



# Newsletter

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### The Museum is located at:

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Black Diamond, Washington

### Museum Hours:

Thursday 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.  
Saturday Noon - 3:00 p.m.  
Sunday Noon - 3:00 p.m.

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

### Everyone is Welcome!

## Museum Report

What's Been Happening at the Museum This Spring -- and, The Things we Need to do Next

By Bob Eaton

The big item of importance the past few months was the *Puget Sound Welsh Society* meeting held at the Black Diamond Museum on May 22nd. Between the Welsh group and general visitors, the museum attendance was 185 plus, not an all time high, but a very good day!

Don Mason will report on the Welsh activities in another article in this newsletter.

The bad wooden step in front of the Jail was replaced with concrete blocks by Don Botts and Bill Luke. This step should last for a while longer than the old wood one. Bob Burdick has been organizing the displays

on the lower floor. Good job, Bob!

Has any one missed the "Draghi" Coal car that usually is on the RR track in front of the Museum? It was loaned to the Covington Les Schwab Tire Store for their "Gold Rush" promotion month. Also on loan to the Black Diamond Grade School were the baseball trophies, baseball uniform, glove and score board for an assembly.

And the Museum's travelling Mining Display kits put together by Michelle Ferry are on loan to the Enumclaw school.

These last two items are the Museum program working with schools to bring past history alive. This is ongoing and will continue into future school years.

Another item of major importance is the Museum received a major grant from King County Cultural Resources Div. To replace the roof on the Museum, caboose, jail and all other buildings. This is expected to start in July when there is less chance of rain???



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## Welsh Heritage Program

The Welsh Heritage Program sponsored by the *Black Diamond Historical Society* and the *Puget Sound Welsh Society* on Saturday, May 22 was a huge success! The Museum was decorated for the occasion and programs were shown. Don Mason went all out on this one! 189 people attended!

See the article by JoAnne Matsumura on Pages 6-7.

We hope to do similar events for other groups in the future. If others are interested in an event like this, please contact the Museum.



**Membership Fees:**

Personal, Annual	\$ 5.00
Family, Annual	\$ 7.00
Business, Annual	\$15.00
Lifetime	\$50.00

**Payable to:**

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

**Society Officers:**

President: Bob Eaton  
Vice-President: Don Botts  
Sec./Treas: Linda Ready  
Trustees: Carl Steiert  
Ann Steiert  
Evan Morris  
Don Mason  
(Open)  
(Open)  
(Open)

**Volunteers:** (Listed on Page 3)

Docents  
Thursday Crew  
Thursday Cooks

Newsletter Bill Luke  
Cookbook Betty Luke

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## Society Report:

The Summer meeting will be held at the Museum on Sunday, August 15, 1999 at 2:00 p.m. We plan to have refreshments and a program about many types of Museums across the US, so be there! Activities will start at 12:00 noon.



## Editor's Column

By Bill Luke

The first attempt at trying some new things with the *BDHS Newsletter* turned out with mixed results. I have heard that many people liked the format and the content. I appreciate that. And, I want to express thanks and appreciation to Dave of **Four Corners Printing** who did such an excellent job of printing, especially the photos.

But! There were too many things wrong, most of them caused by a software that was incompatible for printing from disk, so several columns were incomplete, with the last line or two missing. Betty and I had left on our trip, so I didn't proof the final as I should have. We hope to correct that problem.

Another apology! See the **correction** on the next page. I strongly believe that we can be embarrassed by misspellings, but never with such things as that! Nor, wrong phone numbers or addresses. Each of you should check carefully that no wrong information is published without correction.

This incident serves as a reminder. Whenever you write a check to the Treasurer, be sure to identify its purpose! Somewhere in the system, the wrong information got to me.

We have become aware that the **mailing list** is not current, nor cor-

rect for many names and addresses. Your help is needed by the circulation and mailing staff of the *BDHS Newsletter*. The mailing list **MUST** be current, accurate and complete. If your address is not correct, please let us know. If you know of someone who should be getting the Newsletter please ask them to write to the Editor, or Treasurer. We at the Museum are trying hard to be sure that everything is correct.

We are trying to get things right with the Post Office. There are new USPS regulations since the first of the year. The design of the back page for the mailing label, return address, etc. has been developed to conform with those regulations.

Also, I encourage everyone to write something for the readers of the *BDHS Newsletter*. You will see that I "invited" Betty to be a guinea pig this month. I hope that kind of an article is of interest, and that others will follow the example.

Do you want to see old photos? And new photos, for comparison? Do you have some to share? How about the "Where are They Now?" feature? I will appreciate letters and contributions to make this newsletter interesting to all.

And, finally, come on down to the Museum for the Members' Meeting so we can all share ideas about the future of the Society and the Museum!

*Bill*

- - - *Volunteers* - - -

**Docents**

**Coordinator:** Don Botts

**Host/Hostess:**

- Don Botts
- Mary Lou Bovee
- Mary Chilcott
- Charlie & Dorothy Corlett
- Florence Garrett
- Ethel Duncan
- Donna Gouchenour
- Betty Luke
- Don Mason
- Carl & Ann Steiert

**Thursday Crew**

**Coordinator:** Bob Eaton

**Crew:**

- Don Botts
- Bob Burdick
- Charlie Corlett
- Bob Eaton
- Betty Luke
- Bill Luke
- Don Mason
- Ann Steiert
- Carl Steiert
- Ann Taylor

**Thursday Cooks**

**Coordinator:** Beth VanBuskirk

**Cooks:** *(Could use more helpers!)*

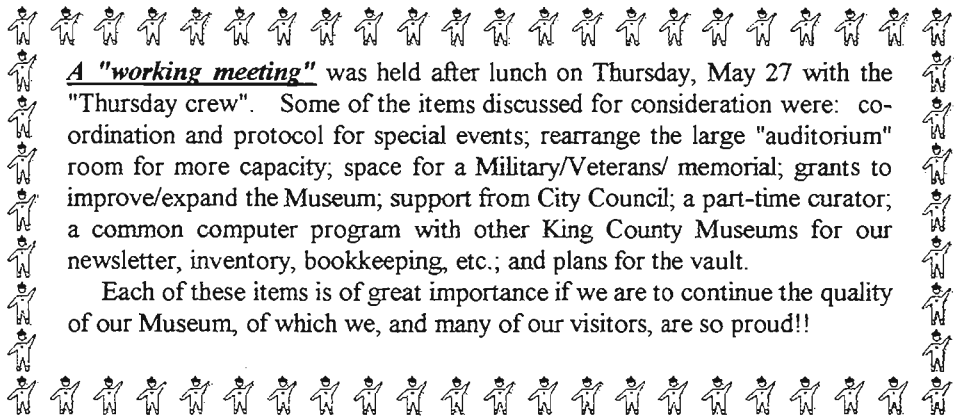
- Charlene Birklid
- Marlene Bortleson
- Evelyn Dal Santo
- Ethel Duncan
- Rosemary Kanoske
- Betty Luke
- Linda Maks
- Nancy Mead
- Jill Sena
- Ann Steiert
- Beth VanBuskirk
- Muriel Waldo
- Eileen Zumek

**Visitors:**

*(See the list on page 11)*

**Monthly Totals:**

- April - 255
- May - 539
- June - 103 *(through 6th)*  
*(Reported by Betty Luke)*



**A "working meeting"** was held after lunch on Thursday, May 27 with the "Thursday crew". Some of the items discussed for consideration were: coordination and protocol for special events; rearrange the large "auditorium" room for more capacity; space for a Military/Veterans/ memorial; grants to improve/expand the Museum; support from City Council; a part-time curator; a common computer program with other King County Museums for our newsletter, inventory, bookkeeping, etc.; and plans for the vault.

Each of these items is of great importance if we are to continue the quality of our Museum, of which we, and many of our visitors, are so proud!!

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☆ **Correction** ☆

☆ Included in the list of ☆

☆ Memorial Donations last ☆

☆ month was a donation in ☆

☆ the name of Lennie Witt ☆

☆ by Sandra and Richard ☆

☆ Oviedo. ☆

☆ Sandra phoned to say ☆

☆ that her Mother is alive ☆

☆ and well in California and ☆

☆ that the money was for ☆

☆ membership so that she ☆

☆ would continue to receive ☆

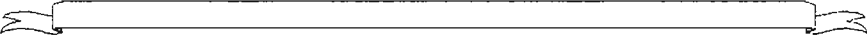
☆ the *BDHS Newsletter*. ☆

☆ Lennie, I hope you enjoy ☆

☆ the newsletter and please ☆

☆ accept our apology! ☆

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**-- Memorial Donations --**

*Note: Names are posted on the Memorial Board in the Museum*

<u>Memorial in the Name of:</u>	<u>Donation made by:</u>
Jenny Lombardi Hovden	Margaret Chamberlain
Lorraine Gibson Timm Hayford	Pauline Kombol



### A Letter from A Reader-

By Margaret Chamberlin

*We were very pleased to receive a letter regarding one of the photos in the last issue from Margaret Chamberlain of Bellevue, Washington, which read, in part:*

On Page 6 in your last newsletter, "The Crew of Lake Sawyer Lumber Mill." The man standing in the middle with arms folded is my Father, **Dario Lombardi**. I love it!! This was featured in the 1978 calendar, month of November.

Also, note the date 1937 which I believe should be 10 or 15 years earlier. My father worked at Lake Sawyer after the coal miners' strike of 1921 (see 1977 calendar, month of Nov.) It was during the strike that the town of Morganville was built. He later worked at the Indian Mine until he retired around 1940. This mine was located beyond Maple Valley and in the beginning, he traveled by train and later by bus. I would be interested in hearing if any of your members mentioned this.

## In Memoriam

The **Black Diamond Historical Society** offers condolences to the family and friends of:

**Dyllys Merryfield Klingback**, who grew up in Black Diamond and attended school there. Dyllys passed away in Bellingham, May 6th. She and sister and brother Ivor all lived at Black Diamond.

**Jenny Lombardi Hovden**, Sister of Margaret Chamberlain. Born in Black Diamond, May, 1916. Passed away April, 1999,

*Please send notices to the Editor so that we may extend sympathies from the Museum, and that we may inform our members and readers.*

*Repeated from last month because it was incomplete.*



## What are Volunteers?

Volunteers are like Ford-  
They have a better idea.

Volunteers are like Coke,  
They're the real thing.

Volunteers are like Pan Am,  
They make the going great.

Volunteers are like Dial Soap,  
They care more, don't you wish everybody did?

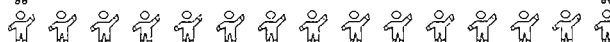
Volunteers are like VO-5 Hair Spray,  
They hold up in all kinds of weather.

Volunteers are like Hallmark Cards,  
They care enough to give the very best.

Volunteers are like Standard Oil,  
You expect more and you get it.

BUT MOST OF ALL .....

Volunteers are like Frosted Flakes,  
They're GRRRRRRRRRRRRREAT !! !!!!!!!



## My Country

My Country is beautiful  
lovely and fair,  
With flowers and Woods  
and Quarries there.  
I dream of my country  
with Castles on Hills,  
With Dragons and Leeks  
and Daffodils.  
Beneath the earth there is  
Coal and Gold.  
We have Mountains and Lakes  
and Cultures of old.  
Our Language and Song  
rings over the Vales.  
This wonderful country  
is known as Wales!

*From one of the Exhibits at the Museum  
Contributed by Charlie Corlett*

## Black Diamond - as it was Then



### First Presbyterian Church Black Diamond

Rev. W. H. Hoole, Pastor  
Dedication Oct. 17th to 20th, 1914

Opening Day, Saturday Evening, 7:30  
Welsh Service, Rev. Joshiah Danials

*Photo from the original invitation to the Dedication  
(This church no longer exists, it burned in the 1950's)*

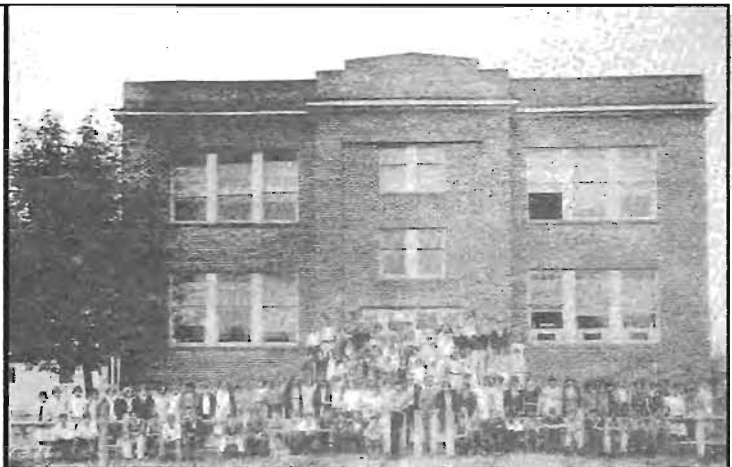
### Black Diamond High School, 1929

Principal: Otto Eidal, Vice Principal: J. K. Edson

This building was torn down in the early 1960's  
to make way for the new grade school.

*Photo courtesy Louis Zemek,  
(from Aug. '82 calendar)*

There are several graduation class photos  
from the old BDHS, several school sweaters  
and other memorabilia on the walls in the  
lobby area of the Museum.



North end view of the depot platform  
unloading arrivals from train. The  
Krause Saloon and the Davies  
Boardinghouse visible on the right  
behind the depot. Circa 1917.

*Photo courtesy of Verna Thompson  
(from January, 1980, calendar)*

The north end view of the depot and  
caboose still looks familiar in 1999; but I  
don't think those workers are any of our  
Thursday Crew!

## A WELSH DAY TRIBUTE

By **JoAnne Matsumura**, Life Member of BDHS

For those who view a museum as a boring and dull place--please read on. There was nothing boring or dull on May 22, 1999 at the Black Diamond Museum when we hosted its **First Annual Welsh Day Celebration**, a tribute to the Welsh ancestry of its community. There was music, movies, native costumes, exhibits, Welsh cookies and a 1900 Census list of the Welsh population in Black Diamond and Franklin. There was laughter and joys of sharing stories and meeting ones kinsmen.

The inspiration from Chairman, **Don Mason** had his dream come true as the excitement and enthusiasm spread among the crowd. The storytelling was contagious among the flock of nearly 200 guests. A good time of social exchange from young and old was evident and the Welsh spirit made its connection.

The festivities were to begin at noon. As Don Mason and his staff were putting on the final touches of preparation, guests were already arriving before 11:00 a.m. Many explained they had read the enthusiastic article in the Enumclaw Courier-Herald and wanted to be sure to get in, in the tiny museum. Non-members and non-Welshmen were welcomed and invited nonetheless. The museum is appreciative of the newspapers written enthusiasm about the event.

There was a smile and welcome greeting from **Ann Steiert** as you entered the museum and her invitation to enjoy the various exhibits and meet others of Welsh ancestry. The large Welsh flag on loan from **Lois Zumek** at the entrance was a greeting that warmed a Welshman's heart. Thank you Ann for doing double duty and taking the count of our flock of guests.

The highlight of the festivities was the introduction of our honored guests to the full assemblage of the peoples, after which the group then journeyed to Wales, via a travel film.

**Mr. Bob Eaton**, President of the *Black Diamond Historical Society*, spoke to the group about the museum's goals and achievements and then introduced **Mr. Howard Botts**, the Mayor of Black Diamond. Mayor Botts welcomed one and all to the community and for everyone to enjoy the festivities and what the community had to offer. Mr. Eaton also introduced **Mr. Brian Parry**, President of the *Puget Sound Welsh Association*, who spoke with enthusiasm to the group and also presented to the Museum an oral history book written by **Alan Upshall**, for which the museum is appreciative.

The group was then introduced to the Chairman of Welsh Day, Mr. Don Mason, who gave an orientation for the journey to Wales, via the travel film. Don explained that it was a one hour film and guests were free to leave or move about.

The crowd kept getting bigger and soon it was standing room only. With lights out, the movie started and it soon became so silent. No one left, or moved about, are they asleep? Don exclaimed, "People were so glued to their seats watching with such intensity, like children watching a Saturday morning cartoon." It was indeed a good movie.

After the show the stories flowed and our distinguished Museum Curator, **Carl Steiert**, kept the stories of others coming forth as he told of his own and of the communities Welsh inhabitants. Stories are priceless and a privilege to hear.

The Museum is grateful to have had a number of exhibits on loan from **Mr. & Mrs. Brian Parry** and **Jackie Cederholm**, President of the *Seattle Welsh Womens Club*, for this days celebration.

There was much to learn about Welsh Lovespoons from the beautifully displayed exhibit by Mr. & Mrs. Parry. There was a steady gathering of people at this display of artfully crafted spoons. The spoons are carved by a man and given to his intended, as a form of engagement. The man chooses a design that would say what was in his heart. Do you have a lovespoon? Tell us about it. Every story has its uniqueness and we welcome each and every story.

Among the many tea towels on display from Ms. Cedarholm, the language ones drew the most comments. Guests shared the story about a language nearly lost as it was forbidden to be spoken in schools, etc. It is now taught in schools and is being revived. The guests spoke a few words in Welsh to one another bringing forth a smile and more stories.

It was hard to not ask the ladies in native costume to touch these beautiful garments. The Mesdames **Gerri Parry**, **Jackie Cederholm** and **Phyllis Jones** gave us this special treat and the opportunity descending generations to visualize and make inquiries. Did you know that the dress was designed so as to serve both as a garment for women's work and social gatherings within the same day and not change garments? A change of the sleeve, first layer of outer material, your hat and you are ready for the event the women needed. The size of the hat could signify what geographical area of Wales you were from. Thank you ladies for your willingness to wear these costumes, as we realize there is the job of maintaining them and free of as much wear as possible.

Guests inquired about men's native costume and so we have faltered there, as none could be found among the crowd. Those in the know said in unison, "knickers,

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that's what the men wore". So come on you Welshmen, bring out those knickers and let us see you at next years Welsh Day celebration. Does anyone out there have a picture or post card to lend us?

There was a waiting line for visitors to view the memorabilia displayed. To the many post cards of Wales on loan from Ms. Cederholm, brochures of Wales and an extracted listing of the 1900 Population Census of Welsh inhabitants in Franklin and Black Diamond, WA., by **JoAnne Matsumura**. For those who were busily locating familiar places and finding ancestors brought forth more stories and the sharing. Thank you ladies for the labor of love work in putting these books together.

Guests were encouraged by Don Mason to show him where their ancestors were from on the large map of Wales loaned by Ms. Cedarholm. Guests marked the spot on the map of their lineage with a colored pin. If you were born in Wales you use a yellow pin. If it was your grandparent or great grandparent you would use a blue, red or green pin. The concentration of pins placed were along the area of the Pembrokeshire Coast and communities around Cardiff and Newport. As guests placed their pins up comments of, "are your ancestors from there too and when did they come?" The stories kept flowing and guests learned their ancestors just may have been from neighboring cities in Wales. It's a small

world after all.

The table decorations of daffodils, doll in ethnic costume, trays of cookies and various beverages were beautifully arranged and placed by Ann Steiert, Lynn Mason and Gerri Parry. The museum is grateful for the variety of cookies donated by CJ's Bakery and Welsh cookies from Mrs. Parry. Our thanks also go to the Safeway Store for their provisions of drinking cups and other tableware.

The large photograph on display of the Fifth Annual Welsh Congregational Church gathering on June 30, 1940, gave inspiration for visitors to search for ancestors, of which they did find. Excitement builds, more people in the photo are identified and a plan evolves to have as many identified as possible for the Museums Second Annual Welsh Day Celebration, year 2000. Plan to come and help us in identifying your ancestor.

Stories of the Leek and daffodil came forth,, the countries flower and food. To recognize one another as vessels arrived at Ellis Island and other ports, arrangements were made for "Those on US soil to hold a Leek at the shore so they would not miss one another.

All too soon it was time to say Goodbye. The new found friendships and acquaintances of old ones are those of the long lasting kind and we are happy to have been a part of it.

We welcome and invite one and all to share your stories with us, and if you are willing, let us borrow your photographs or postcards of Welsh heritage. We will take good care of them while in our custody and return them to you promptly.

If you have Welsh artifacts, please photograph them, send us a print along with your story and of its history. Be a contributor to next years Welsh Day Celebration.

On this beautiful sunny 720 day the Welsh Day Celebration was truly a success. To one and all for your participation, contributions, encouragement and praise, we say **DIOLCH YN FAWR LAWN** -- Thank you very much. We could not have had this success without you. We look forward to seeing you next year.



Black Diamond Museum  
1st Annual Welsh Day - May 22, 1999  
L-R: Phyllis Jones, Gerri Parry, Jackie Cedarholm

## A Family Story – Betty Corlett Luke

Bill needed an article from someone for the upcoming newsletter so he asked me to write something about some of my early Black Diamond Experiences. My first thought was that I'm not old enough to have much of anything interesting to tell. Then I remembered a few things that happened awhile back. The day I mentioned to my children that I was born in a maternity home in Enumclaw, before there was a hospital was a real eye opener; so maybe I am old enough. "When was there ever not a hospital in Enumclaw?" they asked. "In 1943," I replied!

I am the oldest child of Dorothy and Charles Corlett. I have two brothers, Bob and Charlie. My mother's family, the Franz's, had lived at the Clay Mine and Green River Gorge areas since the early 1930's. (The Franz' story was in the Spring, 1998, issue of the BDHS Newsletter,) My Dad was originally from the Kansas/Missouri State Line area, and lived in Eastern Washington before coming to this area and starting work in a sawmill and logging around 1940. He married my mother in June of 1942.

One of the first homes I remember (about 1946) was a very small house that my folks rented from Martin and Evelyn Tenio, on Lake 14. There were only two rooms, no inside bathroom, but it did have electricity and running water, There was a coal and wood stove for cooking, and a wood heater in the other room for heat. We didn't have a refrigerator, but had an ice box in the kitchen, and ice was delivered every few days. There was an outside screened box cooler, with a door above the sink where many of the less perishable things, like butter, was kept. There were five of us who lived in that house for about three years. I remember a lot of family gatherings with my mother's and father's family coming to visit and for Sunday dinners, and I now wonder where everyone sat to eat. I still remember my Dad going to Turk's Store in Morganville on Sunday mornings for a newspaper. Sometimes, if we were having company for dinner, he would buy a half-gallon of ice cream for after dinner dessert. My folks would wrap the ice cream heavily in newspaper, and put it between two feather pillows and it would stay cold and frozen until late afternoon or evening.

During the time we lived at the Lake, my Dad worked for the White River Lumber Company near Enumclaw. For a period of time, he stayed at the lumber camp all week long. On Sunday afternoons, we would all ride up to Bridge Camp, where he stayed when he was working, and drop him off. Then on Friday afternoon, we would

pick him up after work to come home for the week end. My folks only had one car, and this kept the mileage down on it, plus my mother wasn't without a car at home if she needed it for emergencies or important errands.

Lake 14 used to be a popular fishing spot, and I remember several drowning and near drowning incidents taking place while we lived there, which made quite a scary impression on me. No one who lived at the lake had a telephone, so someone would have to drive up to town to make the call for help. We knew other people who occupied several of the small cabins overlooking the lake, and I remember watching from a porch at one of the cabins while the rescue teams with the "pull motors" tried to revive the victims. Usually by the time help arrived, and got the person out of the water it was too late to do any good.

Shortly before I started the first grade at Black Diamond School, in 1949, we moved up into town to another rental house on the main highway. About a year after that, my folks bought a house across the road, on the west side of the highway, where they still live today.



We got a good education in the Black Diamond School. I don't know of anyone in my class that couldn't read or write well. There were weekly spelling tests, book reports, and home work to do. I remember doing a lot of reading in the summers, several books a week, which filled much of my time. I believe every teacher I had was dedicated, fair, and conscientious. I spent all of my grade school years going to the same school, and continued on to high school in Enumclaw with most of the

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## Betty's Family Story – cont'd.

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same kids that I started the first grade with.

Summers were quiet in Black Diamond in the '50's. We knew every kid in town, where everything was, and where everyone lived. We would pick the Himalaya and Evergreen blackberries to make a little money during the summer, which we would sell to Alpha Johnson, who lived up at the top of Lawson Hill. I remember, at one time getting 50 cents a crate, which seemed like a lot of money then. Considering that it took us all day to pick a crate that wasn't much of an hourly rate!

For awhile after I graduated from Enumclaw High School, in 1961, I lived at home and commuted to Seattle where I worked in the Accounts Payable Department at Sears. I was saving money for a car and planning on getting an apartment with some friends.

In April of 1962, I met my husband Bill, through some of my Black Diamond neighbors, Jim and Darlene Richmond. Bill was a Montanan who had recently come to Seattle looking for work, and hired on with the Boeing Company. We were married in November of that year and lived near Renton. A few months later, I quit work to become a full time housewife, and shortly after, a full time mother. I remember thinking I'd had enough of the small town life and wasn't enthused about moving back to Black Diamond, but that lasted only about two years, and we began looking for a place in the "country". We bought four lots from Frank Zumek, on Second Avenue, across from the old gymnasium. We moved our trailer house out here and lived in it until we had our house finished enough to move in. We designed and built it ourselves and the work still continues, That's been 35 years now!

We raised our four children here, two boys and two girls, who are all grown and on their own now. They were all born in Enumclaw. (In the hospital!) Our kids had some of the same teachers I had in school, and they had some of the benefits of living in a small town and enjoying the small town life. They were all quite active in the school band program, and Bill and I spent several years involved in the Enumclaw High School Band Boosters, traveling to various band competitions, and transporting music equipment. If there is anything I feel like I missed when I was going to school, here in Black Diamond, it is probably the lack of music and band classes in the grade school when I was growing up.

I am proud to say that I was able to be a stay-at-home mother and wife. I was able to do the things I wanted to

do: I love to cook and sew, and have a passion for old sewing machines. (My pride and joy is a Singer 1893 treadle machine, in an oak cabinet.) I have had the luxury of being able to read every day, In addition, I have been involved in genealogy since 1980, and have traced many of the family lines back to the 1600-1700's.

When our youngest daughter, Dianne was in Junior High, I went to Highline Community College for two years and got an Associate Degree in Jewelry Making and Goldsmithing Technology. I then worked part time for a few years as a bench jeweler for a couples of small home owned shops in Auburn and Renton. Recently, any of my jewelry work has been mainly for hobby purposes.

Bill retired from the Boeing Company, after 33 years, and we have since been doing some traveling. We are also "Rockhounds" and spend much of our time collecting materials, creating jewelry items, and attending gem and mineral conventions in the northwest and beyond. In 1996/97 I served as President of the Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies, an association of 80 Gem and Mineral Clubs throughout 6 northwestern states. For several years, we also served as Editors for their publication, the *Northwest Newsletter*, and currently, Bill edits the *AFMS Newsletter* for the national American Federation organization.

We've lost some good neighbors on our street over the years: Louie and Jean Capponi, Frank Zumek, Darrell McCloud, Bea and Mel Tyler to name a few. After Jewell McCloud and Lois Zumek moved we have become the old people on the block. Today, many of the homes on this street are filled with young families with children who must think this is still a good place to raise a family!

### "Where are they Now?"

My brother Bob Corlett is an attorney in Cheney, Washington; brother Charlie Corlett is living in Wisconsin. Our son, Ron, is married, a Master Sergeant in the Air Force, and stationed in North Carolina, after spending 7 years in Germany. Daughter Laura Luke Olsen, a Graphic Designer, lives in Seattle and is Senior Art Director for a company in Renton. Son David, still single, lives in Kent, and is a day shift supervisor for a direct mail printing firm in Tukwila. Daughter, Dianne Luke Ridgway married a Maple Valley man who is in the Marine Corps, and they are currently stationed at Camp Pendleton, near Oceanside, California, after two years in North Carolina. And -- we are here at the Museum!

# Historic Opportunity!

**The Black Diamond Historical Society is  
seeking dedicated individuals and families  
interested in making HISTORY  
here in Black Diamond!**

## Job Duties

Volunteers at the Historical Society Museum will be responsible for contributing as much time and energy as they feel comfortable with.

Normal duties might include staffing of the museum, maintenance of museum displays, assistance with minor repairs, landscape maintenance, cleaning, and other tasks as desired.

## Salary and Benefits

Interested volunteers will receive:  
an increased sense of community pride,  
a wealth of local history knowledge,  
the opportunity to work with a great staff-  
--and the satisfaction of knowing that they are a part of  
maintaining and making history in Black Diamond!

For More Information

Please contact either

Anne Steiert @ 886-1168, or  
Bob Eaton @ 886-2327, or

leave a message at the Museum  
@ 886-2142

*Black Diamond Historical Society*



The Voice Yesteryear

From the *Voice of the Valley*,  
June 2, 1999

*Voice of the Valley*  
May 22, 1974

R.L. "Tom" Fyock was elected president of the Lake Sawyer Community Club with George Compton, vice president; Delores Neer, secretary; Lois Lothe, Treasurer; Bill Davis, Ross Casida, Dean Duncan, **Bob Eaton** and Tom Manola, trustees.

*Note: A lot of us knew Tom, and, of course, you know Bob as our current BDHS President.*

## Museum Visitors from Far and Wide

By **Betty Luke**

Since our last report, our Guest Book shows visitors from:

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Anchorage, Alaska  
Golden Valley, Minnesota  
Minneapolis, Minnesota  
Greeley, Colorado  
Milton-Freewater, Oregon  
Vancouver, Washington  
Port Townsend, Washington  
Yakima, Washington  
Palomar, Florida

Long Island, New York  
Chatsworth, California

**Sweden**

Regina, Saskatchewan, **Canada**  
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**MEETING NOTICE !**

The Summer, 1999 Meeting  
Of the  
*Black Diamond Historical Society*

Will be held at the **Museum**  
Sunday, Aug. 15, 1999 at 1:00 p.m.

**All Members, and everyone interested in  
Black Diamond and its History  
are Invited and Encouraged  
To attend !!**

**A program and refreshments are planned!  
Details on page 2.  
So be there for this one!**



**Help Wanted**

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