



# Newsletter

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## The Museum is located at:

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## Museum Hours:

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## Everyone is Welcome!

## Museum Report

Notes from **Bob Eaton**, your "Museum Executive Director", as of the General Meeting on October 17. Big fancy title, but same pay- "0".

The Museum has two educational grants, working with Black Diamond and Sawyerwood Grade schools. A traveling artifacts box and an informational book on coal mining and the history of Black Diamond are available to take to the schools to teach students the history of the area.

360-886-2142 or me at 360-886-2327 if you would like to work with this program.

Also, on Saturdays and Sundays when your Museum is open, Don Botts could use a few more volunteers to be Docents. Docents are someone to show the visitors around the Museum and answer questions. Come out and give it a try- you might enjoy it. There is no age limit above 10 years old. Training is available.

To make this program work well to pass this history on to the school children, we would like to have a volunteer to work with the teachers when they call for this valuable training unit. Please call the Museum at

Your Museum needs to put together a program of where the Museum is going to go (not move) in the next 5-10-15 years. What would you like to see. Please send your suggestions into the Museum, P.O. Box 232.

After our General Meeting, one of the members came up to me and said, "Here is a donation. I have not been able to help out like I used to." It was a sizeable donation, Thank you. We could use more like this.



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## Black Diamond Historical Society Meetings:

(See page 3 for a calendar for the 1999-2000 year)

Thursday, November 11, 1999 Board Meeting  
Sunday, December 5, 1999 Christmas Open House  
Thursday, December 9, 1999 Board Meeting  
Sunday, January 9, 2000 Quarterly Meeting

All meetings are held at the Museum at 1:00 p.m.  
Everyone is welcome and invited to attend.



**Membership Rates:**

Individual, Annual	\$ 5.00
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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: **Bill Luke**  
Vice-President: **Don Mason**  
Treasurer: **Clayton Mead**  
Secretary: **Betty Luke**

**Museum Executive Director:**  
**Bob Eaton**

**Directors:**

**Carl Steiert, Ann Steiert, Don Botts, Joanne Matsumura, Jackie Cedarholm, Kelley Sauskajus, Shelley Aarness, Howard Botts, Gino Piccini**

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

Docents  
Thursday Crew  
Thursday Cooks

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*The Membership Mailing List is maintained by Don Mason. Please address any changes or corrections to Don Mason at the Museum address, above.*

**Society Report:**

**BDHS Annual Meeting, 10/17/99**

Meeting called to order by President Bob Eaton at 1:05 p.m.

There were 17 people present.

The following items were discussed:

-Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved.

-Treasurer report and budget items were discussed.

-Don Mason reported on the status of the membership - 194 people at present, with 140 of those being lifetime members or those over age of 80.

-Status of Grants:

-Roof Grant money received and bank loan paid off.

-Motion made and vote taken on John Davies Candy Store issue. Grant needs to be defined and written responses from membership is needed before proceeding.  
-Cemetery grant possibly available.

-Need more volunteer help to be docents, Thursday work- crew, and cooks.

-Concerns about the cost of printing newsletter.

-Copy Machine donated to the museum from the Police Department. Can be used for printing newsletter. Vote taken to purchase maintenance agreement for the machine.

-Brief report by Bill Luke on the progress of the "working Committee" meetings; by-laws changes in the works. Meetings will continue.

-Nomination and election of new officers and directors;

President: Bill Luke  
Vice-president: Don Mason  
Secretary: Betty Luke  
Treasurer: Clayton Mead

-Museum Executive Director:  
Bob Eaton

-Board of Directors:

Don Botts  
Jackie Cedarholm  
Joanne Matsumura  
Gino Piccini  
Howard Botts  
Carl Steiert  
Ann Steiert  
Kelley Sauskajus  
Shelley Aarness

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm. Minutes taken and report respectfully submitted by Betty Luke, Secretary.

Complete detailed minutes of the meeting are on file at the museum.



**Editor's Column**

By Bill Luke

I'm helping Kelley by doing this, my 4th issue, to complete the year and before giving up the computer that I have been using here at home. We, the BDHS, need to plan what to do next about a computer and publishing software for the editor to use. The one we have will not do the layout you have seen in these past four issues.

Bob Eaton acquired a copier from City Hall that was used for printing the last issue. We can do the work

in-house and hopefully save money. What do you think of the quality of print, paper, etc.? (See page 9)

Please support the next Editor by sending in articles, reports, pictures and anything that should be shared with members of the Black Diamond Historical Society. I believe that a good newsletter is one of the most important things that the Society provides for its members. Let's make ours one that is worth reading and enjoying.

*Bill*

## In Memoriam

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

Ruth Hart Smart

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

## Calendar of Coming Events:

Th Nov 11, 1999	Board Meeting
Su Dec 5, 1999	Christmas Open House
Th Dec 9, 1999	Board Meeting
Su Jan 9, 2000	Quarterly Meeting
Th Feb 10, 2000	Board Meeting
Th Mar 9, 2000	Board Meeting
Su Apr 9, 2000	Quarterly Meeting
Th May 11, 2000	Board Meeting
Th Jun 8, 2000	Board Meeting
Su Jul 9, 2000	Quarterly Meeting
Th Aug 10, 2000	Board Meeting
Th Sep 9, 2000	Board Meeting
Su Oct 1, 2000	Annual Meeting

All Meetings are held at the Museum at 1:00 p.m.

## **Message from the Society President**

By **Bill Luke**, BDHS President, 1999-2000

At the Annual Meeting on 10/17, new Officers and Directors were elected. This is the first time in many years that a willing slate of nominees has been available. Hopefully it is a sign of times to come, and that others will be willing to volunteer for the many other things that are needed by the Society and the Museum. It was good to see such a good turnout. We all hope to see more in the future. Please come on down and see if you can be of help in some way.

I have some goals for the organization of the Society and the Museum. As President, I will actively listen to suggestions and accept your help. With participation of willing volunteers, maybe a few of these goals, and more, can be accomplished.

### 1- Members

This is YOUR Society. We need your suggestions. What do you think the Museum needs, should offer, etc.? Will you offer to do it? Do we need a change in dues for the cost of putting out the newsletter? Or your support through a donation fund-raiser? What kind and quality of newsletter do you want to support?

### 2- Museum Director

Bob Eaton will continue to be the spark plug of the Museum. He needs assistance in doing filing, typing and other office things. Bob has identified a list of tasks to be done, things we need help with around the Museum. Arrangements for week-ends or evenings will be made for those who are not retired, who work week-days.

The Thursday Crew is getting fewer. We would like more retirees to spend a Thursday or two doing odd jobs and getting a delicious lunch for their efforts.

### 3- Board of Directors

Monthly meetings will be held to conduct the business of the Society; and Quarterly meetings for all members. Everyone is welcome to any and all of these meetings. Updated By-laws will be prepared for member approval.

### 4- Committees

I have initiated some Special Committees. These will become Standing Committees through revised By-laws (with the approval of the membership).

Newsletter- Editor, Contributors, Copying, Mailing

Outreach- Fundraisers, P.R., Community Events

Archives- Town, Family, Cemetery Records

Accessions- All donations of items for the Museum

Historian- Of our Museum, BD and local history

There will be others as the need becomes known and someone volunteers to do the job.

### 5- Volunteers

We have just enough volunteers for the desk on days when the museum is open so that everyone has one shift per month. When a month is more than four weeks, or when the assigned person cannot be there because of other commitments, someone has to double up. Also, we would like to have guides available to roam with our guests; so we need more volunteers.

6- "Working Group"- I want to continue the work that has been being done for the past quarter. I have been busy with other things and have not set meeting times recently. Anyone wishing to participate is welcome.

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## Docents

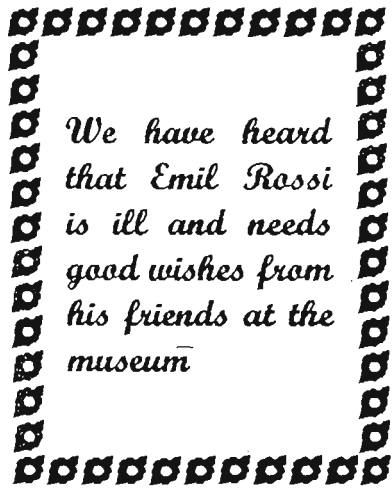
Coordinator: Don Botts  
Host/Hostess:  
 Don Botts  
 Mary Lou Bovee  
 Mary Chilcott  
 Charlie & Dorothy Corlett  
 Florence Garrett  
 Ethel Duncan  
 Donna Gouchenour  
 Betty Luke  
 Don Mason  
 Carl & Ann Steiert

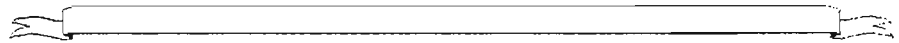
## Thursday Crew

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:  
 Muriel Waldo  
 Betty Luke  
 Charlene Birkliid  
 Marlene Bortleson  
 Jill Sena  
 Evelyn Dal Santo  
 Ethel Duncan  
 Rosemary Konoske  
 Ann Steiert  
 Eileen Zumek


  
*We have heard  
 that Emil Rossi  
 is ill and needs  
 good wishes from  
 his friends at the  
 museum*



## -- 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>
Joe Kuzaro	Joe & Eileen Zumek Nancy Kuzaro Carl & Ann Steiert
Gerald MacFarland	Joe & Eileen Zumek
Vic Malgarini	Joe & Eileen Zumek



[Excerpts from the] **REPORT of the State Inspector of Coal Mines**, Biennial Period Ending December 31, 1916  
 James Bagley, Inspector

### THE RAVENSDALE EXPLOSION

On November 16 at 1:25 p.m. an explosion in which thirty-one men were killed occurred at the Ravensdale mine, operated by the Northwestern Improvement Company, at Ravensdale, Washington. I was notified of the accident at about 2:30 p.m. while at the Renton mine, and immediately proceeded by automobile to Ravensdale, arriving there at 4:15 p.m.

At the time of the explosion thirty-four men were in the mine, twenty-eight of whom worked on the third level and six on the second level. On account of a breakdown in the power plant most of the men that worked on the second level were sent home at 11 a. m. on the day of the explosion, only six company men remaining to do repair work.

In the rescue and recovery work the mine officials and

other employees of the Ravensdale mine, who were not in the mine at the time of the explosion, did all in their power in the work of rescue. When notified of the explosion, the state mine inspector made a request for the assistance of the trained men of the Pacific Coast Coal Company. A team of trained men from Black Diamond reached Ravensdale shortly after the explosion, followed later by teams from the Coal Creek and Burnett mines of that company, each in charge of a mine foreman. Additional help also responded from the Roslyn and CleElum mines. Offers of assistance were received from all sides, and nothing was spared to expedite the recovery work. Officials from other coal companies in the state came to Ravensdale and gave every assistance possible. It was conclusively shown that the work of organizing and maintaining trained rescue teams at the different mines in the state helped materially in the recovery work.



## DINNER HONORING MUSEUM VOLUNTEERS A BIG SUCCESS

Way back in June, Beth Van Buskirk phoned with an idea she had for the Thursday work crew to honor all the cooks for furnishing those wonderful Thursday lunches. We thought it was a great idea, and with Beth's approval, we expanded on her idea in order to honor ALL of those people who have worked so hard and given so freely at the museum.

Following the Annual Meeting, on October 17, there were 31 people present to enjoy a wonderful sliced ham, donated by Lois Zumek; potato salad, made by Dorothy Corlett; cole slaw, made by Betty Luke; baked beans, made by Beth Van Buskirk; fresh bakery bread, with butter and other condiments, furnished by Bill Luke; punch made by Lynn and Don Mason; and cookies and dessert, furnished by Ann Steiert and Eileen Zumek. Many people agreed that it was a neat idea, Beth, and a fun way to spend a Sunday afternoon honoring those hard working people who keep the museum running. Several said they thought it should be an annual thing!

Submitted by: Betty Luke, "because I was typing up the minutes of the meeting anyway"!

### A Letter to the Editor:

Dear Editor:

Today's mail contained your August edition of the newsletter addressed to my mother, Elna Baker, which was forwarded to me.

My mother has been confined to a nursing home for some time and can no longer read or carry on much of a conversation. My dad continued to take the newsletters to read to her up until the time he passed away last February. We felt it was important to keep as many lines of communication with the past as open as possible, in the hopes that something would bring a response. And, to our surprise, frequently something would register, a light would come into her eyes and she would be with us again ... sometimes only for a few moments. I tell you this story because I would like to urge your other members and readers to do the same.

There will probably still be people on your membership list who remember the Marckx family. My mother, born in 1910, was one of the 10 Marckx children who lived in the Franklin/Black Diamond area. My two brothers and I heard many stories from our mother about growing up there. A couple of years ago two other cousins and I accompanied our Aunt Gene (Regina Marckx Whitehill) for a nostalgic driving trip around Black Diamond, out to the Gorge, to Deep Lake and to the bakery for lunch.

That was a wonderful trip down memory lane. Of course, the log cabin my grandfather and uncles built is long gone, as is the orchard where we picked fruit as children, but our memories survive.

Your newsletter has been a bright and welcome star in my mother's life. Keep up the good work. It is now time to ask that her name be removed from your mailing list, as her spark is slowly fading.

Sincerely,  
(s)  
Carol Burk

### What's the Future for the Black Diamond Museum?

By Charles M. Corlett

Many an archive has been lost due to fire, man's carelessness, natural decay— or a simple lack of interest.

The third quarter, going into the fourth, I've had a slight sensation of a side-ways movement to our straight ahead goals for this Museum. I don't know where this movement is coming from. It's just something I feel. Whether it's a financial slow down due to grant availability or lack of volunteer labor. It doesn't have that look-forward appeal that started out.

We have some very good members to work with. I hate to think this is the end of our growth.

This lack of interest could be a big let-down.

Let's not let it happen!

# My Story

By Esther Babb

I was born in Black Diamond, July 4, 1910. Parents-Stefano and Elizabeth Vernarelli. My mother was widowed with two children, Mary and Louie Mangini, and eight children second marriage, Diadato, Concelia, Jim, Rome, Stevie and me. My father peddled vegetables on a horse and wagon, rang a bell to each house. Later he built a fire brick oven, sold the best bread, helped build the now famous wood fired oven Black Diamond Bakery, 1902, still good working order.

We were never hungry. We had a Jersey cow, Fanny, a horse, Nellie, plowed for the garden; two pigs and chickens. I remember, I got dressed up to go somewhere. I remembered I had to go feed the chickens (it's always kind of muddy in the gateway, that's where chickens always wait for you). I slipped and fell, all dirty muddy. I think I stayed home.

Holidays were a big event, my parents great cooks-ravioli, noodles, made hams, sausages, cheese, Italian cookies. I still make cakes and pies.

School was something else. I was punished for things I didn't do because this girl would lie, tell teacher. She would believe the girl, not me, when I said I didn't do it. I would always get a bad mark to it. I also was hit on my back by the boy sitting behind me. I'd cry. A kind girl, Phyllis McDowell, would raise her hand to tell the teacher. She wouldn't do a thing to the boy to stop it. She also hit Frank Erith so hard, hit his bleeding ear. His father came to school next morning. She was fired. She had two more years for retirement. She passed away.

I always remember this new kid, a Negro, came to our grade. He was the kindest and cleanest kid. He also had an older brother and sister. Came from Franklin.

I forgot to say- I was also called a bean-pole. Other teachers had me come to their grades to draw holiday pictures with colored crayons on the board. I entered drawing contests, which I won. I was looking at some hats, Sears catalog colored page. Pretty red satin hat with big red roses around it. I asked my older brother, Doda, "Order it for me." He said, "That's for a lady." I made him order it. I wore it to school. Teachers were smiling when they saw me. I knew later they were laughing, thinking I looked comical. After school, I go to some homes with my friends. Julie Savicke, her mother made some nice big cookies. She would talk to me by her own language. I wouldn't understand.

Also, down at Chub Lake, I used to love going down there. My brother, Doda, used to catch catfish at night, my favorite. He would have to skin them. We would sometimes visit Felix Sharlaks home there. He always offered something to eat like my parents always did to hoboes who came off the train in front of the Museum.

I came home from school one afternoon for lunch. My mother was feeding this armless Negro young fellow. My mother always had a table set for us at noon, too. I never was sick. I ate like a horse, still do. The only time I stayed home was when I lied and said I had a belly ache.

Once Jack Jones, down the hill, his bull was up by my house. I could get out to go to school. I told the teacher because the bull was in front of my house.

I also started sewing and designing my own clothes, then for people. I remember I sewed for a former circus lady. Her waist was 62 inches.

I always remember Carl Steiert always had nice toys, wagons. I think his big sisters spoiled him. Is that right, Carl? Anyway, he was a good kid.

*(The Editor would like to get more of these stories. Do you have one you could write and contribute?)*

*Dorothy Corlett has been contacting people and has a couple lined up for future issues. If you would like to tell your story, contact Dorothy at 360-886-1162*

## **Status report on the Cookbook Project**

*(BDHS Newsletter, Spring, 1999, Page 8.)*

By Betty Luke

We did not receive any response to our most recent request for new recipes and stories for a cookbook. We still don't have enough to put together a nice book that would adequately represent our Museum.

We have other priorities at this time, so the project is on hold, for now. At some later time, we might continue this project if there is more response.

## AROUND TOWN - School Days in the '30's

By Dorothy Franz Corlett

Our family didn't live in Black Diamond. We came on the school bus from Claymine and later from Green River Gorge. In the 30's we had an ancient vintage bus that broke down periodically, almost on schedule! There were times when only one gear was working fairly well (lucky it wasn't reverse)! When it was first gear, it went so slowly, that sometimes we were late for school! If it took the local garage more than a day to repair, they loaned one of the miner's busses. They were ancient, too. I remember one bus that had been elongated to haul more passengers. There were doors all along the side that opened to each seat. The seats went clear across the bus. The doors were so high off the ground that the little kids couldn't get up to get in. The older boys "boosted" them up to get in! IT HAD BIG HIGH WHEELS! Seems they were almost as high as we were tall! Oh well, we thought it was fun, anyway, That bus was used to haul miners to and from work in the Indian Mine, I believe.

Our old bus finally "gave up the ghost" about 1934 and we got a beautiful now Ford bus'. Boy, did we think that was great!

I remember our athletic coach, Mr. Edson, said he was proud to take his teams to other towns to play after that in that nice bus! Our teams won a lot more games than they lost (and brought many trophies home).

The basketball team uniforms were so ragged they showed more skin than they covered! They played like champions, tho. Soon they got new uniforms and they matched the new bus!

Schools think they have it bad now! In those days they couldn't and didn't ask for more money. Pacific Coast Coal Co. came up with money when the school ran short, if it was for a worthy cause. It didn't do us any harm to conserve! We were given one tablet and pencil every six weeks, and it had better last, because that was all that was available.

Then came recess! Everyone ran outside and what a confusion! Some played marbles, some played baseball or whatever was in season. Some just fought with each other. Lots of times the loser in the skirmish accused the winner of being related to the "scab element"! That

usually started another round of "fisticuffs"! Times don't really change that much, either. There are times the subject of scabs still comes up! One would think that people would have forgiven and forgotten by now. Maybe another generation? I hope so, We always had a teacher on the grounds, Those poor teachers!

I loved baseball! One "recess" baseball game I'll never forget! It was on my 13th birthday, Nov. 23., and was the baseline muddy! The kids had played on it so long that there were regular trenches, especially coming into first base--and the trenches were full of water, maybe six inches deep. I gave the ball a hefty wallup and it went way out into left field. I should have been able to make it to third base. As anyone who knows anything about baseball should know, you do not slide into first base! I did, but it wasn't intentional! I just plain slipped and came down seat first in the middle of that huge puddle! I don't even remember anyone laughing at me. I don't know if it was because It had happened to them before or maybe they were sorry for me. I only know I had to get up quickly or I'd be water logged with all the clothes I had on--namely, long underwear, long cotton stockings, black sateen bloomers and a black crepe dress.

You probably know what mud does to anything black and what water does to crepe! As I was grabbing hands full of clothes, wringing frantically, I heard the bell ring for end of recess. The only thing I could do was go to class. Mr. Rey was very understanding. He stood me in front of the radiator to dry out. I was there for several hours. I thought now everything was o.k., but It wasn't. The crepe was beginning to shrink! I had to keep stretching it back into shape as best I could. When I got home and changed clothes, you wouldn't believe what that dress looked like! The dried mud on the back, where I had sat in the puddle was heart shaped! I really couldn't understand why the kids didn't laugh. This happened more than 65 years ago and I laugh harder each time I think about it! I still think a sense of humor is what keeps the world going around!

*Continued another time*

Two jail birds, moaning the fact that they were behind bars--

One says, "We can get out of here."

"We kin? How?"

"I'll shine my flash light up the wall and you climb up the beam!"

"You must think I'm stupid. I know what you'd do. I'd get half way up, you'd shut it off!"

Contributed by Charlie Corlett.  
Thanks, we need more contributions of things like this.

**FROM THE ARCHIVES:** By JoAnne Matsumura, Technical Researcher, BDHS Member

Special thanks to each of you who responded to the request for previous issues of the Societies newsletters for permanent retention in the vault and a set for public viewing. The project is progressing well. Keep those older issues coming! We will keep you posted.

THE ARCHIVES invites you to send your research queries to me at 1110 Wildwood Blvd SW, Issaquah, WA, 98027-4503. Let us try to be of help to you.

ARTIFACTS/ACCESSIONS: Several new items have been brought in to the Museum since the last newsletter. We are appreciative of the generosity from these people. The items are as follows:

**Beth Van Buskirk**, A beautifully had crafted wood picture. Such a talented lady. It is a pleasure to display her work.

**Dan Morley** (Roberta Morley Estate), A lovely large framed portrait of Mrs. Hamilton, BD. Through our additional research it is believed this is Mrs. Marian Hamilton

who married Edward Watkins in 1897, as evidenced in the 1900 Federal Census, BD. Her granddaughter is Hazel M. Beldin. Can anyone tell us Marian's maiden name? We would like to have the information for our files.

**Geraldine Gault Fuller**, Her personal operators Training Manual Book, Northwest Bell Systems, Operator #29, ca. 1944. To ring someone in BD, took quite a few steps to get "connected". In 1933 BD is listed with only 5 phone. Mrs. Fullers "Manual" is a nice addition to our PBX system display. We are thankful to have this item.

**Mrs. Bruno (Evelyne) H. Betti**, A large wedding picture of Felice Nicholo Betti & Josephina Santini, Dec 18, 1900, in Italy. Also; colored GE 40w light bulb, scarf belonging to Josephina, Betti family personal papers, and large painting of Josephina's brother & son. We are equally appreciative of Mrs. Betti's monetary donation. Felice & Josephina Betti were BD residents ca. 1906-1921 & in 1920 they lived in house #29 on 5th AVE.

**Please Support our Contributors**

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*Technical Researcher  
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Make check payable to: Black Diamond Historical Society If renewal , for what year(s)? \_\_\_\_\_

(On all checks, please note what the check is for: dues, donation, memorial, etc.)

Or, include a note so we know which account to use for our bookkeeping.)

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

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Family, Annual	\$ 7.00 <input type="checkbox"/>
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Lifetime (Individual)	\$50.00 <input type="checkbox"/>

Or bring it to the Museum

***Volunteers, Donations, Memorials are Gratefully Received***

### We have the following items for sale at the Museum:

- Calendars - \$ 1.00 each (Prior years)
- Mining the Memories \$15.00 Book by Cory & Diane Olson
- The Mining Camps Speak \$20.00 Book by Beth & Bill Sagstetter
- Notes from the Past \$10.00 Book by Alan Upshall. Conversations with the Welsh of the Puget Sound Region
- T-Shirts \$ 4.00 Remaining sizes, Black Diamond Historical Society

Please add \$3.00 for shipping and handling of books.

*Black Diamond Historical Society*



Dear Member,

We have tried some things with the **BDHS Newsletter** this past year. Issues 1 & 2 (Spring & Summer) were taken to a local print shop to support business in Black Diamond. The quality of work, photo preparation and paper was excellent. Concern of costs were subsequently discussed because we have few funds. Issues 3 & 4 were done in-house on office copying machines.

Notice in the membership report that we have 140 life members of our total of 194 members. Only 20 are annual dues paying members (many are unpaid). We have discussed a dues increase to be similar to other organizations.

Do you, the members agree? \_\_\_\_\_ Would you support a fund drive to support the newsletter? \_\_\_\_\_

What do you want in a newsletter? To get by at the cheapest process? \_\_\_\_\_ Or pay for quality? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you consider making a donation to the Museum for some purpose of your own desire? Or to the Black Diamond Historical Society for its operations? Do you have a constructive suggestion about Museum funding?

Sincerely, Bill Luke, Editor, 1998-99 and President, 1999-2000

Enclosed is a donation for: Newsletter Society Museum Other (define) \_\_\_\_\_

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## MEETING NOTICE !

The Quarterly Meeting  
Of the  
*Black Diamond Historical Society*

Will be held at the Museum  
Sunday, Jan. 9, 2000 at 1:00 p.m.

Board meetings are held monthly,  
In the Museum at 1:00 p.m.  
(Thur. Nov. 11 & Dec. 9)

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



*Christmas Open House*  
at the Museum

Sunday Dec. 5, 1999  
in the Museum.  
Noon - 4:00 p.m.

Cookies, hot cider and other  
goodies will be provided.

Everyone Welcome.  
Come Join Us!

*Your Museum Appreciates You!!*

