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Black Diamond WA 98010

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MEMBERSHIP FEES

Personal, Annual - \$5.00
Family, Annual - \$7.00
Business, Annal - \$15.00

MUSEUM HOURS

Saturday and Sunday
Noon to 3:00 PM
Thursday
9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Special hours may be arranged by calling 360-886-1168 or
360-886-2327

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Ernest Romedo Mr & Mrs Charles Thompson, Carl & Ann Steiert, Olga & Everett Swann

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Charles (Chick) Thompson Donald Botts, Bill & Stella Oakes, Patty Weston, Lynda Maks, Mr & Mrs Walt Schokecht, Frank Paul Grgurich

Julia Suhovernik Sylvia Manowski

Charles Freeman West Side Italian Club, John Bellene, Stella Oaks, Lynda Maks, Patty Weston, Frederick Englehardt, Elsie Marchetti, Jack Thompson, Jerry Thompson, Carolyn Condito

Lucille Barner Bill & Lenore Stranz, Pinocle Club; Olive Parkin, Helen Manowski, Janet Dodd, Emma Sigmund, Carl & Ann Steiert, Lois Bartholamew, Beth VanBuskirk

Note: All names will be posted on the Memorial Board in the Museum

In Memorium

Charles (Chick) Thompson Husband of Irene

Ernest Romedo Husband of Irmgard

Norman Konoske Son of Rosemary

Mae (Kelly) Manowski Mother of Kelly and James DeMarco

DONATIONS

MANY THANKS TO ALL OF THOSE WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THE MUSUEM IN THE PAST FEW MONTHS. THIS IS THE WAY WE CONTINUE TO EXPAND OUR DISPLAYS AND TO HAVE A BETTER HISTORY OF OUR PAST.

Robert Eaton III a much needed computer.

Mike Meyers a non-electric waffle maker which he found in the house which used to belong to the Tratniks

Ed, Shannon, and Claire O'Connor an early electric stove in exceptionally great condition.

Harold Anderson In memory of OTTO MATSON, his Dad's 2 muzzel loaders.

Irma Romedo In memory of ERNIE ROMEDO 3 photographs and a handmade, wooden change maker

Boeing Company Map cabinet.

Linda Readdy Sewing machine and an adding machine.

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 7 and 14 Franklin

Franklin Historian Don Mason will take the group on a walking tour of FRANKLIN. He will be using pictures as well as a talk along the way. Rain or shine!!!

Bring your umbrellas.

Meet at the Museum at 1:00 PM Saturday is a great day for a walk.

February 8 Membership Meeting

Regular meeting to be held at 1 PM at the Museum. Never been to a meeting? Well it's time to come join us. As usual bring your ideas too.

Every Thursday we hold a work party at the Museum. Everyone is welcome.

MUSEUM COLLECTIONS WORKSHOP

Saturday March 7 , 9AM to 2PM RESERVATIONS REQUIRED
HOW TO DOCUMENT AND CARE FOR MUSEUM COLLECTIONS

Limited to 20 registered attendees. Cost is \$10.00.

This workshop is to be presented by Micki Ryan. 9AM to 12Noon will be a lecture, 12:30 to 2PM will be hands-on. Each participant may bring one item from their collection to process.

Bring a sack lunch. Drinks will be provided.

To register please send your check to :

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PLEASE mark it clearly for "collections workshop".

Questions ? Call Vivian at 360-886-2074.

MICKI RYAN is a professional archivist currently working at the Black Diamond Museum under a King County Special Projects grant.

She has provided basic collections care and management workshops to several King County historical organizations including, Burien Historical Society, Woodinville Historical Society, Ballard Historical Society, AKCHO, Black Heritage Society, and Bellevue Historical Society.

She is currently President of Northwest Archivists, a professional organization covering five states: Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, and Alaska.

Remember we are limited to 20 registered attendees; register now.

Letter to the editor:

I have enjoyed reading your quarterly newsletters as I receive them for my mother, Mary Troyer-Montgomery. My mother and her family grew up in Black Diamond and lived there through all the trials and tribulations of the coal strikes, etc. They lived across the street from the ball field, as I recall, where she met my father who was playing semi-professional baseball for the Pacific Coast Coal League.

My mother had many stories of the church at St Barbaras, and stories of travelling to the many lakes in the area and swimming. I specifically recall numerous outings to a lake she called Lake Fourteen.

All of my mother's brothers and sisters grew up and lived in Black Diamond before eventually moving to Seattle in the early 1930s. Some of your readers may be interested to know that my mother, Mary, and her sister, Amy, died within days of each other in December 1996. They were the last survivors of a family who immigrated to Black Diamond at the turn of the century. They raised four children, all of whom were involved in the Black Diamond community until they graduated from high school and moved on.

Sincerely, Frederick Montgomery, M.D.

VOLUNTEERS

Linda Reddy is now our new treasurer. Noni Coby has taken a new job and is therefore taking some time off. Linda will be filling in for her.

Rose Guidetti who has done such a wonderful job of scheduling the lunches for the Thursday work crew is undergoing chemo-therapy at this time and is unable to do the work right now. We need someone to take on that job.... any volunteers? Call Ann if you are interested or come to the Museum on a Thursday and see what it's all about.

Our many many thanks to Rose for all the work she has done, the Thursday crew especially appreciates her efforts.... they always say they haven't had a bad lunch yet.

REMEMBER THE SOCIETY MEETING: SUNDAY FEBRUARY 8 : 1 PM

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?!?

We would like to run a feature to let everyone know where all the people who used to live in Black Diamond are now. Since I ran across this article recently I thought I would begin with the Zumek brothers. This is from an old newspaper article written on June 30, 1953.

The Three Zumek Brothers Who Own and Operate Black Diamonds Modern Grocery and Market

The Zumek Brothers, of Black Diamond, to many people in the community need no introduction. These boys not only operate Black Diamond's Modern Grocery and Meat Market, but they are all very civic minded, and are a real asset to the community.

Louis and Francis, father and mother to the boys have lived in Black Diamond the past 29 years. They are still both very active in and about town.

Frank Zumek, the oldest of the boys, is 35 years of age and was born in Somerset, Colorado in 1918. He is married to Lois Thomas, also of Black Diamond, and they have two boys, 10 and 12 years old, who attend the Black Diamond Elementary School. Incidentally, Frank is chairman of the Black Diamond No. 190 school board, and is also a member of the volunteer fire department. For several years before Frank joined up with his brothers, he owned and operated Frank's Meat Market of Black Diamond.

Tom Zumek is 31 years of age and was also born in Somerset, Colorado and he too came to Black Diamond 29 years ago with his parents. He served one year in the Air Corp during the 2nd World War. Tom is married to Georgia Duncan of Black Diamond and they have one little boy and a small daughter. Tom is Chief of the King County Fire Protection District No. 17 and has done a remarkable job of organizing this fine fire department. He is highly regarded throughout the entire community for his loyalty to the town.

Joe Zumek is the youngest of the brothers, he is 28 years old and was born in Black Diamond, in 1924. Joe enlisted and spent 27 months in the army during World War 2 and can tell many hair-raising stories of his experiences. He too is a member of the volunteer fire department.

These three fine young men own and operate Black Diamond's Modern Market and Grocery. Here at Zumek's the house-wife can do her shopping, and will find every household necessity, in the way of groceries and meats, poultry in season, etc. The prices too are in line with those big chain stores, so there really is no object in traveling

miles when ones needs can be taken care of right here at home.

The building shown in this article (sorry we do not have it for our current issue) was originally located on Lawson Hill, near Lake Twelve, and was moved to Black Diamond about 40 years ago, by the Pacific Coast Coal Co. who owned and operated a general store then. Harry McDowell later bought it from the Coal Co. and operated a General Store, and after his death, Mrs. McDowell sold it in 1947 to the Zumek brothers.

Where are they now? Frank is deceased , his wife Lois is still in the area.

Tom and Georgia still reside in Black Diamond and Tom is still keenly interested in the City.

Joe and his wife Eileen are also in the Black Diamond area but since their retirement they like to winter in the south.

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Let's hear from some of you, when were you in Black Diamond and where are you now along with any tidbits you'd like to share with us.  
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Of Special note; two of our wonderful ladies here in town celebrated their 90th birthdays in the past several months. Ann Donati in August and Verna Thompson in October. Belated birthday wishes to both.

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Should we continue with our idea for a cook book/ history book?  
Not very many of you sent in your recipes. I know there are many wonderful ones around ... you still have time to get a copy to me. The deadline is February 28.  
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