

*Black Diamond Historical Society*



# Newsletter

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## **The Museum Is Located At**

32627 Railroad Ave  
P.O. Box 232  
Black Diamond, WA 98010-0232

## **Museum Hours**

Thursday 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM  
Saturday 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM  
Sunday 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Special Tours May Be Arranged  
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**Everyone Is Welcome**

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## **MUSEUM MANAGER'S REPORT**

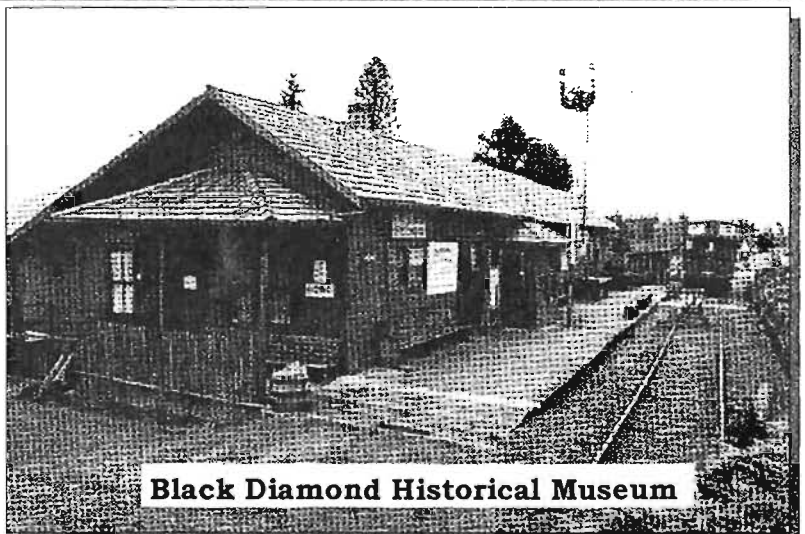
**By: Bob Eaton**

**The Museum Staff** worked with the Sawyer Woods Grade School the past few months. The School borrowed the Traveling Study Kits to assist the teachers in teaching the history of Black Diamond Coal Mining past, and how the families lived.

The shining conclusion to the program was the "melodrama" written and directed by teacher, **Donna Morach**. The one hour show was based on the Societies "Mining the Memories" book, produced by **Diane and Cory Olsen**. There will be a video film of the melodrama at the museum for those who wish to review it.

Seattle and King County is planning a large exciting program in the year 2001 to celebrate the Sesquicentennial. All the cities and museums have been asked to take part in the celebration by doing something on their own to supplement the over all program. If any members have suggestions of how or what the Black Diamond Historical Society can do for our part in this celebration, please send in your suggestions to the Museum's P. O. Box 232. Or better yet, drop them off in person at the Museum.

*Bob*



**Black Diamond Historical Museum**

## Membership Rates

Individual, Annual	\$10.00
Family, Annual	\$15.00
Business, Annual	\$30.00
Lifetime	\$100.00
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## Payable To

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

## Society Officers

President	<b>Bill Luke</b>
Vice-President	<b>Don Mason</b>
Treasurer	<b>Clayton Mead</b>
Secretary	<b>Betty Luke</b>

## Museum Executive Director

**Bob Eaton**

## Directors

**Ann Steiert, Don Botts, JoAnne Matsumura, Jackie Cedarholm, Kelly Sauskajus, Shelly Aarness, Howard Botts, Gino Piccini**

## Volunteers

(Listed on pages 2, 3 & 5)

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## **Steve Israel, Editor**

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## President's Report

By: **Bill Luke**

Aug. 2000



### **A New Editor, and Other Good News!**

Sometimes good news drops in unexpectedly. A few days ago, Betty were talking to a neighbor and asked what Steve was doing. He was home working on the computer doing a newsletter for his running club. Oh? We need an editor for the BDHS Newsletter! So, Dee and Steve came up to our house and talked about what was required - and Steve offered to do it! Thanks, Steve from all of us.

**Steve and Dee Israel** have lived in Black Diamond for many years. Steve has been president and editor for his running club and Dee has been president of the TOPS club here in Black Diamond. They are both interested in learning more about the Historical Society and the Museum.

We've been busy the past few weeks preparing the caboose for repainting and fix-up. It has been a long, hard job but hopefully the preparation will prove worthwhile with a long lasting paint job. Our thanks go to all of the people who contributed memorial donations in the name of **Carl Steiert**. The money was very much appreciated and part of it is being used for this long overdue task. The hard workers have included: **Don Mason, Don Botts, Joe Zumek, Clayton Mead, Bill Luke and Charlie Corlett**. Thanks also go to **Bill Bremmeyer** for replacing the logs on the sleigh next to the caboose. It looks much better!

Special thanks must go out to some people who have done outstanding amounts of work this year: **Bob Eaton** is trying to complete work on the existing grant contracts. Materials were purchased for archival preservation and we are proceeding on video projects. **Don Mason** has been reviewing the membership list, and is responsible for memorials. Please send any and all membership information updates to Don. **JoAnne Matsumura**, Archives, Accessions, Preservation- JoAnne has been cataloging, indexing and getting the books up to date to record all photos, newspaper clippings and other archival records in the museum. When anyone wants information on families in Black Diamond, JoAnne probably can get that information. **Charlie Corlett** has set up the editing equipment in the video room and is learning how to produce video programs. The Thursday Crew has been busy with normal maintenance and a few "special projects" that enhance the museum, such as repainting some of the ceilings, rearranging the "TV room" for more seating capacity on Welsh Day, repainting the caboose, replacing rotted wood and refilling the coal cars out back (**Joe**

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## Secretary's Report

By: **Betty Luke**



For the information of the membership, the following are highlights of meetings held since the beginning of the year.

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**Zumek and Don Botts**), and many miscellaneous routine jobs.

The 2nd Annual Welsh Day was held on June 3. A large crowd enjoyed socializing, eating, and being entertained by a Welsh Band, Welsh Choir, and a video program about Wales. Everyone wants to continue the event next year.

**Bob Eaton** and I attended a King county Sesquicentennial meeting where there is an opportunity to get grant money for operating expenses. A committee has been established and \$100,000 is available for museums to apply for. If we are successful with our application we may expect up to \$5000 for this fiscal year and possibly a biannual continuation.

Yes, there is good news, and a few people are doing a lot; but we still need more people involved in preserving the history of Black Diamond! Elections will be held again at the Annual Meeting on Oct. 1, and we do not have any volunteers for the Nominating Committee. Also, **Bill and Betty Luke** are planning to do some extensive traveling and will not be available to hold office next year. Who will fill the chairs?

Remember, the meetings are for ALL members of the Black Diamond Historical Society. We are always open to new ideas and suggestions. If there is something you could contribute, please let any one of us know. You are all invited and welcome!

**Monthly Board meetings are scheduled for Aug. 10 and Sept 7; and the Annual Meeting will be on Oct. 1, when the election of officers and directors for next year will be held.** If you, or anyone you know, would like to be part of preserving the history of Black Diamond, please attend the Annual Meeting.

*Bill*

January 9, 2000

- 10 members were present at the meeting.
- Treasurer, **Clayton Mead**, is working on the accounting books and getting them in order.
- **Jackie Cedarholm** brought in Welsh music CD's, featuring traditional Welsh music, played by members of their organization. The Welsh Association is selling the CD's. A motion was made, seconded and carried that we sell the CD's at the museum for \$20.00 each, with \$5.00 profit for the museum. The music is great!
- **Kelley Souskajous**, Editor, stated that she needs articles for newsletters which are planned on a quarterly basis; Feb., May, Aug., and Nov.

- A meeting was set with Holly Taylor to discuss finalizing Grants we are currently working on.

March 9, 2000

- Nine people were present at the meeting.
- **Bill Luke** left photos of the museum at **4 Corners Printing** to be finished for a museum brochure.
- New lumber wood and nails has been delivered for rebuilding the Black Diamond Coal Car.
- **JoAnne Matsumura** suggested that a Grant seminar to assist us in the application and utilization of Grant Funds would be beneficial. A motion was made to that effect, and passed.
- Museum Manager, **Bob Eaton** reported that the City has been discussing the formation of a Historical Preservation District in Old Town Black Diamond. Decisions could be made as early as 2001.

June 15, 2000

- 10 people were in attendance.
- Newsletter Editor still needed.
- Black Diamond Coal Car project is scheduled for next week.
- Museum Manager, **Bob Eaton** reported that a King County Sesquicentennial Grants are being offered to museums within the County. Deadline date for application is June 28th. The Board Members were asked to review the grant application and report back to Bob

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## Secretary's Report, Continued

with any suggestions on wording.

- Museum Archivist, **JoAnne Matsumura** reported on the progress of the indexing and cataloging of the Societies Newsletters. JoAnne also reported that the inventory of artifacts for 1998 is near completion. She is also working on the Vault storage collections of old photographs, their identification and labeling.

July 9, 2000

- Fifteen people were present at the meeting.

- **Bill Luke** presented a program about museums he and **Betty** have visited in their travels; discussing their differences, similarities, etc.

- Sizeable donations have been made in the memory of **Carl Steiert**. One anonymous donor asked that \$1,000 of the amount he donated be earmarked for Archival preservation.

- **Peggy Stanley** suggested that we plan putting treasury money into interest bearing savings or other accounts to gain interest to use for special projects.

- **Don Mason** reported that the membership list is constantly changing; of 209 total members, 150 of them are lifetime or over 80 years of age and pay no more yearly dues.

- A motion was made, seconded and carried to change the dues to \$10.00 for individual; \$15.00 for family; \$30.00 for organization; and \$100 for single lifetime.

- Nominating committee needs to be selected for the nomination of officers for the coming year.

- The application for the King County Sesquicentennial Grant has been submitted. We are awaiting notification of awards. Up to \$5,000 can be awarded for small museums to be used towards education of the general public.

- Various fund raising ideas were discussed, such as a quilt raffle, donated items, beef raffle, dinners for two, etc.

A complete report of each meeting is on file at the Museum office.

*Betty*

## From The Editor

By: Steve Israel



I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My wife **Dee** and I live in Black Diamond, and have known **Bill and Betty Luke** for many years. When Bill found out that I have been the Editor of my running club newsletter, I saw a light go on in his head. To make a long story short, here I am.

I have had the chance to attend the Aug. 10th Board Meeting of the Black Diamond Historical Society, and get introduced to some of the other Members. I was delighted to see the mix of people with different experiences and agendas. I have had a chance to see what progress has been done, and hear about the plans for the future of the Black Diamond Historical Society and the Museum.

I am looking forward to being a part of keeping our history alive, as well as helping to keep current with the twenty first century.

My wife and I have always had a genuine interest in history. Everything from family to the history of Black Diamond. When we travel, we always spend time looking at old stuff, and enjoy the old stories.

I am going to try to familiarize myself with the Society as much as time will allow, so I can do justice to the job as Editor of the Black Diamond Historical Society Newsletter.

This newsletter is the main link with many of our Members, and I will do my best to produce a quality and informative newsletter. This issue of the Newsletter is being produced on my personal home computer, and copied at a print shop.

At this time, we don't have the equipment in the Museum office to produce the Newsletter in house. There has been some discussion about updating the office equipment, and at this time a final decision has not been made.

I have had some experience with the computer, and

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I am using Microsoft Publisher 2000 to produce my newsletters.

For anyone that is interested in sending me material for the Newsletter, if you can type it on a computer and save to a disk, that would make life easier for you, me, and the rest of the staff. You can hand me a disk or e-mail me at [stevedee@tx3.com](mailto:stevedee@tx3.com).

Of course I also **welcome any written article** or letter in any form that I can get. The main reason I wanted to mention a little about computers, is there may be some of you that have, or have access to a computer and never gave it a second thought about the benefits of typing your material in this medium, rather than on paper. If the articles are typed on a computer: 1) it never has to be typed again - by anyone; 2) you can save your format and plug in new information next time, making it easier for you.

**These newsletters are yours**, and I am glad to publish whatever you want to see in them. Please help me to continue to send out interesting and informative newsletters to all of our Members.

*Steve*

## MUSEUM HAS MANY VISITORS SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR

So far this year, more than 2600 people have visited the museum. They came as individuals who were driving by and happened to see the museum, so dropped in. Some came on special arranged tours, and some set out for a days outing with the Black Diamond Museum as their destination. July was our busiest month with 557 visitors.

In addition to visitors from throughout the Puget Sound area and other places in Washington State, we had visitors from **Minnesota, North Dakota, Oregon, California, Montana, New Jersey, New York, Connecticut, Texas, Indiana, Nevada, Colorado, Kentucky, Michigan, Alabama**, and others. People from the countries of **Taiwan, Germany, Malaysia, Israel and the Czech Republic** also visited.

## COOK'S REPORT



The Thursday Work Crew has been very appreciative of the meals that have been served at the Museum on work days. **Beth Van Buskirk** is the lady who tries to get all the schedules organized and the cooks lined up for certain days. This is no easy task when people are vacationing in this nice summer weather; and then when the weather isn't so nice, a number of the retired group go south for the winter.

Beth can always use new volunteers. In one case, two of our volunteers work together as a team where one will do the main dish, and the other will do the dessert. Most of the cooks work singly, and lunches range from simple fare to a complete dinner meal. There have been 12 to 14 regulars at the lunch table on most Thursdays, and all have been very appreciative, offering many thanks. If you would like to volunteer to fix something for lunch, contact Beth at (360) 825-0956.

The following ladies prepared those wonderful lunches that have been served since the first of the year.

**Nancy Mead, Betty Luke, Jill Sena, Muriel Waldo, Beth Van Buskirk, Beth Deady, Eileen Zemek, Marlene Bortleson, Evelyn Dal Santo, Ethel Duncan, Rosemary Konoske, Linda Maks.**



## Museum Manager's Report

*(The following article was submitted by Bob Eaton to be published in the newsletter for the second quarter of this year. That newsletter was not published. However, we think the subject matter is still appropriate at this time.)*

Now that the year 2000 is here, we at the Museum must look ahead for new projects to keep the Museum up to the standard it has developed to. We need to:

1. Enlist more dues paying members. Most of our existing members are over 80 years of age or are paid up lifetime members. Dues pay operating expenses.
2. When new members are signed up, we should also ask them to volunteer as Docents. Don Botts crew is falling short of volunteers.
3. The Museum can use a few more members for the Thursday work force. Anyone who comes in the door is a qualified worker. There are a few repair jobs that need to be done this year. (Lunch is always good.)
4. The Historical Society has Educational Grants with the Black Diamond and Sawyer Woods Grade Schools. We need or would like to have a volunteer to work with the teachers on telling Black Diamond History, just a few hours a week; check it out. It can be interesting to you.
5. Last, for now, but not least - a few more board members would like help with planning the Historical Societies Museum future to the year 2010 and beyond.

To comply with the State Safety Inspectors report in December, the Museum purchased and installed new Exit lights and emergency lights. The Exit lights must be on all the time. The emergency lights come on when there is a power failure to light up stairs and dark areas. It was cheaper to buy new units than trying to find parts to fix the 20+ plus year old fixtures. Without these lights the Museum can not open to visitors.

*Bob*

**Ann Donati,  
longtime  
resident of Black  
Diamond, passed  
away in Everett,  
Washington on  
July 19, 2000, at  
the age of 92.**



Born in Renton, Washington, on August 11, 1907, Ann had been a resident of Black Diamond for more than 63 years. She is survived by daughters, Marilyn Keinke of Las Vegas, Nevada, and Carolyn Henderson of Lake Stevens; sister Agnes Lamisek of Seattle; a granddaughter, and a great-granddaughter. In addition, she left behind many friends and acquaintances in the Black Diamond area.

Ann and her husband, Albert, who worked in the coal mines were married in Renton, and moved to Black Diamond in 1937 where their first daughter, Marilyn was born. Four years later, daughter Carolyn was born and completed their family. At a gathering held in her honor, in Black Diamond, shortly before her recent move to the Lake Stevens area, Ann related that she and Albert only paid \$400 for their two bedroom home, with full basement in Black Diamond. Taxes were only \$2.50 per year!

Ann is remembered by many people in the Black Diamond area as an excellent pianist, who played in bands, for dances and other functions for many years. She was also a musician for the Eagles Ladies Auxiliary Aerie No. 1490, and the Crescent Temple No. 2 Order of Pythian Sisters and was a member of those organizations for over for over 50 years.

Shortly before her passing, Ann was invited to write about her life in Black Diamond, and was agreeable, but didn't know where to start. In the meantime, the party given in her honor was reported on in a local newspaper, and it seemed a fitting tribute to a real lady!

## MEMORIAL DONATIONS

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

### Memorial in the Name of:      Donation made by:

Albert Rossi  
Emil Rossi  
Archie Eltz  
Rose Guidetti

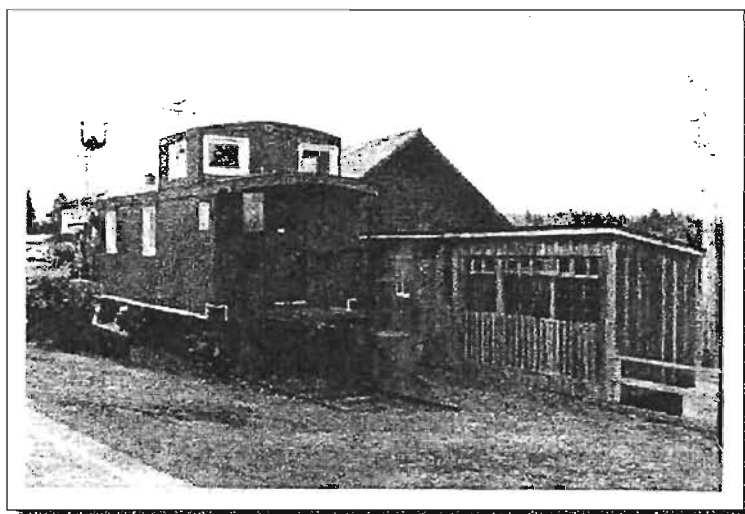
Evan Morris, Sr.  
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Edith Erneda  
Edith Erneda

The following memorials were made in the name of **Carl Steiert**:

Don & Lynn Mason  
Don Botts  
Lynda Maks  
Orville & Elsa Trover  
Bob & Emma Eaton  
Palmer Coking Coal Company  
    William Kombol , Manager  
Scott & Jill Sena & Family  
Joe & Eileen Zumek  
Harold Anderson  
Charlie & Dorothy Corlett  
Florence Garrett  
Berdina Johnson  
Clara Lapham  
May Savick  
Donna Casper  
Diamond Auto Rebuild  
Olga & Everett Swann  
Esther Babb  
Marian Short  
Joan & Michael Mason  
Sandra Keeler

Beverly Baker  
Catherine Gribos  
Michael & Mary Kun  
Thelma Griffith  
Richard & Julie Weinbrecht  
Frank Grgurich  
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Walter & Joan Clark  
Gino & Ruth Picini  
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Lew & Glee McCauley  
Cris Kandior  
Donald & Bennie Lapham  
Daryl & Norine McCauley  
Helen Manowski  
Harriette Rossi  
Judith Foster  
Donald & Sharon Coffield  
Ann Donati  
JoAnne Matsumura  
Oren & Mary Isham

John Hanscom  
Jacqueline Cedarholm  
Edward & Diane Gokey & Family  
Marian Langston  
Bill & Betty Luke  
Evan Morris, Sr.  
Muriel Waldo  
Mrs. Virginia Reich  
Clara Murphy  
Ms. Rachel Fagnan  
Margaret Lombardi Chamberlin  
Mike & Mary Chilcott  
Harold & Elsie Mary Hoffman  
Mary Saucier  
Norm & Norma Gumser  
Gertrude Franklin  
Joe & Evelyn Dal Santo  
Richard Hoyt  
Lilyne & Helen Bremmeyer  
Seattle Welsh Women's Club  
Dwight & Doris Garrett  
Edith Erneda



### Caboose Getting New Paint

Thanks to the many people whom contributed memorial donations in the in the name of **Carl Steiert**, the caboose is able to get a new paint job. The task is being preformed by the hard work of our volunteers: **Don Mason, Don Botts, Joe Zumek, Clayton Mead, Bill Luke and Charlie Corlett.**

## AROUND TOWN

By: Dorothy Franz Corlett

We played basketball in the "old gym". I guess it had been a bunkhouse for the single miners years ago. It didn't have very high ceilings. It didn't have ceilings at all! If one threw the ball too high, it sometimes got caught in the rafters and bounced around 'til it came back down! The dust raised from the floors when all those kids ran around. We thought we were in the "dust bowl" at times! That old building was torn down when I was in high school and the W.P.A. built a large new one for us. A lot of people volunteered their time and helped build it. Mr. Cobb's Manual Training Class had his students do some of the work---laying flooring under his watchful eye, etc. Several years ago, that gym was moved several blocks away to be used for other purposes. The moving costs were many times higher than the original cost! As money comes available it will be renovated to other uses.

The town had it's own movie theatre, where Hollywood movies were shown 3 or 4 times weekly. The Black Diamond Athletic and Community Club issued membership cards to the adults and their kids to use as passes to go to the movies. I still have my card. The miners paid, I think it was 50 cents a month to help pay for this. Mr. Babb monitored the show hall, and "boy you'd better behave in there or out you'd go!" There were only a couple of busloads of kids from out of town, whose Dads were not miners. Mr. Babb said, "Let them all go to the show as long as they behave". We really appreciated that. For years we went to free shows twice a week.

Mr. Babb was really good to the kids. He really kept the "rowdy" element in line, too. Occasionally some of the kids got out of line and were hauled into jail in Seattle. He'd go to Seattle and "go to bat" for them. He usually brought them home. They had to keep an appointment with him each day to monitor what they were doing. When he figured they were straightened out they were on their own! Most of the kids didn't like it at the time; but I'm sure that they respected him for it.

Everyone had to go to the post office for their mail. I usually went on my lunch hour. The post office was down the hill from the school (where the Eagles Hall is now.) We would go "kitty corner" behind the hotel to get there. It was closer than going around on the road. Mr. McCray (sp) lived at the hotel and did odd jobs for them. He had an old gray goose that was meaner than sin! The older kids had probably teased that goose until he attacked anyone who came near. We always surveyed the area to see where he was, or if he had his back to us, before we ventured down the hill. One day, I was a little late going for the mail. It was still lunch

hour but getting near bell time. I had to go on my lunch hour as there wasn't time after school because of the bus leaving immediately. Anyway, I came to the area where I'd have to go in back of the hotel. I looked all around for that "darned goose" and finally saw him with his back to me. He was about 250 feet away. I figured I'd be able to make it to the post office without him seeing me. Boy, was that a mistake! He started for me, half running and half flying! Before I knew it, he was right in front of me with his long neck and head down and hissing like mad! I tried to keep going and hoped he would leave me alone if I didn't aggravate him. Another mistake! The trail was muddy going down the hill. I realized I'd have to defend myself if I could. I kicked at him just as he was going to flail me with his wings. I slipped in the mud, and landed in his neck! His head was behind me when I sat on him. The rest of the goose was in front of me. One of my feet and legs was on each side of him. At 120 lbs., I must have "knocked the wind out of him"! I was mad and scared. I had to get up, but I was afraid of what he might do to me! I got up; wondering what to do. There wasn't a soul around to help me. The goose was slow to get up. I was afraid I had killed him accidentally. He finally got up, looking around like he was confused. He started away from me. I thought I'd get the last lick in. By then, I was getting madder. I booted him like a football! He took off, half flying and half running. He didn't hiss anymore, just let out a screeching "Aawk". He looked sort of dizzy and sort of cross-eyed when he got up. He took off like he was possessed, for parts unknown! I was afraid I'd be in trouble for kicking at him. I guess no one saw the incident as no one said anything to me.

I don't remember seeing that goose after that, come to think of it. I assumed at the time, that he was staying away from the kids. I'm sure he didn't know what struck him! He used to flog people terribly. Most people were terrified of him, including me. I'm a little leery of geese to this day.

You know, it was a fun place to go to school, really. Looking back on it, I wonder what the kids now-a-days would have done. They don't know how lucky they are with all their modern conveniences. Maybe it helped that we had a sense of humor. How else could we have survived the Great Depression? I'm sure it wasn't funny to our parents, though, trying to raise a family on next to nothing. Our kids have said, "Mom, it wasn't that bad was it?" My retort usually was, "I'm only telling you the good things! You wouldn't believe the rest!"

*Dorothy Franz Corlett*



## FROM THE ARCHIVES

### **BIG FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION PROVIDES ENJOYMENT TO THRONGS FROM SEATTLE AND MINING CAMPS.**

(From the Pacific Coast Bulletin Volume 2, No. 27, July 27, 1922)

Submitted by: **JoAnne Matsumura**, Archives Department. (note from JoAnne:

Labor Day Celebrations in 1922 were held in July -- in Black Diamond)

It would take several bulletins to do full justice to the joint celebration and picnic of the employees of the Pacific Coast Coal Company, associated enterprises and friends, held at Black Diamond on the Fourth of July.

The dust on the grounds where the field sports were held, rose in volumes as the happy revelers raced, ploughed, and plunged through it, in the contests conducted before 1400 or 1500 spectators, and each cloud seemed to show a remarkable preference for the Bulletin Staff, trickling down his neck and filling his shoes.

Moreover, there were other obstacles. The Boy Scout Band of Everett, supposed to be on hand at 8:30 or 9:30 in the morning lost its Scout Master or Path Finder, or something and didn't arrive until 11 AM. The parade with its beautiful floats, and gay, colorful attire, was therefore compelled to wind its way through the streets without music, and only the toot of an occasional horn to give it encouragement. The special train that was supposed to bring throngs from Issaquah and Newcastle arrived at 9:30 with only comparatively few visitors, and even those seemed to have missed connections, somehow, with the Reception Committee supposed to show arrivals where to go. As a result the women and their children wandered around for a few minutes not knowing, apparently, what to do, or how to do it.

Afterward, in one way or another, the crowd began to show up, and by noon, the grand stand and the bleachers both were full, with additional people in the picnic groves, and along the outskirts of the ball field where the automobiles were parked.

As for the program, it went off almost as scheduled. There were a few mix-ups, of course, and a misunderstanding here and there as to a prize or a winner even to a near fight over a decision of one of the two umpires in the ball game. The biggest sport event of the day was the ball game, and the prize of \$150.00.

Between the events, the children had their fill of ice cream, candies, peanuts, and other edibles, and had a thoroughly good time, as did the grownups.

In the evening came the big dance at the Masonic Hall and this thoroughly crowned the day by providing entertainment to a great throng which thoroughly enjoyed the excellent music, the

**By: JoAnne Matsumura**

#### A Dream is Realized:

Our members overwhelming response for the societies old Newsletters shows your genuine commitment for preserving the printed historical information about Black Diamond and its people. What would we do without members like you!!

Historical Book VOL 1, 1976-1996 has been assembled in archival sleeves and is now part of our vault collections. Book VOL 11 is near completion. Will continue to keep you posted. Our long term goal is to have VOL 1 microfilmed for circulation and permanent preservation. If you have information to share on this subject, please write to me.

#### Remember the "Sparkler"?

Sure you do! Great reading! Great art work! Its character sketches can bring a tear or two to any researchers eye. Do you have any "Sparklers" to share? (either copies or originals.) Why? you ask. The goal is to microfilm them for circulation and permanent preservation.

And, as with the newsletters, the offer of reimbursement of copies, postage, etc., still applies.

#### Microfilm Fund:

Monetary contributions to the Microfilm Fund will be maintained separately and used solely for this purpose. Thank you!!

#### Artifacts/Accessions:

The artifact donations in 1999 has enriched the Museums collections. These acts of kindness are also gifts from the heart. The Museum has also been the recipient of other acts of kindness; labor, expertise, food, materials and just being there to give a helping hand. We extend to each of you our deep appreciation, from the heart.

The most recent accessions were:

Joe Zumek -----White picket corral for the children's riding hobby horses. Such talent Joe!

Jeanne Norman ----Monetary donation. Our special thanks!

BD Library-----Pictograph projector, Keystone #441. So nice of them to think of us.

Don Davidson ----MINN-KOTA Trolling Motor, ca. 1930's in working condition. Anyone have printed information and a story to tell?

Esther Babb ----WWI and WWI Military memorabilia in memory of Henry Babb and James Vernarelli. We treasure these treasures Mrs. Babb. Thank You!!

Unknown Donor --Keystone Movie Projector, K109, 8MM. Thank You, silent donor!

Jack Price ----Mine candle light holder, with its own unique form. A nice addition to our collection.

Respectfully submitted, **JoAnne Matsumura**

# Archives Report

## MOTTO

MAINTAIN COLLECTING information of the Societies  
geographic districts of: Black Diamond, Ravensdale, Selleck,  
Kangley, Elkcoal, Danville, Bayne, Cumberland, Palmer,  
Navy, Kummer, Franklin, Krain and Lawson.  
Source: BDHS Newsletter, April 1976, VOL. 1 NO 1.

VISITORS ARCHIVE QUERIES: July 2000, One

COAL WITH PLANT RECIPE: June & July 2000, 83 packages.  
Those who donated gave a minimum of \$1.00 per package.

CLASSIFIED SECTION: "WANTED"--- Lake Sawyer memorabilia.  
Photographs, news clippings, maps, brochures, ads, etc.

NEW ACCESSIONS: June & July, 2000. Total for Year 2000 is 39.

Jack Bloodworth.....	Miter box & saw
Paul W. Kravagna.....	Welsh Flag
David Jenkins.....	Can of Carbide
Beth VanBuskirk.....	Outhouse Poem
Bill Luke.....	Radio tubes and Carving (crafted from PA coal)
Jane Phillips.....	Copies of obituary (John X Mills)
Carol K. Albert (Jos) Fosnick.....	BDHS calendar, Photo of Franklin school children
Bill Kombol.....	Game (Rook) and W.W.II handbooks
Joe Klontz.....	GE Refrigerator
Gino Picini.....	AB Dick mimeograph machine
David Uhler Family.....	1957 Radio, Monkey wrench, Auto bulbs, Razor and 2 Maracas

## SPECIAL PROJECTS - NEW:

- Obtain copies of pre 1930 City Directories
- Find quilters names of Black Diamond Quilters
- Obtain Video on Nortonville, CA
- Obtain missing pages of pre 1920 Mine Inspection Reports

## CHAIRMAN NOTES:

Please say Thank You to the above donors of artifacts, if you know them. Special Thanks to each of you for your efforts in helping to bring in these artifacts, and for your help with their display.

## FROM THE ARCHIVES: "DID YOU KNOW"

Twenty years ago (1980) we lost six members and Amanda Becker was the first contributor to our "Memorial Fund" (BDHS Newsletters 1980).

This report Respectfully submitted  
by: **JoAnne Matsumura**  
BDHS Technical Researcher

## Application For Membership or Renewal



Name (s) \_\_\_\_\_ Day Phone \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Eve. Phone \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

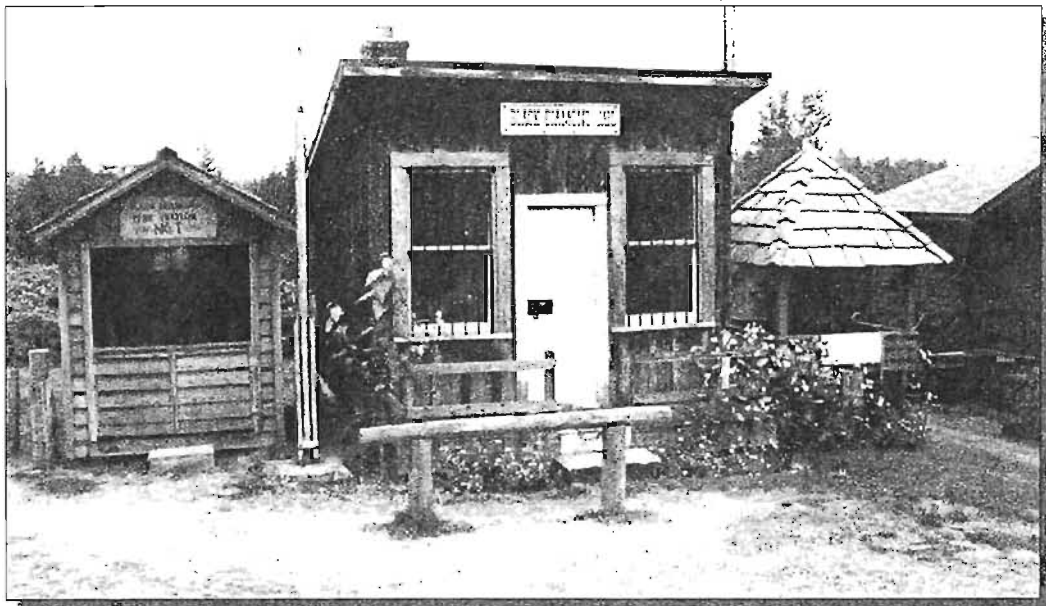
### Annual Membership Fees

- New  Renewal
- Individual \$10.00
- Couple \$15.00
- Organization \$30.00
- Lifetime (Individual) \$100.00

**Make Checks Payable To: BDHS**  
**Mail To:**  
**Black Diamond Historical Society**  
**P.O. Box 232**  
**Black Diamond, WA 98010- 0232**

*(For our bookkeeping records, on all checks please note what the check is for: Dues; Donation; Memorial; Etc.)*

## On The Grounds At The Museum



**The Black Diamond Jail**

The old jail stands next to the Museum.  
 To the left of the jail stands the old fire house, and to  
 the right is the old school bell from Selleck.



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

**If this box is checked**  
**Your dues are due**

## **MEETING NOTICE**

**Monthly Board Meeting**  
**Thursday, September 07, 2000**  
**1:00 P.M. At The Museum**



**Annual Election Meeting**  
**Sunday, October 01, 2000**  
**1:00 P.M. At The Museum**

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**All Members, and everyone interested**  
**in Black Diamond and it's History**  
**are Invited and Encouraged**  
**To Attend!**

## **The Black Diamond Historical Society**

**is a non profit organization.**  
**Our funding comes mainly**  
**from donations, dues, and**  
**some grants.**

**The restoration and main-**  
**tenance 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 pre-**  
**serve our history.**