

# Black Diamond Historical Society Newsletter

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## PICTURES OF THE PAST



### 1898 Black Diamond 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduates

Front row: Left to right, Sadie Thomas, Fillmore Calhoun, Alice Thomas (Ancestor of Lois Thomas), John Gwillym

Middle row: Mabel Davis, Inez Calhoun, Anna Borgan, Anna Abrams

Back row: Unknown, L. Nells, Osker Borgan.

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## ELECTIONS

Read about the candidates in this issue  
Come to the Museum

**OCTOBER 12th @ 1:30 PM**

Vote for your new Board of Directors  
Your Vote Counts!

The mission of the Black Diamond Historical Society shall be the discovery, preservation, and dissemination of the history of Black Diamond and environs, as it relates to King County and the State of Washington.

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President: Don Mason  
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 Secretary: Dee Israel  
 Treasurer: Clayton Mead

**Directors**

Don Botts, Howard Botts, Jackie Buss, Jackie Cedarholm, Steve Israel, JoAnne Matsumura, Anna Morris, Joe Zumek

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

**Don Mason**

This is my last report as President of our Historical Society. I hope you will give your support and enthusiasm to the new President.



I will continue to be involved as the ninth director on the Board for one year, as a Docent and as a Franklin Tour Guide. This will allow me time to pursue some of my other interests. I hope to see you at the Museum or on one of my Franklin Tours.

**MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

**OCTOBER 12th @ 1:30 PM**

Join us for food and entertainment as we bring in our new Board of Directors and Officers.

**BOARD MEETINGS**

Board meetings are held the 3rd Sun. of each month at the Museum at 1:30 PM. Meetings are open to the Membership, although participation is limited to Board Members. The General Membership may be allowed to join discussions as time permits. To have business placed on the agenda, please contact the Secretary in advance of the meeting date.

**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

W. R. Lewis of the UK writes:

“Dear Sir/Madam, I have just finished reading your book which my cousin who lives over at Maple Valley sent me as a gift. What a surprise, as I had no idea of this mining area!

As a very keen amateur industrial archaeologist with regard to the USA and Welsh coal industry fast and frequent, I just heard today one of our last deep mines is closed in West Wales.

This must be the finest book I have read to date. Wonderful! First class, as I have a large number of USA and Welsh books on this subject and this book is the best.

It is very well put together with the type of format with statements from the people interviewed, etc. Also the photos and make first class a real labor of love on behalf of your Society by the Authors. ....”

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## FROM YOUR EDITOR

Steve Israel

I want to thank all of you for the letters to the Editor and to the Staff of the Museum.

With your feedback, we know what we are doing right and where we are missing the mark.

I wish that all of the letters could be printed in the newsletter, but there is just too many! Please accept my apology if you expected to see your letter in print, and didn't.

Let me know if there is something that you feel must go in, and I will make the room for it. Otherwise, we share them with the rest of the staff to let them know what our members have to say. We keep the letters, and they are archived.

**Keep those cards and letters coming!**

## MORE LETTERS

Letter from young Haylee Sturton:

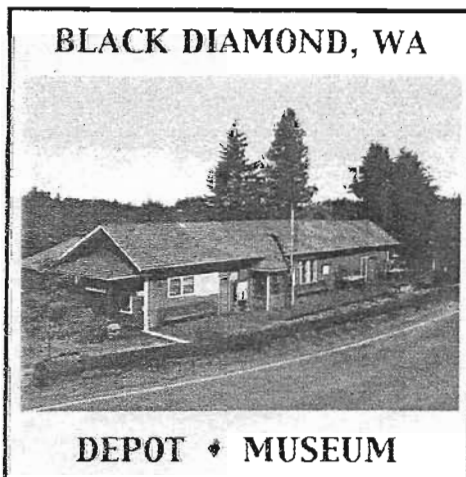
"Museum Lady, thank you for the tour of the Museum. I liked the old things."

"Thank you so much for showing us around the Museum. It was so interesting looking and hearing about all the old things you have. The coal (mine) model was fabulous as well. We sure appreciated your time taken by showing us around.

Rhonda Sturton"

"Editor, keep up the gook work. I look forward to your excellent newsletter every issue!

Ralph Dockham"



BLACK DIAMOND, WA

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## SECRETARY REPORT

By Dee Israel

JULY THRU SEPTEMBER 2003



### FACILITIES & GROUNDS:

We have painted yellow on edge of steps to the caboose and the platform on the outside edge and at elevation differences.

We have purchased and replaced the set of cargo doors for the basement. The existing one's are not energy efficient as they not only let the cold air in and warm air out, but water from the street runs under the doors. The new doors are secure and energy efficient.

We are now in the process of repairing the jail-house door jam and casing

We are very appreciative of the sizeable donation the Maple Valley Rotary Club has given us to help with our project of replacing rotted floor joists and to insulate under the floor of the Museum. We hope to start this project within the next month.

**MEMBERSHIP:** We have 11 new memberships this quarter. They are for Sherrie Acker, Norma Barnett, Margaret Bisiack, Mary Isham, Leasha T. Janet, Betty King, Richard F. Koch, John Stewart and Pete West as Individual memberships. Louis & Rosa Draghi and Grover C. & Ruby I. Smail have joined as Family memberships. We have lost 5 members due to nonpayment of dues. Three of our Individual members have brought in another family member, changing their membership to a Family membership. Ivor Merryfield brought in Betty, Carol Williams has now included her family on her membership and Mr. and Mrs. Chris Pieren are both members now. Our membership is now 254. There are 40 Individual & Family memberships that can be Grandfathered in as life members at age 80.

**VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS:** Joan Malgarini has volunteered to be a cook. Thank you Joan! (We could still use more help.)

**LABOR DAY:** Chair Dee Israel is happy to announce the Black Diamond Museum won first place in the float division with their train float.

Laura Olsen designed the ad for the Labor Day program booklet. It was well done... Thank you Laura!

**HOTPLATE TILES:** (See sample to the left) We now have hotplate tiles for sale at the Museum. They have a picture of the Museum on them and are very well done. Dorothy Botts has put these together for us. Thank you Dorothy! We believe these tiles will be a popular item for our members to use as Christmas

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(Continued from page 3) **Secretary Report** presents this year, with the affordable price of only \$5.00 each. This price includes tax, but not postage. If you would like one or more shipped, contact us and we will let you know what the cost would be for shipping.

#### **RIDING/WALKING TOUR BROCHURE:**

The brochure has now been printed and distribution has begun. We have 5 cases of 750 brochures to be distributed. A grant from King County Landmarks and Heritage Commission has helped pay for these great brochures. Thank you King County Landmarks and Heritage Commission! The reprinting of "MINING THE MEMORIES" **BOOK** has now gone to press.

#### **INTERENTAINMENT FOR AFTER THE MEMBERSHIP MEETING:**

If you didn't come to the July 13<sup>th</sup> Membership meeting, you missed a great walk through the Cemetery with short stories from members of some of the old time families.

After the Membership meeting on October 12<sup>th</sup> we have scheduled some great videos.

## **GUESTS**

By: Don Botts

During the months of **July, August and September** we had **1426** visitors to the Museum. There were visitors from **17 States**: Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Florida, Indiana, Maryland, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia and here in Washington. There were also people visiting from far off places, such as Alberta, British Columbia, England, Iraq, Netherlands, Ontario, Porto Rico and Slovenia.

## **REMARKS MADE BY OUR GUESTS**

Our guest book this quarter had many nice comments. Here are a few of them:

Very nice – downstairs is cool!!!, Wonderful way to preserve our history, Amazing amount of stuff, Wonderful – haven't seen a "nobo" hobby horse since I was a child, Good show, Very interesting exhibits, Love the history of where we come from, What a wonderful collection, Thank you – we

really enjoyed it, Wide variety of collection – a lot in a little space, JoAnne was wonderful!, Thanks – brought back memories, Very well put together, well done, Love to come here with our grandson, Enjoyable – Hostess very knowledgeable, What a neat place – Thanks for keeping it up, Great history, Great effort to preserve history, Don was a informative speaker!, I love this place!, It is beautiful, Well organized displays, wonderful collection, I like the caboose and the museum, Great collection, Good variety of items, I saw my grandfathers saw, Thank you for keeping the memories alive, Glad I stopped in, I love this museum – I've been here a million times and it never gets old, It's very nice, neat and historical, I learned a lot.

## **MONITARY DONATIONS**

We wish to thank the following for their generous donations to the Black Diamond Historical Society.

Donations to the general fund were made by:

**Mrs. Barbara Brown, LaVerne Riccardo, Mr. Don Everard, Mr. & Mrs. Mark Brown, Kindercare Learning Center, Mr. & Mrs. Norm Nelson, Metro Park Dist of Tacoma, Viola Munz, Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Gilbert, Betty Blakeney, Ron & Maryellen Tipper and Jackie Lerenon & Ron Swanson.**

Donations to the general fund in honor of Howard and Dorothy Botts 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary were made by:

**Julia Young, Robert & Beth Van-Buskirk and Muriel Waldo.**

Donations to the general fund by not excepting their pay for being a Thursday cook were made by:

**Jane Jones and Dee Israel.**

Donations to the archive fund were made by:

Heidi Holling, Jean Kelly, Ron and Maryellen Tipper and Wallace and Laurine Mitchell and Donna Garthe.

The Black Diamond Historical Society is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization. All donations are tax-deductible to the fullest extent of the Law. All donations are greatly appreciated.

## LABOR DAY

Chair Dee Israel would like to thank her great committee of Darryl & Jackie Buss, Clayton & Nancy Mead, Don Mason for helping to build the train float.

To walk the train down the parade route, Darryl Buss was the engineer (Thank you Darryl for carrying that heavy engine thru the parade.), Dee Israel and Jackie Buss were passengers in the passenger car, and Dorothy Botts was in the caboose. President Don Mason and Treasurer Clayton Mead handed out flyers about the Museum and Nick and Jake Buss (sons of Darryl & Jackie) and their friend Austin Bell handed out the candy from coal buckets.

The candy was chocolates, wrapped in black paper to look like coal, and was donated by Boehms in Issaquah. They donated 40 pounds of the candy. Thank you Boehms!

After all is said and done, The Black Diamond Museum's train float won a wall plaque for first place in their division.

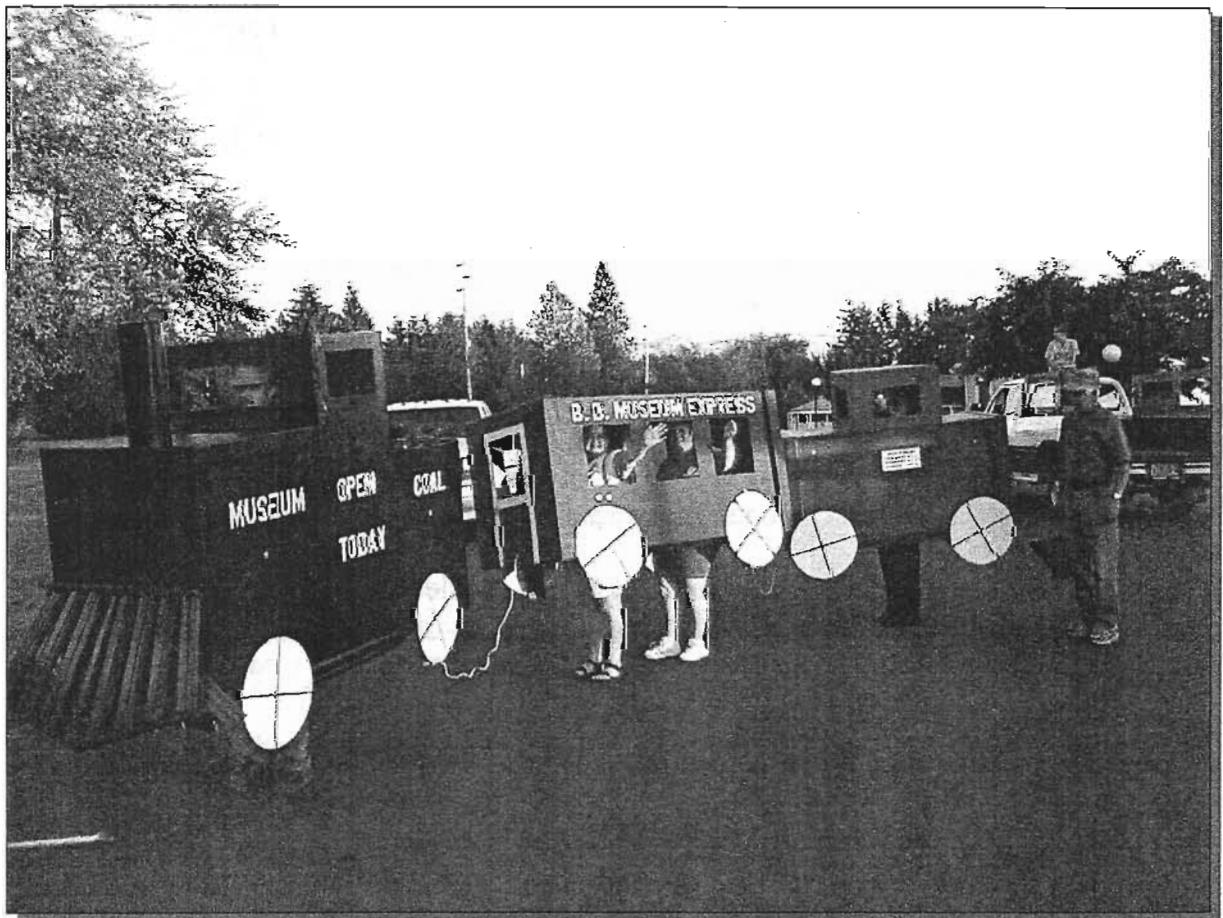
## BY-LAWS

Because several items in the Black Diamond Historical Society's By-Laws needed to be refined, a committee was selected to define these changes. The committee submitted to the Board their recommended changes. These plus a couple others brought up by the Board were reviewed and voted upon, making the changes, additions and corrections as needed.

The Board is now ready to bring these changes to the Membership for final approval. Copies of these By-Laws are available to the Members for examination. If you wish to read the By-Laws, they will be available upon request at the Museum during regular business hours.

Basically these changes include clarifying the meaning of several points, changing the membership meetings to semi-annually instead of quarterly and being able to amend the By-Laws at either of those meetings.

At our Annual meeting on October 12<sup>th</sup>, the Membership will have the opportunity to accept or reject these By-Laws as written. Please plan to attend.



## ELECTION TIME IS HERE AGAIN

By Dorothy Botts, Nominating/Election Chairperson

As of this date, the following nominations have been made:

President	Bob Eaton Steve Israel	Director - Shelley Aarness Director - Don Botts Director - Howard Botts
Vice President	Darryl Buss	Director - Jackie Cedarholm Director - Rosemary Konoske
Secretary	Dee Israel	Director - Don Malgrini Director - JoAnne Matsumura
Treasurer	Clayton Mead	Director - Anna Morris Director - Kelly Sauskojus Director - Bob Thompson

If you or someone you know would like to be in a position on the Board, nomination may be made from the floor (with prior approval of the nominee). Directors must be members of the Society.

At this time, the Board is composed of a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, eight (8) Directors and Immediate Past President (Director #9).

Are your representatives doing a good job for your Museum? - Re-elect them. Are your representatives messing things up? - Vote them out. Can you do a better job? - On election day, put your name on the ballot. A little new blood in any organization is often a good thing.

On Election Day, each member in good standing shall be entitled to one vote. Only one representative of a Business Membership may vote for the company. If that person is also an Individual Member he/she may only vote once.

**Be sure to attend our Annual Membership Meeting, on October 12, 2003** so you can vote in person. An absentee ballot is available by contacting the Museum at (360)886-2142 if you absolutely cannot attend.

## MEMORIAL DONATIONS

During this past quarter, The Black Diamond Historical Society has received the following in Memorial Donations:

**IN MEMORY of Bob Duncan**, a donation was made by Joe & Eileen Zumek.

**IN MEMORY of Margaret Thomas**, a donation was made by her daughter, Margaret Stanley.

**IN MEMORY of Rich Huber**, a donation was made by Ramon Kravagna.

The Black Diamond Historical Society would like to thank those of you that made these donations, and offer condolences to the families and friends of the deceased.

## GETTING TO KNOW THE CANDIDATES

This section includes a few words from our candidates that are currently running for a position on the Board of Directors for the Black Diamond Historical Society. Following each candidate's name is the position they are running for.

**Bob Thompson, Director**

I was born in Seattle 17 April 1931.

I went to school in Black Diamond, grades 1-7 (My 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher was Miss Arnold. She was also my father's 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher.) Grades 8-12 were in Enumclaw. I graduated from High School in 1949. (I went to school, grades 1-12 with Directors Howard Botts and Clayton Mead.)

I took pre-dental at W.S.C., graduated from U. of W. Dental School in 1959. I had an active Dental Practice for 34 years in Auburn.

I retired on 5 acres in Kent. Have a large garden and orchard. I raise sheep – 8 at present.

I am married to Judy, a retired teacher and longtime gymnastic coach. We have two grown kids – Will and family live in Covington on 9 acres. They raise Mexican Longhorns as a hobby and sell them for rodeo stock. – Sarah and her husband live in Colorado Springs and are in Sport Management.

I served on the Park Board in Auburn for several years and am active in Kiwanis and the Chamber of Commerce. Judy and I have been drivers for the Cancer Society for several years.

Black Diamond has been a favorite place for years. My Grandfather H.C. Thompson bought the livery stable in about 1915-18. Later he delivered coal to mine employees.

My mother's father, Romeo Medainis' picture is on the wall of the Museum. He was one of 34 miners killed in the mine explosion in 1918. I donated the picture to the Museum.

The volunteers have done a great job of arranging and maintaining the Museum facility.

I have the time and energy plus I know the history of the area, so I think I can contribute much to this cause.

**Anna Morris, Director**

I am happy to serve on the Board of Directors for the Museum. This place is a true "gem" in this quaint town of ours. Preserving the history and foundation of Black Diamond is such a worthwhile and enjoyable endeavor. I'm always amazed at the core group of volunteers who accomplish so much and who's passion for this 'ol coal town make the organization thrive.

My connection to Black Diamond goes back a ways, which motivates me to remain involved. My mother grew up on Lawson Hill, and my dad volunteered time, material and heart to many community events. He fervently identified with the Labor Day Celebration, the Fire Dept., and the Museum.

I enjoy the annual events that the Museum sponsors, such as Welsh Days, Franklin hike, and am honored to continue my involvement and contribute in ways that I am able. I'm always learning at that. The positive, caring, committed people make it a pleasure. Thank you for your consideration.

### HOLIDAY CLOSURE DATES AND WINTER HOURS

Winter hours begin November 1, 2003

Thanksgiving, November 27, 2003

Christmas December 22, 2003 through January 2, 2004.

# GETTING TO KNOW THE CANDIDATES

## Dee Israel, Secretary

I started my business career by working as a Clerk-Typist for the State of Washington, Department of Parks in 1966. In 1968 I transferred to State of WA, Dept of Transportation, and became a Clerk-Typist II. I was promoted to Assistant Office Manager in 1975 and became the Office Manager in 1987. I retired (with 30 years of State employment) from the State of Washington DOT in October 1996.

In October 1997 I worked 1 year in the framing Department of Wagner's Crafts in Covington, and am now officially retired.

I have lived in Black Diamond for 33 years and truly enjoy the small town atmosphere and history.

I became a member of Black Diamond Historical Society in August of 2000 and was elected Secretary in October of that year. I have now been your Secretary for three years and would be honored to have your vote for another year.

## Don Malgarini, Director

I was born in Black Diamond (Morgansville) 9-13-34, lived there for 26 years! Married and moved across the river to Enumclaw, I have always considered Black Diamond my home and take great interest and pride in the Museum. My wife, Joan and I have three grown children and eight grandchildren all living in the area.

I worked in and around the mines in the mid '50s for a few years just prior to the closing of the underground operations. I spent about 10 years as a volunteer for the Black Diamond Fire Department and served on several Labor Day Committees.

For many years we, as a family, had worked in the Cemetery, back when there was nothing but ferns and blackberry vines. How nice it is now that the City has taken over the Cemetery!

I am interested in serving on the Board for the Historical Society. A main concern of mine is to see that funding is best allocated for the Historical Society and the City of Black Diamond. I think my knowledge of the coal mines and their workings, and of the town history will be beneficial to the Historical Society. I enjoy sharing this information with others..

## JoAnne Matsumura, Director

It is a privilege and an honor to be a representative of the Black Diamond Historical Society as Director/Trustee.

Having served the Society continuously since 1993 beginning under the leadership of Curators Carl & Ann Steiert and serving as Consultant I was given assignments of technical research of the Society's artifact collections and collection care and management, the results of which is represented throughout the Museum and its Archives.

In private practice for over a quarter century serving the private and public sector as Professional Technical Research, Collection and Care Management, and Tax Accountant, I offer the Society my knowledge, experience, expertise and hard work towards the mission and goals of the Society.

As part of my Director/Trustee Code of Professional Responsibility, it is my duty to:

- ◆ Maintain a high level of integrity
- ◆ Serve in an honest, fair manner and without personal gain
- ◆ To give precedence to laws governing the Society
- ◆ To act responsibly and be accountable
- ◆ To invite your participation and expertise and
- ◆ To promote our endeavors and showcase our success

The past is my heritage (I am a coal miner's granddaughter of ancestors from the Black Diamond, Burnett, South Prairie style). The present is my responsibility. The future is my challenge (exceeding your expectations).

Let us grow together, From Ancestors to The Children Of The Future, with the Society's mission of Discovery, Preservation and Dissemination.

### **You don't have to run for office to be a big help around the Museum.**

There are many little jobs that we need help with from time to time. Here are a few: Folding newsletters, Paint touch-up, Filing, Organize the shop, Carpentry, Minor electrical repairs, More carpentry, More painting, Window glass replacement, Securing artifacts to displays, Recruiting more members, and the list goes on. Contact one of our volunteers if you have an interest in helping to maintain your Museum.



# GETTING TO KNOW THE CANDIDATES

## Steve Israel, President

Upon taking the position as Editor in 2000, I have become deeply involved in the Black Diamond Historical Society. I serve on the Board of Directors; I am involved in maintaining and repairing the Museum; I am currently serving as Chairperson of the Committee to reprint our book: *Black Diamond: Mining the Memories*; and I have helped to bring the Museum's office into the twenty-first century.

I am proud to be a part of the team that has accomplished so much over the past three years, and I am looking forward to doing my part in keeping that momentum going. My focus is on the details of the tasks that we do as a governing body of the Society. The details are like the nuts and bolts that hold the fabric of our Society together.

My vision for this Society is for our continuing efforts to serve this community and beyond, by providing the medium for education of all ages; bringing history to life; and making it interesting.

If elected as President, I will continue to work with the Board of Directors, King County Landmarks and Heritage Commission, and the Washington Historical Society to keep the Black Diamond Historical Society and the Museum alive and well.

## Jackie Cedarholm, Director

Jackie Cedarholm lives in Seattle. Her ties to Black Diamond are: her mother, Glen Morgans was raised in Black Diamond, and her grandfather was master mechanic for Mine #14.

Jackie is Program Chairperson for the Annual Welsh Day Celebration. She comes to Black Diamond every Thursday to serve as an Archive Committee Member, assisting to maintain notebooks for the public to view. The notebooks include: *Around the Town Notebook Series* and a notebook on the Black Diamond Mines of California, where the Black Diamond Mines of Washington originated.

## Don Botts, Director

I was born August 18<sup>th</sup>, 1923 in Black Diamond. My uncle Dr. H. L. Botts delivered me. I joined one brother and three sisters at home, one half sister in Portland OR.

I entered first grade at Black Diamond Grade School September 1929, and graduated from eighth grade in June of 1938. I entered Black Diamond High School in September of 1938, and graduated in June of 1941.

In January of 1942, I worked at Sea-Tac Shipyards as a chipper, and left January of 1943 and joined the Navy. I went to boot camp at Farragut, Idaho. Then I went to aviation machinist mate school in Norman, Oklahoma for five months, then to Norfolk, VA for further training back to the west coast in San Diego. Then I went aboard an aircraft carrier in the Pacific, and mustered out in 1946.

I was a machinist for Stetson-Ross Machine Co. from May of 1946 until September 1983, when I retired.

I started working at the Museum in 1987. I helped in different additions, including the caboose. I was Vice-President in 1999, and became Director in 2000. I enjoy working on the Thursday Crew and also being a Docent on Saturdays and Sundays.

## Rosemary Konoske, Director

I came to Black Diamond when I was 4 years old and have remained here all the rest of my life. My husband Hank has lived here all of his life. He and his father were both local coal miners.

Hank and I have 5 children that we raised here. Every year, for 17 years, as they were growing up at least one of my children were winners in the Labor Day Parade.

My business career included 20 years at First National Bank in Black Diamond.

I have been an active member of the Community Center Board and volunteered at the Presbyterian Church Clothing Bank.

I have been a life member of the Black Diamond Historical Society since 1978. I became a volunteer cook for the Thursday Crew way back when Rose Guidetti was head of that committee.

I believe I would be a good asset to the Board.

# GETTING TO KNOW THE CANDIDATES

## Bob Eaton, President

I am one of the Black Diamond Museum founding members and served as President from 1982 thru 1999. In addition I served as Museum manager for the year of 2000. After leaving local office I have remained active as a board member of AKCHO. The AKCHO directs government policies concerning historic issues. Even though I am no longer active on the Museums board of directors, my dedication to the Museum continues today. Thru tireless efforts the Museum expanded three times during my various terms in office. I have a vested interest in the continued growth and prosperity of both the Black Diamond Museum and the Historical Society. Our foundation is in the local community and volunteers. I believe our success depends upon fostering community involvement. I look forward to serving the Museum again. Thank you for your support.

## Kelley Sauskojus, Director

I have been a lifetime member of the Black Diamond Historical Society since 1986. My interest in history comes from my grandfather, Robert Eaton. Every summer we would come with him to the Museum to work with him various projects.

Now I am a mother with two children and would like to see the history of the town I have called home since 1991 preserved for my children and grandchildren. Thank you for your support.

## Shelley Aarness, Director

I am interested in a position on the Black Diamond Museum's Board of Directors. I have been a member of the Museum since 1986. I have actively volunteered many hours on various projects and current displays. I printed many of the pictures on the walls and participated in the rebuilding of the Caboose. I served as treasurer during 1991 and 1992. I have lived in the Black Diamond vicinity since my childhood. I look forward to the opportunity of serving the Museum and my community. Thank you for your consideration.

## Howard Botts, Director

Howard is not available to write about himself. He and his wife became lifetime members of the Society in 1990. Howard would like to continue as a director on the Board for another year and asks for your vote..

## Darryl Buss, Vice President

I have been the Vice President of the Black Diamond Historical Society since November of 2001. As Vice President, I have tried to do what I can to help the BDHS, although being employed full time and maintaining a household with my wife and 2 boys takes most of my time. The thing I have been most involved in is trying to get our financial information loaded onto the computer so that we can better track our income and expenses. This is an ongoing process and, as part of the Financial Committee, this is my primary focus.

I find that as I get older, I become even more interested in local history. That is what first brought me to the Historical Society. I enjoy learning about our area and am always learning more as time goes by.

My wife, Jackie, and I have been married for just over 20 years and have lived in Black Diamond for 18 of those years. We have two sons, Jacob (15), and Nick (12). My wife was raised in Renton, and I was brought up in Bremerton and rural Kitsap County. We enjoy living in Black Diamond and we feel that the small town environment is ideal for raising our children.

In addition to being an officer of the BDHS, I serve on the Planning Commission of the City of Black Diamond. I also try to make it a habit to attend City Council and other public meetings in our area.

## Clayton Mead, Treasurer

Clayton is a lifetime Black Diamond area resident. He has been very active in community services as far back as anyone can remember. Clayton is a retired logger, and has been involved in Little Leagues, the Presbyterian Church, the Community Center and the Eagles; to name a few.

He and his wife Nancy became lifetime members of the Black Diamond Historical Society in 1990 and have been a great help in making repairs to the Museum, as well to some of its artifacts. Clayton is currently the Treasurer and has been doing a good job in keeping the books of the Society. He is now running again for that position.

## PICTURES OF THE PAST

(Picture shown on cover)

In 1890 **Inez Calhoun** with her parents and siblings moved to Black Diamond. Inez and her brother **Fillmore (Fill)** started school in the fall when she was 7 and Fill was “nearly six”. “We sat together in the old double seats and went through nine grades together. We had some very fine teachers in this country school. The one we shall remember the longest was **David Thomas** who was very smart and had the faculty of passing along his knowledge to his pupils.”

Later the school had “three rooms and three teachers. We sat on straight benches with no backs. In the center of each room was a large heating stove and at the back a bench with a pail of water and a dipper. In the highest grades there was a stand with a big dictionary for every one to use. It was a good place to exchange notes.”

“In the Spring of 1898, my brother and I took the county examinations and passed out of the ninth grade.” Inez went to “Seattle High School at 6<sup>th</sup> & Madison” to complete her education and “Fill went to Pullman”. ♦

Quotations are from the memoirs of Inez Calhoun (Calquhoun) Shaffer, 1882-1969, BDHS Catalog #2003.59.03

## ARCHIVES WISH LIST

- ♦ World War II Observer’s armband
- ♦ “Enumclaw Creamery” Ice Cream carton 1930-1960
- ♦ Rings n’ things jewelry boxes
- ♦ Cup & Saucer stands
- ♦ Black Diamond Centennial Tee-shirt (1982), black, featuring the coal car in the center with “Black Diamond 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary” written around it. Originally offered by Doug and Lou Isaman, owners of Boot’s Tavern at that time, for \$7.00.

## IN MEMORY

**Robert E. Duncan Sr.** passed away June 21, 2003. He was a lifetime Black Diamond resident.

Mr. Duncan served as a volunteer fireman for the Black Diamond Fire Department and worked for King County until his retirement in 1989. His involvement and presence in the community will be missed.

Mr. Duncan is survived by; his wife Gladys, son Robert Duncan Jr., daughter Kathleen Thomas, sister Hazel Severson and brother Fred Duncan. ♦

**Carroll Thomas Gibson** passed away July 29, 2003. He was born May 4, 1921 and was a long time resident of Black Diamond, WA. Mr. Gibson was a Black Diamond High School graduate of the class of 1939

Carroll Gibson is survived by his wife of 60 years, Georgia Lois Wilkins; his son Tom preceded him in death, son Terry and Brother Walter. ♦

**Richard Ronald ‘Rich’ Hubber Sr.**, passed away on July 28, 2003. He was born in Carbonado, WA, October 31, 1935. He was 67. He was a Black Diamond resident from 1936 to 1956 before moving to Enumclaw.

Many will remember Mr. Hubber as their 6<sup>th</sup> grade school teacher in Black Diamond that spanned some 32 years. He will also be well remembered for his passion of sports and acting as coach for basketball, baseball, football and volleyball. His forty year record of perfect attendance at Enumclaw High School’s basketball tournaments is unmatched.

Mr. Hubber is survived by his wife of 47 years, Arlene Hubber; sons Rick Hubber and Steve Hubber, and daughter Linda Hubber. ♦

The Black Diamond Historical Society expresses condolences to the families on behalf of its membership ♦

If you become aware of the passing of a Society member or former member please let us know so that we may extend our sympathies. Thank you.

## GENEALOGY TIP

With holiday gatherings approaching, it is a good time to capture family stories on tape. Modern technique tells us that transcription to paper is critical for long-term preservation, as audio media is soon outdated and magnetic coding may become garbled with time. ♦

## FROM THE ARCHIVES

JoAnne Matsumura

Your Society has among its group of volunteers a varied expertise that is so unique it is considered rare. This uniqueness is so diverse we wish space were unlimited so we could list them all. However in the realm of artifacts, we have the expertise among us to identify an artifact, describe how it works, how it was used, and the historical information about it when speaking with our visitors. Though we have this abundance of expertise, no one person knows it all. There are times when an artifact presents us with a guessing game as to what it is. We recently had such an experience.

Through the generosity of **Ms. Terry Hager**, of Black Diamond, who offered the Society the entire contents of a furnished home decorated in the 1930's to 1940's, we came upon an object that presented us with a guessing game. Because of the expertise of one of our members we now have one more treasure to exhibit in the Museum along with the others from this generous gift donation.

**Gino Picini** and I were at the end of moving day and final review. In the basement we spotted something with our flashlights and decided to take the object outside for a better look. The guessing game began. We first had to put it together, since it was all in pieces. It was large, metal, had an inner basket and a butter churn type handle. Putting it together made the difference as Gino exclaimed, "It's a honey separator!" The fun guessing game ended. Thanks Gino for your expertise and widening my horizons.

We are indeed appreciative to Ms. Hager for her kindness and generosity in thinking of the Museum with her gift donation.

Please allow me to express my sincere appreciation to the volunteers who helped me with this project. They are; **Donald Botts, Jackie Cedarholm, Steve and Dee Israel, Don Mason, Clayton Mead, Bill and Elsie Parkin and Gino Picini.**

Our Around Town series has a new volume comprised of information about Nortonville, California and the migration of those who first came to Black

Diamond, WA. Information about the Rose Hill Cemetery and Pioneer Cemetery record listing is included. We thank Archive Committee Member **Jackie Cedarholm** for this time consuming task. A job well done! We welcome and cordially invite you to submit copies of materials about Nortonville, CA for inclusion in this special volume.

The new business histories presented for our Community Album are **The Rogers No. 3 Mine and Chronology of the BPD Coal Company, 1947-1951.**

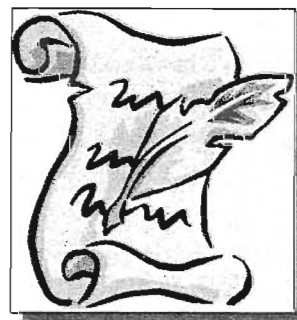
The recent exhibit of photographs, map and Chronology of the BPD Coal Company, 1947-1951, drew people together in conversation about the company's owners, **Bill Parkin, Sr. and Pete Dearden.** The exhibit is in the Auditorium until mid-October.

**Conrad 'Coke' Roberts**, Chairperson of the 2003 High School Reunion has set 2005 for the next High School Alumni Reunion. Our task of compiling a master list of the student alumni has already begun. The completed list of names will then be included in our Around Town series, School section. All BD High School attendees are urged to provide us with their current address to receive further information. Please be assured that we will not circulate, trade, sell or share the mailing list.

Our first shipment of the Society's historic Newsletters, 1997-2002, has been sent to the Allen County Public Library in Ft. Wayne, IN.

So until next time, Happy Trails.

◆ Respectfully, *JoAnne Matsumura, Archivist*



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## ARCHIVE PRESERVATION TIP

If you have a musty smelling book or documents, fresh air and dusting is what it needs. Use a soft brush to dust off each page and spine. Leave it open to air out and after a few days do the next page. It is worth the time and small effort in preserving treasured heirlooms. ◆

# TREASURES AND TRINKETS

## New Accessions

We thank the following individuals for their generous donations and kindness in thinking of the Museum.

- ◆ **Norma Barnett**-Hinged draw knife
- ◆ **Harry Berry**-Copies of school group pictures and Basketball Team 1942, drawings by Harry Berry
- ◆ **William Bisyak**-1931 Class ring, Band and School group photographs
- ◆ **Boehms Candies Inc.**-Candy for the Labor Day festivities
- ◆ **Dorothy Botts**-Collection of historic brand soap
- ◆ **Howard Botts**-School books and Johnson & Johnson Band-Aid carton
- ◆ **Paul Botts**-Coal bucket
- ◆ **Carol Brockfield**-Gum wrappers circa 1930's
- ◆ **Jackie Cedarholm**-Snapshots of Welsh Heritage Day, 2003
- ◆ **Frank Grgurich**-Crocheted potholders, teacher's desk used at the Black Diamond High School, large scroll map of the world, photographs, floor lamp circa 1920's, glassware, one cup flour sifter, cribbage boards, metal pencil circa 1922, note cards sketched by W.H. Piggott, Black Diamond Community May Day Festival Coronation Ceremony Program, circa 1940
- ◆ **Terry Hager**-Selected artifacts from a fully furnished Black Diamond home in the period style of pre 1040's.
- ◆ **Heidi Holling-Sato**-Buttons, beer bottle
- ◆ **Dee Israel-E**-Snapshots of Gladys Cobb
- ◆ **Leasha Tyerman Janet**-Photograph on loan of miners at Ravensdale Colliery
- ◆ **Betty Jazbec**-Snapshot of Andrew Jazbec, 1964
- ◆ **Betty King**-Photograph of the Senior Class of 1936, in memory of Bud King, Rex King's carbide lamp and scale with weights from The Pool Hall
- ◆ **Bill Kombol**-Coal Mine Inspectors Report of the December 31, 1940 mine accident at the Occidental mine, near Palmer, WA, with newsclippings and accompanying photographs
- ◆ **Rosemary Konoske**-Newsclippings
- ◆ **Jane Shaffer Lamka**-Photograph of the 1898 Black Diamond 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduates, autograph book and written memoirs of **Inez Calhoun Shaffer**, Calhoun family photographs, photograph of Reverend

Shephard and Atkinson family, owners of the Black Diamond General Store circa 1891

- ◆ **Emery Lessard-Gillett** razor blade sharpener and box of blades
- ◆ **Don Mason**-Snapshots of Franklin, WA, Kanasket Depot building, punch bowl set for Society use
- ◆ **Clayton Mead**-Slovak songbook signed by **Frank Potocnik**, three report cards of **George Potocnik**, restored wood clothes drying rack for the Country Kitchen bay, wood holders for exhibit signs
- ◆ **Paul Mlachnik**-Story & Clark pump organ, circa 1915, with bench in memory of **John and Verna Thompson** and **Joe and Hazel Mlachnik**
- ◆ **Palmer Coking Coal Co.**-History of the Rogers No. 3 Mine for the Community Album, with image of miners, 1975, **Morris Bros. Coal Co.**, 1933 Annual Picnic Program with image of the clan, Instruction Manual and Parts List booklets for cap lamp
- ◆ **Daniel Picini**-Door knobs for Museum use
- ◆ **Tom and Karen Plucinski**-Photographs of Lake Sawyer in memory of **Burghduff Family**
- ◆ **Conrad 'Coke' Roberts**-Photo collage of the class reunion held June 20, 2003, floor model 50 Star United States Flag given to him by the American Legion for his many years of service to the American Legion as Director of Evergreen Boys State
- ◆ **Olga Kezele Saylor**-Snapshots of the class reunion held June 20, 2003
- ◆ **Emma Becker Sigmund**-Photograph of the BD High School Girls Basketball Team 1930-1931
- ◆ **Grover and Ruby I. Smail**-Snapshot of Grover and Ruby prior to his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrated on August 6, 2003.
- ◆ **Snoqualmie Falls Candy**-Candy display containers for Society use
- ◆ **Joe Softich**-Photograph of the BD Hotel and Soccer Team, circa 1930's
- ◆ **Val & Pat Sternig**-Miner's hat and carbide lamps
- ◆ **John Stewart**-Photographs of the **John T. Williams Family**
- ◆ **Tom Taff**-Square nails
- ◆ **Bob Thompson**-Scrapbook of news clippings, **Vi Thompson Estate**
- ◆ **Unknown**-1920's bathing suit, leather War

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## LADIES IDENTIFIED

"Pictures of the Past" in our April 2003 Newsletter of the two ladies with their bicycles has been identified. New member, **John Stewart** recently brought in an original photograph of this image that included names of the ladies and date of the photograph.

The ladies were teachers in Black Diamond, WA in 1897. Ida Davies is on the left and Miss Carrey is on the right. The photograph is dated 1912.

We thank Mr. Stewart for his donation of this photograph from the Estate of **Ellen Williams Olson**.

## WELCOME NEW VOLUNTEERS

By **Don Botts, Volunteer Coordinator**

As a volunteer you give a priceless gift. We thank the following individuals for their gift of time and caring.

- ◆ **Austin Bell**
- ◆ **Jacob Buss**
- ◆ **Nick Buss**
- ◆ **Mr. Charles**
- ◆ **Nile Israel**
- ◆ **Pauline Kombol**
- ◆ **Mason Vines**

*(Continued from page 13)* **Accessions**

Bond Wallet

◆ **Muriel Botts Waldo**-Photograph of the Senior Class of 1937 and collection of high school memorabilia, Kodak camera circa 1930, WWII Emergency Medical Field Kit, metal lemon juicer from the Estate of **Mrs. Alton Botts**, 1907 Lawson Time Book, USN Dog Tag of **Joe Waldo**, USN Clock from crew's quarters, Joe Waldo Estate

◆ **Joe Zumek**-Book rests for books on exhibit, restored the outdoor bench, wood exhibit sign holders

Thank you one and all!

JoAnne Matsumura, Archivist

## SNIPPETS 'N SMIDGENS

Contributed by **JoAnne Matsumura**

Did you know:

◆ **THAT**-The Black Diamond Christmas festivities were held in the School Auditorium prior to 1922 when it then changed to the Black Diamond Theatre.

◆ **THAT**-100 years ago The Nebraska Plainview News stated "we are living in an age of improvements; wireless telegraph, horseless carriages, smokeless powder, chewless food, chainless bicycles and the lightless lamp".

◆ **THAT**-Black Diamond photographer **PAUTSKE**, sold Cabinet photograph cards in the late 1890's that you may have in your heirloom family album.

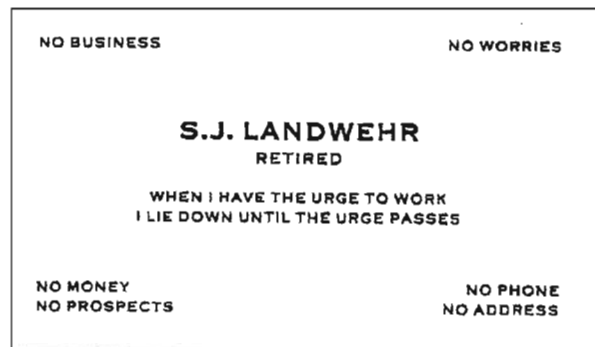
◆ **THAT**-Of the 198 individuals who served as Black Diamond WWII Observers ("Plane Spotters") of Post #33, 122 individuals have passed away, 54 still survive and the whereabouts of 22 are unknown.

◆ **THAT**-**Frances, Clara, Marian and Pearl Metzler** are 91, 87, 85 and 75 years young, respectively.

◆ **THAT**-This entertaining work allows our "Talents and Gifts" to be polished and shared, and thus entertains our visitors and members alike.

## NO BUSINESS?

**Paul Botts** met Mr. Landwehr in Montana when he was there "doing a job."



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# PICTURESQUE CEMETERY WALK

Contributed by JoAnne Matsumura

The program at our General Meeting in July was a walk in the Historic Black Diamond Cemetery, with several guest speakers. Our membership family group did not let the threatening rain clouds deter them from attending. The rain held off until the last guest speaker



Our first guest speaker, **Esther Pennacchi Birch**, shared her story of **Abramo and Adele Pennacchi** and of the ornate entombment.

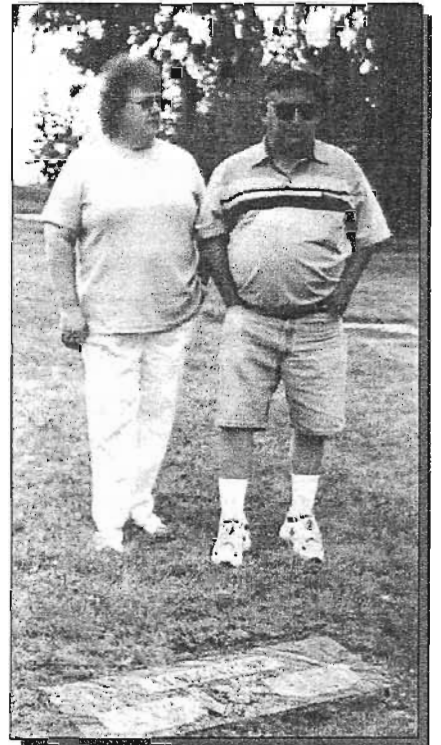
We then gathered at the grave of **Steve Vernarelli** where **Gino Picini** read passages from *Black Diamond: Mining the Memories*. With his wife **Ruth** beside him, he spoke of young Steve who was to graduate with his classmates in 1934.



Venturing further on the path, **Howard and Dorothy Botts** shared family lineage information and the story of **Dr. Botts** with his lesson to the youngsters who came often for cough syrup (more alcohol content then) and got a surprise laxative additive a few days later. The youngsters did not come for cough syrup for quite a while after that.



We then gathered in a different section of the Cemetery where **Don and Joan Margarini** told us of the struggle **Ester Margarini** had with 11 children to care for when her husband **Victor** passed away from an accident. It was not an easy road for her but she persevered.



Umbrellas were shared as we gathered for our final speaker, **Margaret and Maitland Stanley** from California. Margaret spoke of her ancestor **Albert L. Thomas** who passed away at just over one year old and of her grandfather **William T. Thomas** who worked at Mine #14. The rains really came down on us then, so we began to depart thanking our guest speakers for the informative and enjoyable walk in the Historic Black Diamond Cemetery. ♦



# COALMINE REPORTS

(Continued from previous issue)

## THE COAL MINES OF THE STATE

### FRANKLIN

This mine is owned and operated by the Pacific Coast Company, under the same management as the mines at Newcastle and Coal Creek. On August 24, 1894, thirty-seven persons lost their lives in the Franklin mine through being suffocated by smoke. The mines then in operation have been closed since that date. The same seam of coal has been exploited by a slope on section 7, some two miles from the village of Franklin. I was informed that the workings of this slope had penetrated the old workings of the mine that was on fire and large quantities of carbonic acid gas, (black damp) had been met with. On investigation I found this to be a fact, and when the plan of the mine was finally forthcoming it showed that the old plan was in error at least 450 feet. This was on the east side of the slope. The west gangways are driven towards old No. 12 mine of the Black Diamond Coal Mining Company, a mine that has been abandoned for several years and which is full of water. The miners hearing of the discrepancy on the east side were naturally uneasy as to the conditions on the other side, for should a mistake occur there, disaster would surely result. The mine inspector after a careful examination of the plans of both companies, was convinced that no danger need be feared and at a meeting of the miners, explained to them the situation, thus relieving their minds of considerable anxiety. Two fatal accidents are on record as having occurred at this mine. It is matter for grave regret, but it is nevertheless a fact, that persistent attempts to ignore the law and evade prompt investigation of accidents has characterized the administration of this company in a marked degree. A reference to the death of F. Kline, at this mine on March 12, 1898, in the detailed list of accidents will emphasize this statement.

The same inefficient system of ventilation is in vogue here as at Newcastle. On July 7, 1897, on second east level at entrance to brattice, 15,937 cubic feet of air were registered. There was above one thousand feet of brattice on this level; at the end of same only 1,125 cubic feet were registered, showing a loss of 14,812 cubic feet. The air was so bad on this level that orders were issued by the inspector that no men were to work inside of breast No. 19 until it was driven through to the upper gangway.

February 10, 1898, 13,200 cubic feet of air at the entrance to brattice, 1,852 cubic feet at end of brattice, a loss of 11,348 cubic feet. Brattice 750 feet long.

April 27, 1898, 10,620 cubic feet at in-take end of brattice, 5,181 cubic feet at return end, a loss of 5,439 cubic feet in a distance of four hundred feet.

July 26, 1898, a brattice about 1500 feet long; 20,670 cubic feet of air was registered at the intake. Absolutely none could be found at the other end.

### BLACK DIAMOND

Black Diamond Coal Mining Company, owner; M. Morgans, supt.

This company's mines are situate about a mile apart and are both operated by slopes from the surface. The new slope, known as the Morgan slope, as exploited the finest and most continuous seam of coal in the state, with the exception of that at Roslyn. The mine is well ventilated, and although several minor matters have been complained of, the management has always manifested a laudable desire to rectify any irregularities that might be called to their attention. One fatal accident is recorded, and truth compels the statement that in a great measure lack of care in examination of machinery and appliances was the cause of the accident. A defective coupling broke as a car was being hauled up the slope, and a man who was riding in the car was thrown out and killed. Ordinary care should have caused the discovery of the defective coupling, and thus avoided the accident.

The White Ash Mine; B. F. Lawson, Lessee and Superintendent.

Extensive improvements have been made at this time during the past year. The slope has been sunk below the water level and new hoisting engines and coal bunkers erected in the center of the property. The ventilation is very satisfactory and great care and vigilance is exercised in the working of the mine to avoid unnecessary risk of life or limb.





NUMBER OF PERSONS EMPLOYED 1897

Name of mine	No. Days in			Total
	Actual Operation	Inside	Outside	
Pacific Coast Co	311	239	28	26
Black Diamond Coal Co	300	170	55	225
Lawson, E. F. & Co.	200	30	5	5

Name of mine	No Killed	No Seriously Injured	No Wives Made Widows	No Children Fatherless
Pacific Coast Co	--	4	--	--
Black Diamond Coal Co.	--	--	--	--
Lawson, E. F. & Co.	--	1	--	--

NUMBER OF PERSONS EMPLOYED 1898

Name of mine	No. Days in			Total
	Actual Operation	Inside	Outside	
Pacific Coast Co	313	201	77	410
Black Diamond Coal Co	315	45	40	250
Lawson, E. F. & Co.	200	5	8	48

Name of mine	No Killed	No Injured	No Wives Made Widows	No Children Fatherless
Pacific Coast Co	2	7		
Black Diamond Coal Co.	1		1	3
Lawson, E. F. & Co.		4		

COAL MINED DURING THE YEAR 1897

Name of company	Tons Coal
Pacific Coast Co.....	105,268
Black Diamond Coal Co.....	99,956
Lawson, E. F. & Co.....	28,860

COAL MINED DURING THE YEAR 1898

Name of company	Tons Coal
Black Diamond Coal Co.....	109,000
E. F. Lawson.....	45,834

VALUE OF OUR WASHINGTON COALS

Location	Fired Carbon	Volatile matter	Ash	Moisture	Sulphur
Black Diamond, No. 2 K. Co.	45.11	47.19	4.59	3.11	.01
Black Diamond, No. 12 K. Co.	51.82	40.07	4.10	4.01	
Franklin, No. 12 K. Co.	50.78	34.63	10.99	3.60	

## COAL TERMS:

*The definitions of coal terms have been provided by Bill Kombol of Palmer Coking Coal Company and Dave Morris of Pacific Coast Coal Company. The definitions have been written for the general reader and may not always be the most precise or technical definition. Certain coal mining terms vary with regions or coal mining techniques so the definitions may likewise vary.*

**BITUMINOUS:** also know as “soft coal” as opposed to anthracite or “hard coal”. Bituminous coal has a higher ratio of volatile matter to fixed carbon than anthracite. Coals with larger percentages of fixed carbon were often termed coking coals. Sub-bituminous and lignite (also known as “brown coal”) have higher amounts of inherent moisture in the coal and are typically of a lower quality than either bituminous or anthracite.

**BLACK DAMP:** a suffocating gas, chiefly carbon dioxide, found in coalmines, typically the result of inadequate ventilation.

**BLACK LUNG:** a debilitating lung condition caused by the inhalation of coal dust, also known medically as pneumoconiosis.

**BLACK POWDER:** an explosive mixture of saltpeter, charcoal, and sulfur, which was eventually replaced in mining by safer forms of dynamite.

**BLASTING:** the use of dynamite or explosives, typically to loosen the coal or rock for easier extraction, loading and hauling.

**BRACINGS:** a wooden or metal support used within an underground mine opening. It generally refers to supplemental and not primary the support although it can go either way.

**BRATTICE CLOTH:** a partition in any mine passage used to confine the air and force it into the working place; typically made of wood or cloth for directing air ventilation though a mine.

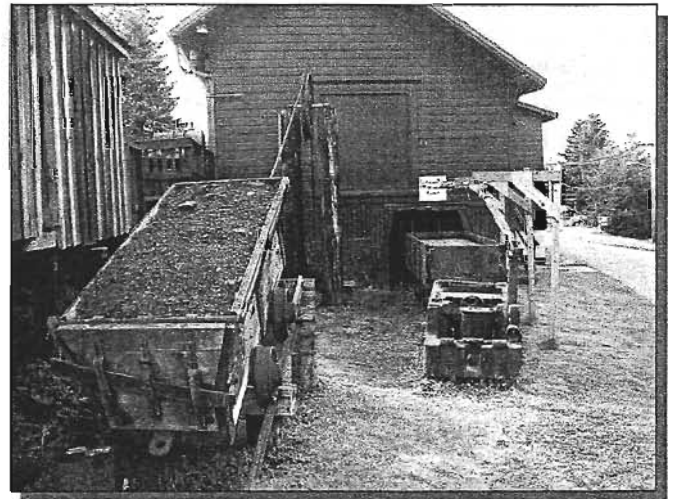
**BRATTICING:** a fence of boards consisting of a wall of separation for ventilation or planking to support a roof or wall.

**COLLAR (COLLAR BEAM):** The term applied to the timbering or concrete around the mouth or top of a shaft of a mine; also, a horizontal piece of timber connecting and tying together two opposite rafters.

**BUCKING COAL:** synonymous with shoveling coal.

**BUMPS:** a violent dislocation of the mine workings which is attributed to high stresses in the rock surrounding the working caused by the immense pressures exerted by the forces of nature upon large openings resulting from the extraction of coal in coal mines.

**BUNKERS:** historically a wooden bin or set of bins used for the temporary storage of coal. Coal bunkers often had side or bottom chutes for loading the coal into coal cars, trucks, or trains.



### On The Grounds

This picture of the simulated mine at the Museum, which appeared in the November 2000 Newsletter, shows a little bit about the operation of a mine.

Many of our guests are excited to go out and “See the Mine”. Even though we tell them it was not an actual mine, they are interested to see the equipment and get an idea of how a mine may have looked.

Something about being able to stand next to the coal cars and touch them, transports them to another place and time.

## Application For Membership or Renewal



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## IN THE MUSEUM



**T**his elegant Story & Clark pump organ, circa 1915, was recently donated by **Paul Mlachnik** in memory of **John & Verna Thompson** and **Joe & Hazel Mlachnik**. "It was originally in a coal miner's cottage in the BD area (by the Kummer school), then in the home of Verna Thompson, then given to P. Mlachnik." The organ can be viewed in the Auditorium. ♦



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