrad and children, Randy, Eileen, Janice and Kristie.

**✧ Mary Elsie Thompson Marchetti**

Elsie, as she was known, was born April 29, 1920, to Henry (Harry) Corbin and Elsie J. Young Thompson. She passed away February 16, 2005. Was raised, schooled in Black Diamond, WA, and was a Graduate of the Black Diamond High School Class of 1938. She is a member of the Black Diamond High School Alumni.



She was the last surviving child of six children.

Elsie worked for the Department of Licenses, and at the White River Lumber Co. until 1942 when she married Jack Marchetti. He preceded her in death in 1988, as did her parents, three brothers; William, Robert, and John Thompson, two sisters; ClaraEtta Callero and Violet Campbell.

Elsie and Jack operated a small store in Black Diamond. She was also employed as a bank teller, escrow clerk and then to escrow officer.

Elsie became a Society Lifetime member in 1983 and was a frequent donor. Her contributions to the Museum, and Archives of school memorabilia is held in perpetuity for future generations.

She is survived by her daughter Merrilee Jay Brownell, grandson Sean Brownell, granddaughters and a great-grandson, Wesley Moore.

In 2003 Elsie wrote, "Black Diamond has many happy memories for me and I dearly love old Mt. Rainier looming up and watching over BD"

✦ **William ‘Bill’ Parkin Jr.**

Bill, as he was known, was born May 6, 1930 to William A. and Valeria Walczak Parkin. Bill passed away March 12, 2005.

Mr. Parkin was employed by the Coast Guard, G.S.A., and Anesthesia Supply Company.

He volunteered as an assistant scout leader. He was a member of the Society and a frequent donor. The many years of his presence and stories of the BPD Coal Mine Company, owned and operated by Bill Parkin Sr. and Pete Dearden, will be missed.

Survivors include, his wife Elsie Schoordyk Parkin, sons Michael, Steven and David, and a brother Robert.

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

✦ **Everett Swann**

To all who knew him he was always known as Evie. He passed away on March 27, 2005. He arrived in Black Diamond when just an infant and remained here all his life.

He attended the Black Diamond schools and was a graduate in 1938. He was a member of the Black Diamond High School Alumni.

After Evie served in the military he returned to Black Diamond and worked for a time at Boots Tavern and at The Boeing Company.

Evie has been a Lifetime member of the Society since 1986. It was always a pleasure to see Evie and his wife at the Society’s Membership Meetings.

Surviving is his wife Olga.

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



**COMPLETES FORTY YEARS IN SERVICE OF COMPANY**

“Celebrating the completion of 40 years in the service of the Pacific Coast Coal Company, Supt. J. J. Jones of Black Diamond, last Monday, August 6, enjoyed a family reunion at Lake Sawyer.

On August 6, 1883, J. J. Jones entered the service of the Pacific Coast Coal Company. Since that time his work has been almost continuously associated with the activities of the Company, with but two exceptions, one a short time spent on a farm and the other during his stay in Alaska.

He began as an oiler and sprager at Black Diamond, working one year at that task. The next year he was a gangway tender in the mine, after which he put in one year at each of the following tasks-mule driver in mine, chute starter and loader, timberpacker and helper, timberman and tracklayer.

Then for four years straight he worked digging coal, but left that to put in a year as a shot-lighter.

One year was then utilized in acquiring a business college training, followed by a year as timekeeper.

For three years he worked as a fireboss, going from that position to foreman and general foreman for four years before he entered the ranks as a superintendent. In all, Supt. Jones has remained in that capacity with the Pacific Coast Coal Company for thirteen years.

The only time not spent with the Company included four years on his father’s ranch, one year in Alaska prospecting, and two years in charge of the Guggenheim coal properties in Alaska.

No one need ask Supt. Jones for the secret of his success. It’s readily evident in the warmth of his smile and the genial radiance of his personality, behind which lies a dauntless determination to accomplish the tasks to which he sets himself.

Congratulations!”

*Pacific Coast Bulletin, August 9, 1923, Vol. 3 No. 32, Page 3, 4.*

Submitted by, JoAnne Matsumura, Private Collection (J.J.Jones, a Welshman appears in the WA Territorial Census of 1892 in Black Diamond, Page 103)

## “WHO AM I?” IDENTIFIED

By JoAnne Matsumura

In our January 2005 Newsletter, Page 4, we asked you to identify a photograph of the Black Diamond School, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade students, 1948-1949. We want to thank, Don Malgarini, Fred Weston, Marlene Bortleson and Roylene Callero Baker for their response. Roylene sent us a copy of the back of her photograph wherein her mother Dyllys Merryfield Callero had written the students names.

Roylene told us that, “To my surprise, I looked across the page from Roy Callero’s picture (in memoriam) to see *my* fourth grade picture.”

In the front row, from left to right is: Mike, Moshier, Adrian Petchnik, Kenny Lloyd, Gerrie Darby, Bob Malgarini, Patricia Hindes, and Jackie Johnsons.

In the middle row: Teacher, Mrs. Walcott, Janet Dodd, Jan Eltz, Patty Rossi, Connie Flanders, Billy Bremmeyer or Marvin McIntosh, Nita Gray, and Roylene Callero.

In the back row: Linda Henry, LaValle Richardson, Birl (Berle) Perotti, Robert Stark, Paul Kravagna and ? Barnes.

We welcome corrections. Bill Bremmeyer, if you are reading this, we want to hear from you, and set the record correctly. Is that you in the middle row? We also received the following names towards identifying some of the individuals. They are: Sharon and Karen Tonkin, Gene Marangon and Darlene Poleski.

Thank you.

## SALUTING OUR VOLUNTEERS

By Don Botts, Volunteer Coordinator

We welcome new and returning volunteers:

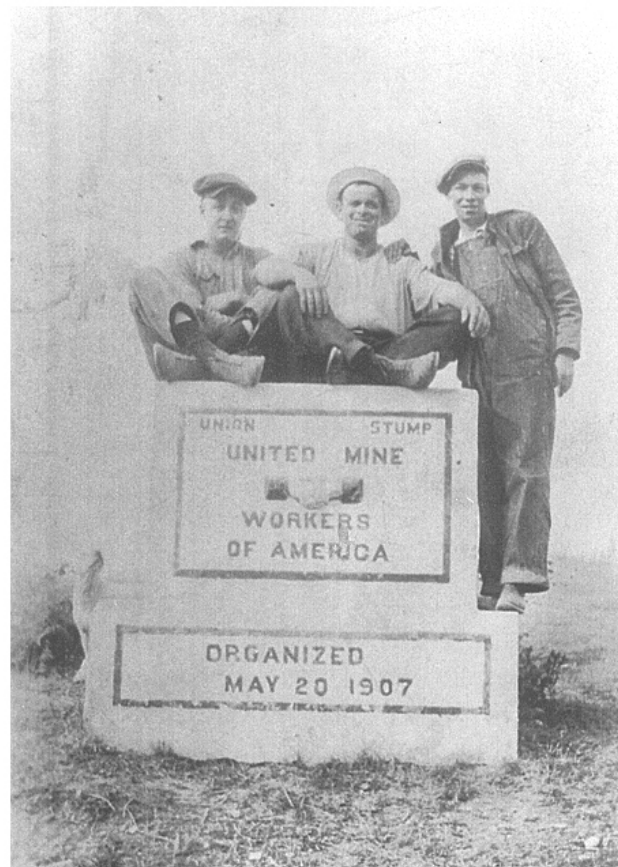
We salute each of you.

- ◆ Dorothy Corlett
- ◆ Lois Thomas Estby
- ◆ Nila Farrell
- ◆ Carole Watkins

## WHO AM I?

The Union Stump, and three playful looking men, about 1921-1922. The man on the left is Jim Gattavara. One of the others is “Cherry Nose”. Do you remember him? Or the other person? Let us know who they are. Please call, write, e-mail us or come to the Museum and let us know. Thank you! We thank Member Jane Gattavara for donating this image.

BDHS #2005.18



**WHO: The Black Diamond Historical Society**

**WHAT: SEVENTH ANNUAL  
WELSH HERITAGE DAY  
CELEBRATION**

**WHEN: SATURDAY, JUNE 4, 2005  
12:00 (NOON) TO 3:30 P.M.  
(PROGRAM STARTS AT 1:30)**

**WHERE: THE BLACK DIAMOND MUSEUM  
32627 RAILROAD AVENUE  
BLACK DIAMOND, WA 98010**

**WHY: Meet Welsh descendents, share stories,  
pictures and memorabilia. Hear Welsh music and  
enjoy Welsh cakes. Many people of Welsh heritage  
were involved in the coal mining of the  
Black Diamond area.**

**BLACK DIAMOND MUSEUM  
WELSH HERITAGE DAY  
JUNE 4, 2005 RAFFLE**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY STATE ZIP

PHONE NUMBER

Return this ticket with \$1.00 by noon on June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2005

To: Black Diamond Historical Society  
P.O. Box 232 (32627 Railroad Ave.)  
Black Diamond, WA 98010

**BLACK DIAMOND MUSEUM  
WELSH HERITAGE DAY  
JUNE 4, 2005 RAFFLE**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY STATE ZIP

PHONE NUMBER

Return this ticket with \$1.00 by noon on June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2005

To: Black Diamond Historical Society  
P.O. Box 232 (32627 Railroad Ave.)

**BLACK DIAMOND MUSEUM  
WELSH HERITAGE DAY  
JUNE 4, 2005 RAFFLE**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY STATE ZIP

PHONE NUMBER

Return this ticket with \$1.00 by noon on June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2005

To: Black Diamond Historical Society  
P.O. Box 232 (32627 Railroad Ave.)  
Black Diamond, WA 98010

**BLACK DIAMOND MUSEUM  
WELSH HERITAGE DAY  
JUNE 4, 2005 RAFFLE**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY STATE ZIP

PHONE NUMBER

Return this ticket with \$1.00 by noon on June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2005

To: Black Diamond Historical Society  
P.O. Box 232 (32627 Railroad Ave.)  
Black Diamond, WA 98010

**BLACK DIAMOND MUSEUM  
WELSH HERITAGE DAY  
JUNE 4, 2005 RAFFLE**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY STATE ZIP

PHONE NUMBER

Return this ticket with \$1.00 by noon on June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2005

To: Black Diamond Historical Society  
P.O. Box 232 (32627 Railroad Ave.)  
Black Diamond, WA 98010

**BLACK DIAMOND MUSEUM  
WELSH HERITAGE DAY  
JUNE 4, 2005 RAFFLE**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY STATE ZIP

PHONE NUMBER

Return this ticket with \$1.00 by noon on June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2005

To: Black Diamond Historical Society  
P.O. Box 232 (32627 Railroad Ave.)  
Black Diamond, WA 98010



## Membership and Renewal Form

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ St \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Eve Phone \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth (Optional) \_\_\_\_\_

If this is a gift, who is it from?  
\_\_\_\_\_

### Annual Membership Fees

|                     |          |                          |
|---------------------|----------|--------------------------|
| Individual          | \$10.00  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Family              | \$15.00  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Organization        | \$30.00  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Lifetime Individual | \$100.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Donation            | \$ _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other _____         | \$ _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Total Enclosed      | \$ _____ |                          |

New   
 Renewal   
 Cash   
 Check

Ck # \_\_\_\_\_

Make Check Payable to:

**BDHS**

Mail to:

**Black Diamond  
 Historical Society**

**PO Box 232**

**Black Diamond, WA 98010**

***For our records, on all checks please note purpose of check. (Dues, Donation, Memorial, etc.)***

For Museum Use Only

Date

Initials

File

## AROUND TOWN

The Black Diamond Cemetery has great historic value. Our Museum Board came up with the idea to photograph all of the headstones. We will then merge them with the cemetery records, and upon request, we will be able to provide the public with a photo of any headstone.

As stones receive damage from the environment and from vandals, we found a way to, at the very least, preserve an image of the stone. This will also provide a way for family members to get a picture of their relative's headstone, even if they live far away. (Many people researching family information do this.)

Museum Members Dave and Jane Jones; Darryl, Jackie and Jacob Buss; and Steve and Dee Israel are the volunteers doing the photography. 4-Culture of King County is providing funding in the form of a grant. The City of Black Diamond is providing the map and records.

Take a stroll through the cemetery when you visit the Museum on June 4th for the Welsh Day Celebration.





**Black Diamond Historical Society  
P.O. Box 232  
Black Diamond, WA 98010-0232**

NONPROFIT ORG.  
U.S. POSTAGE  
**PAID**  
BLACK DIAMOND, WA  
PERMIT NO. 17

**ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED**

**Red check on label indicates  
your membership is due.**

**Semi-Annual Membership  
Meeting**

**Sunday April 10  
1:30 PM**

**Come and join us for fun and food!  
Guest Speaker from Maple Valley**

---

**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.**