

Black Diamond Historical Society



MUSEUM HOURS

Saturday & Sunday --- Noon to 3:00
Thursday---- 9:00 am to 4:00 pm
For special arrangements or tours,
call: 360-886-1168 or 886-2327
Museum---- 360-886-2142

JUNE '95

Black Diamond, WA

B.D.H.S. Newsletter

Published by the Black Diamond Historical Society, a Non-profit organization

Membership fees, which includes a subscription to this newsletter are:

- Annual Membership---- \$5.00
- Family, Annual ----- \$7.00
- Lifetime ----- \$50.00
- Family Lifetime ---- \$75.00
- Business, Annual --- \$15.00

Send dues to :

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

Editor---- Vivian Bainton 886-2074

IN MEMORIUM

Raymond Bisyak--- Former book-keeper for a mining company in Black Diamond. Husband of Ann.

MEMORIALS

ELVA LOMBARDI--- Margaret Lombardi

THANKS

THANKS

THANKS

THANKS

THANKS

THANKS

Denny DiJulio donated money to help pay for the lunches for the Thursday work crew.

Albert Rossi donated a sausage stuffer and a vegetable slicer.

Joe Kuzaro brought in a very lovely chair and a turn of the century picture of the Pike Place Market.

Gino Picini brought in a very large mule deer head which is over a hundred years old from the information he has.

Special thanks to Bob Eaton for all his work on the historic preservation for Black Diamond.

Gino Picini always does a lot of work on the grounds at the Museum. This time he brought along two of his grandsons to help him plant many impatiens along the front. Flowers always add so much in the form of saying welcome to all the visitors.

AWARDS OF APPRECIATION

Donald Botts and Gerald Bainton were recognized by the Association of King County Historical Organization for their time and work at the Museum. The 1995 Award program was held on May 30th at which time the certificates were presented.

Don and Gerald work on the Thursday work crew. This gang is always looking for more volunteers. All the upkeep and new projects at the museum are done by this crew. Come join them.

JUNE 1995

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

JUNE 11, 1995 at the Museum at 1:00 P.M.

This will be a general membership meeting. We need to start planning for the annual Labor Day celebration. What would you like to see. Are you willing to help and do you have any good ideas we need to hear? Come and share, the more ideas the better!

Do you want an entry in the parade, what other activities can you think of?

One suggestion is to take the baggage cart in the parade. Sounds like a great idea!

VISITORS

As is usual with the change in the weather each year the people start coming to the museum more. Late Spring always brings the school buses full of children on their field trips. But we have also had a great many adult visitors. On Sunday May 14th, Don Botts was on duty at the museum. He welcomed 121 people!!! This may be a record.

Don is also the chairman for scheduling people to be host and hostess for the museum. Why not come and help him out sometime? Give him a call so he can put your name on the schedule too.

WELCOME WELCOME WELCOME

We have a new staff member. Her name is Grigoruk Nadezhda and she is the lady who now does the cleaning at the museum. Things do sparkle and shine. She is a very welcome addition to the group who work so hard to make the museum successful. I heard by the grapevine that she also does some great cooking and the Thursday crew will test her wares next week. A warm welcome to her!

Looking for something different to give as a gift or would you like to have something for yourself? Come see what we have at the Museum. There really are a lot of items you can purchase. They make wonderful gifts. Tee shirts are \$6.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children. Several of the old calendars are still available.. those pictures are great and certainly show a big part of the history of our area. The cost is only \$3.00. There are several other pictures for only \$1.00 each. Bumper stickers, labor day buttons, coal car decals, and Black Diamond stickers all cost only 50¢ each. What a Buy! There are a few plates and ashtrays too. And of course we have the two most famous items, the Coal Candy and the book Mining the Memories, how can you miss if you give one of those?

These are some of the items which are sold to make a little money to help keep the museum going. The donation jar is always ready to receive a little something too.

Ted Barner brought in a card the other day for:

The MUMBLERS & GRUMBLERS Over the Hill Club
Meets daily at 8:00 a.m.
Foodmill Cafe- Albany, Oregon

Members welcome
Advise Available on Anything.

This of course started a whole conversation on a number of things with as the card stated " advise available on anything".

JUNE 1995

Black Diamond to become an Historic Preservation City?

As mentioned on the front page, Bob Eaton has been working for some time on a project which could give the City such a title.

Perhaps it is not something which you have thought about. It could have a significant impact on some individual homes as well as some of the city's projects. Money could be available for restoring the old buildings in the area. It is not complicated and it does not cost to be a part of the program.

Apparently the city would have to post a bond but there are no other fees. It is possible there could be much done for the cemetery with such funds, including the care on an ongoing basis. Perhaps there is some point we do not understand, but we feel the City should get on with this project and see how much can be done.

Funds will be available for individual homes also. Contact Bob Eaton for more information. 886-2327.

Hopefully the City Council will reach a favorable decision on the interlocal agreement with King County at the next council meeting.

Black Diamond Eagles Green River Auxilliary #1490

" In the year 1927 - June 22nd to be exact - 25 young women of the then booming community of Black Diamond organized the Ladies Auxiliary to Aerie #1490 Fraternal Order of Eagles.

These women passed onto us the spirit of community service, faith and love of our fellowmen."

The above information was taken from a cookbook presented to the Museum by Joe Kuzaro. No date is listed in the book, does anyone know when it was printed? It is the Bicentennial Cook Book for the Ladies Auxiliary 1490. This is one of the oldest organizations in our area. Perhaps one of you could provide us with a little history of the auxiliary and the aerie as well.

FAMILY HISTORIES

We have recently covered the mines which are what established the community which became Black Diamond. We would like to now do some stories on the people who made up the community. I do not know the stories and so I am asking for your help. Please let me hear from any of you who may have information which we could share. There are so many young people who are interested in the history of Black Diamond who do not have an opportunity to hear first hand the accounts of what life was like years ago for the miners and their families. We would like to tell those stories here.

I have been dissappointed that I did not get much response to the previous request for information about different people who used to live here. Perhaps we can do better this time around.

Write or a call will do. Just address it to the museum.

Do you patronize our advertizers? We sure hope you do!

Remember making homemade root beer and wines? Does anyone have a receipe for wine made with thistles or nettles? How about a story or two about those events?

Joe Kuzaro remembers collecting old wine bottles to get those dimes for. Sometimes the drinkers were crafty with where those bottles were stashed though.

Carl Steiert remembers when the houses used to have cedar posts for supports underneath. Some one used some of those posts as kindling to start their fires. The posts were so whittled away on it was a wonder the house still stood.

Ernie Eltz used to deliver papers. Sometimes with an assist in Carl's Model T.

+++++++ ++++++++ ++++++++

Then there was the time when the owner of the store got angry because a dog used to lift it's leg at the store front. That front just happened to be metal.. a little electricity was applied. Only one dog ever used that store front one time thereafter.

***** Happiness is good health and a bad memory. *****

Perhaps we should take a few minutes to look at what is happening in Black Diamond now. We are growing rapidly. Down in Morganville there are several small developments consisting of five to eight houses. The top of Lawson has literally blossomed with homes. The north end of town has had a new housing area for a few years now. On the Ravensdale road we see many new structures going up. There are also many new individual homes. Morgan Drive has a development underway. Abrams Avenue (Chub Lake Road) has 28 new homes. Recently we had a new street added with homes next to the cemetery.

Business is developing more slowly here. But there still are many changes. The bakery has expanded to at least triple it's size and includes a candy shop, gift shop, coffee shop and a dining area.

The old confectionery is now an antique shop along with a glass business. The sport shop is moving into a new building which is a few doors closer to town.

There are other changes too- we will try to cover some of them in a later edition.

So many changes have occurred that it is really no longer the same town it used to be.

Out of the past...

From the Pacific Coast Bulletin May 24, 1922

Library Open Four Days in Every Week.

With the receipt of some 380 books the Black Diamond circulating library has been opened in the back room of the Real Estate office and for the time being is in charge of P.N. Kurth and A.W. Gray. Present arrangements call for open hours on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 6 to 7 p.m. while on Sunday the library will be open only from 1 to 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

Those in charge of the library request that all books borrowed be returned by the 25th of the month in which they are taken. In addition they ask that children not be sent for books.

The average time between throwing something away and needing it is about two weeks.

!!

If it works right the first time, you've obviously done something wrong.

+++++++

The word "necessary" seldom is.

**THE
Hardware Store, Inc.**

**Do-it
center.**

Stan & J Johnson

432-3384

AT FOUR CORNERS
MAPLE VALLEY

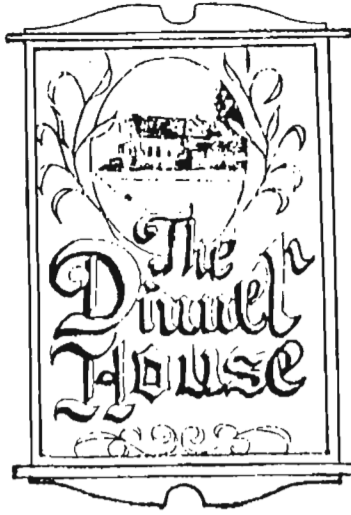
BLACK DIAMOND AUTO PARTS

886-1133

Mon. - Fri. 8 - 6

Sat. 9 - 5

3rd & Lawson



in Black Diamond
A Fine Dining Establishment

*One of Black Diamonds'
Historical Landmarks*

886-2524

*Reservations are recommended
Mon.-Sat. 4 pm - 10 pm
Sunday 2 pm - 9 pm*

*Serving
Cocktails and Wine*

*Specializing in
Banquets and Wedding Receptions*

TRM
Wood Products Co., Inc.

4 CORNERS

(206) 432-1222

WHOLESALE RETAIL

Vesey Insurance Agency

Home • Auto • Business • Life

825-5508

Greg Vesey

1609 Cole Street
Enumclaw, WA 98022



D & H Creations

*Porcelain Doll Classes & Supplies
Antique Clock Repair*

Dorothy & Howard Botts

P.O. Box 261
Black Diamond, WA 98010

(206) 886-2692

(206) 886-2313

Senior Discount

Diamond Designs

Hair Salon

Haircuts • Perms • Frosts • Tints • Ear Piercing

ROBIN EMMONS
Owner

32604 Highland Drive
Black Diamond, WA 98010

PALMER COKING COAL CO.



RED CINDERS
GRAVEL

- WASHED
 - CRUSHED
- TOP SOIL
-
- FIREWOOD

PO Box 10 • 31407 Hwy 169
Black Diamond, WA 98010

360-886-2841 • 206-432-4700
FAX 206-432-3883

*Call for prices
U-Haul or We Deliver*

Duane and Fay Weeks

FLOTHE'S INSURANCE AGENCY

MARILYN PEDERSEN

"INSURANCE OF ALL KINDS"

32621 3RD AVE., BOX 658
BLACK DIAMOND, WA 98010
886-2772

**WEEKS'
ENUMCLAW
FUNERAL HOME**

825-3548

Local Family Owned
Funeral Home

32505 - 2nd
Black Diamond, WA 98010

William Luke Family



Black Diamond Historical Society
Box 232 Black Diamond, WA 98010

NONPROFIT ORG.
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
BLACK DIAMOND, WA
PERMIT NO. 19



Busy B Gifts
Handcrafted gift items

Gerald & Vivian Bainton
32601 Abrams Ave.
Black Diamond, WA 98010

886-2074
Open Wed - Sun
10 am - 5 pm

MARJIE R. KARI,
General Manager***

**FRANK'S MEAT MARKET
& SAUSAGE COMPANY**

"Serving This Area Since 1936"

Market 432-2685
Evenings 886-2685

FRANK ZUMEK, JR.
Black Diamond, WA

A Friendly Place to Shop

**Black Diamond
Red Apple**

Black Diamond, WA

**JR AND THE GANG
WELCOME YOU!**

STORE HOURS:
Monday thru Saturday
7 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Sunday
7 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Black Diamond Automotive

32607 - 3rd Ave.

Jim Kemmer - Darwin Glaser

Custom Exhaust
Complete Auto Repair
Tires - Batteries
Arc & Gas Welding

886-2800

Diamond Auto Rebuild

All types of Glass and Body Work

Free Estimates

886-2200

Larry Romine
32619 3rd Avenue

Black Diamond