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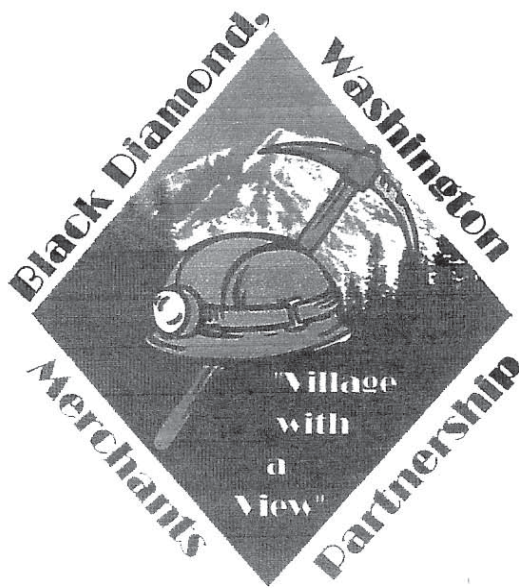
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1949 Labor Day Parade Float, Diamond Garage Company. The queen that year was Susan Dodd with Princesses Betty Barnett and Mickey Reise. No names are on the back of the photograph, so if you know who these young people are please let us know.

Helen Strom Manowski collection

PICTURES OF THE PAST



Presents

The Second Annual Black Diamond Miners Days

July 8-10, 2005

Chili Cook-Off; BBQ; Demos at the Museum;
Horse Cart Rides; and much much more.

Look for details inside this issue!!

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/EDITOR

Steve Israel



Ah, summer is here and what's the first thing you think of? Bar-b-que! Well, have we got a treat for you! Join us for Miners Days July 8th, 9th and 10th. Details are over there to your right.

We have lots of activities planned for this summer, and we have been very busy this spring. We have many volunteers working their little tails off around here with various projects. We try to acknowledge their efforts in the pages of the newsletter, but there is no way we can fully explain how valuable they are.

Every time I enter the Museum, there is so much activity going on that I have to be careful not to get in the way. Obviously, we have some self-motivated people working here. But, don't think for a minute we can't use more help!

As a reminder, we still need someone to help us with: Grants (we will train); Building Maintenance; Secretarial Work; Marketing; and more. Hours are flexible, work is rewarding, and the co-workers are the friendliest people west of the Mississippi. (And probably east too!)

I have my hands full with Presidential duties, editing the newsletter, working with our new web master, trying to finish the Black Diamond Cemetery project of photographing the head stones and merging the photos with the data base, and still run my construction business. I don't know where I find the time to continue running marathons, but I manage to do that too. (I don't get much work done on my own house though.)

Well, enough about how busy I am, I'm sure we all have our lives full of all of the things we like to do, need to do, and have to do to survive. It's a balancing act sometimes, and it keeps life interesting.

One more thing, out of everything you do, do some volunteer work. It's good for the soul.

Steve Israel

SECRETARY REPORT

By Dee Israel

April thru June 2005



EDUCATION: An education brochure has now been designed and printed. The plan is to begin distributing them to the schools soon after the start of the 2005-06 school year.

FACILITIES & GROUNDS: The list of railroad tie donors is posted with the corresponding numbers. However, the numbers on the railroad ties are getting worn. So, one of our next projects is to get them replaced.

We are also looking into getting the antiquated security alarm system in the Museum replaced.

MEMBERSHIP: We now have 284 memberships. We plan on sending a membership questionnaire to each member during 2005. As of this time, over 200 have been sent out, and we have received 53 of them back and they are still coming in.

NEWSLETTER/WEBSITE: A webmaster has been found. It is Chris Lennick, and the site is coming along nicely. Check it out by going to www.blackdiamondmuseum.org.

PROGRAMS: The Black Diamond School Reunion was held on June 3rd.

The **WELSH DAY Celebration** was June 4th. Did you notice the new 12' x 2' oilcloth banner, announcing the celebration that was hung on the outside of the Museum to be seen as you came down Baker St. towards the museum? The entertainment included a power point slide show by Society Member Gomer Evans and his daughter Sherrie Evans of their trip last fall to Wales. A highlight was two young girls (Elisha Watkins and Matie Durrett) dressed in Welsh costumes selling raffle tickets and socializing with the guests. Members of the Black Diamond Historical Society and PSWA Society brought Welsh cakes and cookies that were served with tea & coffee in the kitchen by Don & Lynn Mason and Carole Watkins.

There were 6 Board Members that participated in the activities. All had a great time.

Black Diamond is celebrating **Miners Days** on July 8, 9 & 10. On Saturday & Sunday the Museum will have demonstrations of old time wood working tools and log sawing with a two-man saw. There may be additional demonstrations as well.

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR: Chair Don Botts advises we need another docent. Wouldn't you like to donate a little time to help us out?

Our next scheduled Membership Meeting will be held at **1:30 on October 9, 2005**.

BLACK DIAMOND MINERS DAYS

The Black Diamond Merchants Partnership presents the 2nd Annual Celebration of our community with a long list of events:

- July 8-10 from 10-4: Merchants Promotions
- July 8 from 9-6: Merchants & Craft Booths
- July 9 from 12-5 PNW BBQ Assoc. "Cook Off"
 - 3-4: Chili Cook Off
 - 4-5: Kids Cook Off
 - 5pm: Potluck @ Community Center
- July 9 from 11-4: Minature Horse Cart Rides
- July 9 from 11-4: Merchants and Craft Booths
- July 9 from 4-8: Wine Tasting Garden
 - @ Mama Passarelli's
- July 9 from 6-9: Street Dance
- July 9-10 from 12-4: Demos @ Museum
- July 10 TBA: BD Police Bike Safety Demos
- July 10 TBA: BD Fire Dept Demos

Plan to attend! Plan to bring the family! Plan to invite your friends!

GUESTS

By: Don Botts

During the months of **March, April, and May of 2005** we had **993** visitors to the Museum. There were visitors from **7 States**: Arizona, California, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Montana, Nevada, Oklahoma, Oregon, and here in Washington. There were also people visiting from other places, such as Germany and Italy.



SALUTING OUR VOLUNTEERS

By: Don Botts, Volunteer Coordinator

We welcome new and returning volunteers.
We salute each of you.

- ◆ Hank Barnes
- ◆ Bill Bremmeyer & Crew
- ◆ Madie Durrett
- ◆ Frank Hammock
- ◆ Chris Lennick
- ◆ Elisha Watkins
- ◆ Judy Young

REMARKS MADE BY OUR GUESTS

Here are a few of the comments that were in our guest book this quarter:

Lots of reminiscing, Great museum & exhibits, Very interesting, I'm impressed, Beautiful, Very Well done, This place is cool, Kids loved it, Unique, Love it, Real Great, Love it, Wonderful archive of American History, Perfect day to visit – Grandma's birthday, Nostalgic, Didn't expect to find such a beautiful museum, liked the mining & train exhibits, Wonderful, Great presentation – We enjoyed the enthusiasm for this project, Neat, Thank you – Lovely, Great history lesson, Thanks for the wonderful memories, Wonderfully done, Very nice job, Really enjoyed the museum, It was lovely to ride the trains, Well kept up, Very authentic, Wonderful expansion since I was here last, Great time – Very neat, Very neat experience.

handcrafted categories. There is something for everyone.

This fun and educational event will give you opportunities to try your skill at a variety of the demonstrators tables, an opportunity to ask questions and learn a few short cuts that are helpful in everyday life.

You will see collections of practical tools that helped those pioneers survive, grow, and who provided the sense of accomplishment, and pride in crafting the needs for everyday life.

You will gain an appreciation of the patience these pioneers had in making things that they needed, and made from scraps from whatever was around.

Do you have an object of a Craft from the Past? Do you have a story about Crafts from the Past? Come join us and share the experience. We'd love to see you and your object from the past.

SEPTEMBER EVENT

MEMORY LANE

Crafts of the Past
Where everything old is new again

Come see old time methods in survival skills that will be demonstrated by artesian and talented individuals. There will be demonstrators with early era carpenter tools, to unique fishing items, and needle and thread to carving and a host of other

Mark the date: September 17, 2005

Mark the time: 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Mark the place: Black Diamond Museum

CALENDAR DATES TO REMEMBER

JULY

4 - Independence Day
6 - Full Moon
8, 9, 10 - Black Diamond Miners Days
17 - Board Meeting

SEPTEMBER

3 - Full Moon
5 - Labor Day! Attend the Parade!
11 - Patriot Day
17 - Memory Lane: At the Museum 1:00 - 3:00
18 - Board Meeting

AUGUST

4 - Full Moon
21 - Board Meeting

OCTOBER

3 - Full Moon
9 - Membership Meeting and Election 1:30
10 - Columbus Day
16 - Board Meeting - Installation of new Board
30 - Daylight Savings Ends
31 - Halloween



WHO AM I?

BDHS #2005.32

This photograph of the 1962 Grade 1 class students of the Black Diamond School is courtesy of Rex Gavin. The teacher is Miss Bisson. We are in need of the names of the students. If you recognize anyone, please let us know. Thank you!!

FROM THE ARCHIVES

By JoAnne Matsumura

We are pleased to report the completion of the 4Culture Grant for the Archives, with seven commercial grade filing cabinets. We appreciate the County's funding for these needed archival preservation cabinets from the Hotel-Motel Tax Revenues.

These cabinets will house and protect our most precious artifacts of photographs; negatives, slides, books manuscripts, school memorabilia and the historical information of the ever-popular book, *Black Diamond: Mining the Memories*. We are looking forward to further enhancing the preservation techniques of the community's treasures.



- ◆ **Dee Israel-Keys** (3), display holders
- ◆ **Bill Kombol**-A paper written by the Coal Producers Association 1950s
- ◆ **Gary LaChance**-Cabinet door glides, door sweep for Archives door for Museum use
- ◆ **Joan Malgarini**-Curtains for the storage room and sewing room display cabinet

◆ **Robert Mann**-Photograph, Chrome Table circa 1950's

◆ **Helen Strom Manowski**-Framed picture of the Green River Bridge, dish painted by Ann Milautz Steiert in 1939, biography of William Hawthorne, news clippings, prayer cards

◆ **JoAnne Matsumura**-Census Records, 1885-1892, needlework pattern books, wall mount "Coca Cola" bottle top opener

◆ **Clayton Mead**-Wood 6" school box ruler, travel sewing kit, pencil leads, ink pen tips, metal book ends, photograph BD 7th grade students 1944, 3 "Coca Cola" bottles

◆ **Museum Quality Framing**-Signage supplies for Museum use

◆ **Daniel & Gino Picini**-Flowers along the guardrail

◆ **Gino Picini**-Coal skuttle #16

◆ **Renton Historical Society**-Shara Family album

◆ **Southeast Glass**-Metal door glides

◆ **Joann Stebly**-Certificate of the Association of Marian Helpers for Stacy Stebly courtesy **Ralph Banchemo**

◆ **Marie Trover Theilken**-BD High School 1941 "Hobgoblin House" play Program

◆ **Bob Thompson**-Umbrellas for Society use

◆ **Virginia Mills Tracy**-Photograph for the Alumni Reunion Album

◆ **Muriel Botts Waldo**-Books, "Two Little Miners" 1949, Christmas Carols

◆ **Carole Watkins**-Large display cabinet and plate stands, fabric

◆ **Joe Zumek**-Book of Property Deeds, 1916-1941

TREASURES AND TRINKETS

New accessions and Acts of kindness

By JoAnne Matsumura, Archivist

◆ **BD Pizza & Deli**-Chili for the Thursday Crew

◆ **Ted & Beth Barber**-Photographs of March 5, 2005 Museum tour

◆ **Howard Botts**-BD Stage/Garage Calendar 1927, medicine bottle & documents

◆ **CJ's Bakery**-Dessert for the Thursday Crew

◆ **Jackie Cedarholm**-Federal Census Schedule forms, decorative Welsh slate

◆ **Robert & Brian Ellez**-Evenrude Mate ¼ horse motor from the DeLauro Estate

◆ **Marya Perkins-Galvin & Paula Perkins**-Brooch from Loretta Starwich Perkins

◆ **Jane Gattavara**-Photograph, transcription of P.I., 1915 Ravensdale Accident, ledgers and receipt books from the Gattavara Store

◆ **Rex Gavin**-Photographs, 1st & 2nd Grade Class 1962 & 1963

◆ **Allen Hermann**-Copies of Federal Population Census 1910-1930

◆ **Lee Holm**-photographs of Dr. C. E. Whitney and wife Jennette Wilson Whitney

◆ **Norman Hope**-Baseball catchers glove circa 1930's

Thank you one and all!!

✿ **THANKS FOR THE
MEMORIES** ✿

✿ Calvin E. "Andy" Anderson
1923-2005
Minister, St. Barbara's Church

✿ Helen Rose Botamer
1924-2005
Community Member

✿ Velena Burris
1910-2005
Community Member

✿ Elizabeth "Betty" Pennacchi Garbini
1912-2005
Child of Abramo & Adele Pennacchi

✿ Clara Ida Garrett
1946-2005
Pioneer Family Member

✿ Bert Gibbons
1915-2005
Community Member

✿ Larry L. Hager
1946-2005
Community Member since 1995

✿ Frank W. Minaglia
1903-2005
Community Member in 1930s

✿ Meredith Fesler Parkin
1941-2005
Community Member

✿ Rose E. Swope Pearl
1908-2005
Community Member in 1936

✿ Jessie Perry
1924-2005
Community Member

✿ Frances B Potocnik
1912-2005
Pioneer Family Member

✿ Carolann N. Reed
1944-2005
Community Member in 1996

✿ Stacey Stebly
1951-2005
Black Diamond School Alumni

✿ Lily LaVela Lloyd English Wilson
1916-2005
Community Member 1923-1960

IN MEMORIAM CORRECTION

In our April 2005 issue we inadvertently reported that Robert had preceded Mary Elsie Thompson Marchetti in death. It was Charles 'Chick' Thompson who preceded her in death. We apologize for this error.

**TWELVE THINGS TO
REMEMBER**

By: Marshall Field

"The Value of time
The success of perseverance
The pleasure of working
The dignity of simplicity
The worth of character
The power of kindness
The influence of example
The obligation of duty
The wisdom of economy
The virtue of patience
The improvement of talent
The joy of originating"

THE TABLE

By Diane Kitz

Grandpa Dal Santo came to the United States from Italy in the early 1900's. He saw a good future for himself working in the coalmines of Black Diamond.

While here he met and married my Grandma and they lived in a little house off the main highway in Black Diamond. At that time there was a train depot located where the feed store now sits at the north end of town. In the upstairs of this train depot was a long old wooden table where the engineers and other railroad workers would gather for meals and conversation. This old table heard many stories - some true and some probably not true.

As the years went on and as the town of Black Diamond changed, the train depot was no longer needed. Somehow my Grandpa ended up with this old table and moved it into his tiny house so his seven children could eat together. I'm sure the table must have taken up most of the living space, but meals were an important time to my Grandma.

Not only did my Dad and his brothers and sisters eat meals on this table, there have also been stories of making sausage and other Italian delicacies. I'm sure most of these stories were true, however, knowing my aunts and uncles some may have been stretched a little.

The oldest child, Uncle Jules, eventually took the table and kept it in his basement. This is where my memories of the table begin. When any holiday came, we would all gather in his basement. (Seven siblings, their wives, and all their children made quite a crowd). The table was the center of the activities. However, as our families grew we stopped getting together for every holiday and the table was moved to my uncle's old barn.

There it sat for almost twenty years. A while back my brother, Dan, went exploring in the barn and discovered the table. He could not take the table because he does not have enough room in his home. I immediately jumped on the chance to have it in my home and after checking with my aunts and uncles they said I could have it! Finally, in October 2003 the table was in my garage!!!!

The table sat in our garage for three months as my family and I worked on refinishing it so we could

begin adding our own memories. The first meal served on the refinished table in my home was on February 28, 2004. It was a hearty Italian meal served to my Dad and Mom, Uncle Leo and Barbara, Uncle Roy and Shirley, Auntie Lynda, and Dan and Suzi with thanks and honor. It was a night filled with stories of their childhood that will remain close to my heart forever.

Black Diamond School Reunion

One hundred twenty five former students and guests attended the 2005 school reunion held at the Black Diamond Eagles Hall on June 3, 2005. This was the largest school reunion in the history of the Black Diamond School system.

Of those that attended the reunion 39 had graduated from Black Diamond High. The high school opened in 1925 and closed in 1943. Many who attended the reunion were students who had attended Black Diamond grade or high school, but because of mine closures and the depression of the 1930s moved away from Black Diamond. Many of those who remained in Black Diamond went on to school in Enumclaw and graduated from Enumclaw High.

The oldest graduate from Black Diamond High was Ruby (Favro) Keny, class of 1926. Ruby is 96 years old. Will Bisyak was the oldest male graduate to attend the reunion. He graduated in 1931.

Many who attended the reunion traveled a long distance. Phil Fowler, class of 1938, came down from Alaska while Lynn (Evans) Bonnell flew in from San Diego, California. Others came from as far away as California and Oregon.

The class of 1942 had the largest attendance at the reunion with 7 graduates.

The reunion planning committee was Conrad Roberts, class of 1941, Lynda Maks, class of 1938, Pat Walsh, class of 1939, Leasha Janet, class of 1940, Don Botts, class of 1941, Walter Clark, class of 1942, Harry Berry, class of 1942, and Joe Zumek, class of 1943.

The next reunion will be held in 2007.

MEMORIAL DONATIONS

Memorial Donations:

IN MEMORY of **Elsie Thompson Marchetti**, a donation was made by Jerold & Gloria Thompson.

IN MEMORY of **Jim Konoske**, a donation was made by Ramon Kravagna.

IN MEMORY of **Elizabeth (Betty) Pennacchi Garbini**, a donation was made by Esther Pennacchi Birch.

IN MEMORY of **Marjorie Roberts**, a donation was made by Beth VanBuskirk.

IN MEMORY of **Bill Parkin**, donations were made by Donald H. Botts, Elsie Parkin & Taff Roofing, Inc.

IN MEMORY of **Everett Swann**, donations were made by Lynda Maks, Paul Mlachnik & Taff Roofing, Inc.

IN MEMORY of **Stacey Stebly**, donations were made by Black Diamond Eagle Auxiliary & Helen Manowski.

MONETARY DONATIONS

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

To the Archive Preservation Fund:

Norma Gumser

Earl & Melba Christison

To the general fund

Louis Fontana

Leo Dal Santo

Frank & Eleanor Roulst

William Bisyak

Douglas Berg

Marie Theilken

Lennie Witt

Discovery Tours LLC

University Child Development School

K-C Food Corp. Courtney Ashcraft

These donations are greatly appreciated. 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.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

To Society Members

- ◆ Dick Allen-September 6th
- ◆ Arthur Ayers-July 11th
- ◆ Cindy Bess-September 5th
- ◆ Donald Botts-August 18th
- ◆ Bill Bremmeyer-August 25th
- ◆ Annamarie Burke-August 27th
- ◆ Robert Burke-July 19th
- ◆ Don Camerini-July 27th
- ◆ Jackie Cedarholm-August 2nd
- ◆ Mary Chilcott-September 28th
- ◆ Louise Davies-July 16th
- ◆ Brock Deady-August 20th
- ◆ Joshua Deady-August 26th
- ◆ Keith Deaver-July 6th
- ◆ Norma Gumser-August 29th
- ◆ Ruth Harden-September 20th
- ◆ Judy Hastings-September 24th
- ◆ Mark Hesselbach-July 28th
- ◆ Nancy Hester-September 1st
- ◆ Pat Holmes-September 7th
- ◆ Dee Israel-August 4th
- ◆ Jean Kelly-July 6th
- ◆ Charles Kessner-September 27th
- ◆ Joey Kitz-July 31st
- ◆ Richard Koch-July 28th
- ◆ Dorothy Laird-September 27th
- ◆ Bert Lombardini-July 22nd
- ◆ Lynda Maks-August 31st
- ◆ Don Malgarini-September 13th
- ◆ Joan Malgarini-August 14th
- ◆ Helen Manowski-August 1st
- ◆ Clayton Mead-July 29th
- ◆ Mrs. Chris Pieren-August 5th

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MEMORIES OF A “GREASE MONKEY”

By: Harry Berry

It was 1942 and the gala grand opening of the new Diamond Garage on 3rd Avenue (SR169) brought a very large crowd of the town folk and neighboring individuals. It was the first new building to be built in Black Diamond in a long time. It was a celebration to remember.

Eve Thomas & Arvid Larson were the owners and Carl Steiert was the head auto mechanic. When Eve Thomas offered me the job shortly after the opening I jumped at the chance and began working there in 1942 as an attendant and helper during my senior year in High School. They are pleasant memories.

The partnership also owned the Diamond Stage Company. Service was to Seattle with stops in between. They extended service to the Green River Gorge Clay Mine area.

The service station was full service. Auto, trucks including multi-gear logging trucks, and wrecker service. There was no self-service so I pumped gas, washed windshields, check the oil and



water, and tires too. Greasing cars had to be done in between the gasoline customers, and cleaning engine parts for Carl. It was busy as traffic ranged from local residents to the cross-state tourists and skiers.

A pleasant diversion was to drive Larsons Limosine for bus passengers to Green River Gorge, Morganville or Clay Mine. And driving the wrecker on Sunday mornings to pull out those who hit the ditches after a Saturday night drunk, was a regular emergency. Funny that it was usually the same two ditches.

Eve Thomas, Arvid Larson and Carl Steiert were excellent bosses. They helped beginners in learning the trade and the experience lasts a lifetime. My earnings that summer of 1942 paid for my first year at the University of Washington. It was \$30.00 per quarter and included tickets to the football games and the Yearbook.

Thanks for the memories Carl!

(Nice looking chap in this 1944 UW Tyee Yearbook, Page 172. Courtesy of JoAnne Matsumura.)

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- ◆ Conrad Roberts-July 26th
- ◆ Grover Smail-August 6th
- ◆ Lynnett Stevenson-July 25th
- ◆ Keith Timm-August 6th
- ◆ Richard Toth-September 7th
- ◆ Beth VanBuskirk-August 31st
- ◆ Margaret Vernarelli-August 26th
- ◆ Carole Watkins-August 8th
- ◆ Lennie Witt-July 21st

Have you sent us your date of birth?
We love sending you greetings!

GREAT NEWS!

**We have a new web master!
Up until now, our web page was blank.
Now, thanks to the voluntered efforts of
Chris Lennick, our web page is finally
developing. Check it out at:
blackdiamondmuseum.org**

**We will gladly accept any suggestions that
our members may have, and we are still
seeking software like Dream Weaver to
maintain the site.**

Black Diamond Welsh Heritage Day 2005

By Frank Hammock

As you walked up to the old red Train Station on Railroad Avenue in Black Diamond's old town district, a large, colorful white and green banner with bright red dragon's hung from its wooden exterior. It quietly beckoned visitors to the festivities that took place inside on the peaceful afternoon of June 4th. The Welsh words were written on the top line of the banner "**Croeso Y Cymru**" and on the bottom directly beneath came the corresponding equivalent in English — "**Welcome to Wales**" Thus, the annual Welsh Heritage Day event had begun at the Black Diamond Museum.



Cyfarchion [Greetings]

Inside, arriving guests were greeted joyfully by Ms. JoAnne Matsumura, Black Diamond Historical Society Member and Museum Archivist, and two young ladies, Miss Elisha Watkins and Miss Madie Durrett, who mingled and smiled throughout the program. The trio cast an immediate ambiance of the Welsh dressed elegantly in traditional women's attire. Atop their heads, and tied gingerly under their chins in silky white ribbon lace, sat a strikingly tall black hat or bonnet. Protruding from beneath the hat and on top of their hair was a white lacy covering called a mobcap. Adorning their shoulders, tied softly in a small bow about the neck, a bright red cloak with black interior hung freely behind each of them. One arm was hooked through the handle of a small wooden basket filled with raffle tickets that



promised door prizes and donated gifts that were sure to be won later in the program.

In the Museum's lobby and representative of Wales, a large flag, donated by Ms. Lois Thomas Estby, hung proudly with its equally divided white and green backgrounds. Situated firmly in the center was a very large red dragon, facing honorably to the left in a gripping stance of gallantry — a striking symbol of battle in those early Celtic dawns of a bygone era in Welsh history.

Prynhawn Da [Good Afternoon]

All around the Museum daffodils (*cenhinen pedr* in Welsh) sparsely dotted the densely packed historical inventory and displays, which gave the pleasantry of Spring as well as a reminder of being



one of the national emblems of Wales, second only to the leek.

In the kitchen at the back of the Museum, ran by Mr. Don Mason, Black Diamond Historical Society Tour Director, and Ms. Lynn Mason, an array of pastries, treats, and drinks further enhanced the visitors experience from a palatable perspective of the wonderful heritage of the Welsh. Especially tasty were the flat Welsh cakes with their dusting of sugar— certainly a culinary delight for anyone not entirely of Welsh descent as well as a nostalgic treat to the palate for those who were.

Sut Mae? [How are you?]

At 1:30 PM, a planned program began with Mr. Clayton Mead, Black Diamond Historical Society Officer, who introduced MC Mr. Gomer Evans, a resident of Black Diamond of Welsh descent. Black Diamond's Mayor of 20 years, the Honorable Mr. Howard Botts, spoke a few words of greeting to the gathered audience of about 50 people. This was followed by a wonderful slide presentation by Mr. Evan's daughter Ms.



Sherrie Evans. Sherrie highlighted a trip to Wales that she and her father took back in September of 2002 to visit their heritage homeland and discover their ancestral origins. The colorful presentation was not without plenty of fun, laughs, and stories from the visit such as the life of coal mining, slate mining, and living a family life in row houses. It left an admiration in the hearts and minds of the audience of a beautiful country still waiting to be explored.

Da Iawn, Diolch [Very Good, thanks]

At 2:30 PM, door prizes with gifts from Wales, such as logo T-Shirts and stuffed Welsh dragons, were raffled off to an eager audience along with the donated 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prize gifts. The 1st prize, a lovely porcelain doll in national Welsh handcrafted garments standing in a glass case, went to a local Black Diamond citizen and owner of the Palmer Coking Coal Company, Mr. Evan Morris. This was contributed by Beth Botts Van Buskirk, Carolyn Bell, and JoAnne Matsumura. The 2nd prize, a large wooden basket adorned with various gifts from Wide World of Books, Seattle, and from Wales such as maps, souvenirs, books, and more, went to Mr. Phil Fowler from Anchorage, Alaska. This was contributed



by the Black Diamond Historical Society, Marcia Lee Berg, Countrywide Floral & Garden, David & Jane Jones, JoAnne Matsumura, Gerri Baker Parry, Rick Steves Travel, Carole Watkins, & Jackie Cedarholm. Finally, the 3rd prize, a large book entitled "Wales of One Hundred Years Ago" (by R. Iestyn Hughes & Paul O'Leary), contributed by the Black Diamond Baker Street Bookstore, went to Ms. Joan Barber from Napa, California.

Lechyd Da ! [Cheers!]

By 3 PM, the festivities had come to a close. Various stories, pictures, information, brochures about Wales and traveling in the country, handouts such as the Welsh National Anthem



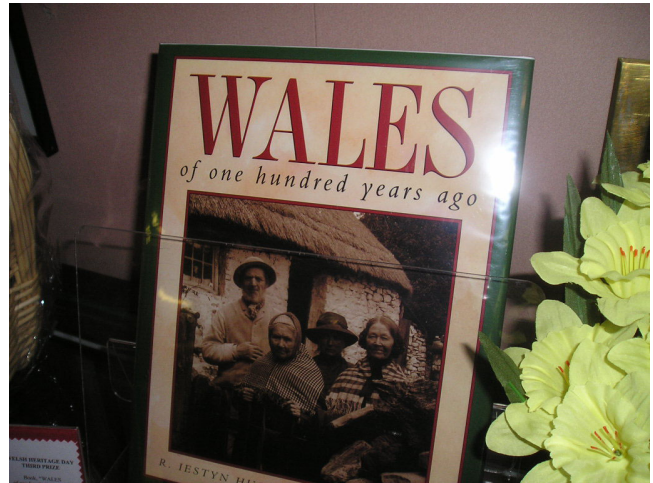
and various recipes, and memorabilia, were collected and shared by visitors on this annual historic day in Black Diamond. The Welsh held prominent citizenship from the earliest days of this prosperous mining community at the turn of the 20th Century. They contributed to the birth of this fair community and brought not only their knowledge and talents of coal mining, but a rich and colorful culture too. It is for these reasons that their heritage will continue to be remembered annually in the years to come. A hearty **thank you** to all those who contributed their time, gifts, and talents in making this historic and successful event possible.

Dymuniadau Gorau. Hwyl [Best Wishes.

Goodbye]



Left: 2nd prize goody basket



Right: 3rd prize Wales hardback



Left: Looking through BD census records



Right: Frank Hammock interviewing



Left: Miners equipment on display

SPECIAL MEMORIES CONCERNING BLACK DIAMOND

By Membership Chair Dee Israel

As was mentioned in the Secretary Report, I have been sending out membership questionnaires during 2005. One of the questions was “Please let us know your special memories concerning Black Diamond”. We have received great responses to that question, and I would like to share a few of them here:

1. Shopping at the old Black Diamond grocery store, enjoying a special treat at the soda fountain in the old Drug Store, and watching the holiday parades down main street.
2. Labor Day activities, parades & Mine Xmas parties for children.
3. Carl Steiert worked on our Japanese cars over the years (Honda, Toyota). He and Ann were special. Carl said when we brought our Honda in, he had no idea how to work on foreign cars! Dealing with Carl we knew his efforts were always the very best. When we bought gas he always looked under the hood & washed windows. It really bothered him when the gas shortage arrived & people “came out of the woodwork” in long lines to his gas station. Ann said it bothered him because he didn’t know them & didn’t have time to check under their hood.
4. To many memories to list – but we love walking through the Museum and remembering.
5. Labor Day beard contest, sledding down Lawson Hill, Presbyterian Church fire, so many great neighbors and friends.
6. Labor Day picnic’s, visits to friend’s of family, visits to Bayne with older brother.
7. Grandpa winning the bearded man contest on Labor Day, sledding down the hill in winter after we iced it down.
8. The Show Hall and the movies we saw twice a week – free! Also the soccer and baseball games which BD won most of the time. Great fun!
9. The Labor Day festivities – Race’s, pie eating contest, 3 legged races, ball games. These were the best times.
10. Labor Day parade, 4th of July, Carl & Ann Steiert, The old baseball grandstands, Doc Botts, nearby woods & lakes.
11. Labor Days, sirens going off during fire calls.
12. The stories told by our grandfather over the years. Long hours, hard work, etc.
13. Old bakery, Show Hall, watching trains coming & going, old school building, Labor Day parades, baseball & soccer games, air raid watch at night during WWII.
14. The people were the best part – Ann & Carl, Father Palluck, Don Mason, etc.
15. The parades and events at the depot. The depot was an abandoned building when I first saw it.
16. Coal cars in street, walking to school, playing ball in park, company store, shoe shop, meat market & saloon on main street, 50c movies (whenever a bus brought a film).
17. All the special things the miners use to do for the kids, such as the Christmas party, Parade at 4th of July & Labor Day, ball games, etc.
18. I remember the general store. I bought some water glasses for my mom that were not supposed to break when dropped. I demonstrated at home and of course it broke.
19. It was a wonderful place to grow up – ice skating & sledding in winter – swimming at Lake 12 or Sawyer in the summer.
20. The Steiert’s and Labor Day celebrations.



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IN THE MUSEUM

Ior Davies, recently visited the Museum and took pleasure in the replicated 'Confectionery' in memory of his mother Alice Davies. He gave us the pleasure of taking this picture at the counter of the Confectionery.

The Society is appreciative for the monetary donations in maintaining the Confectionery's sweet treats from Ior Davies, Marcia Lee Berg and JoAnne Matsumura.





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