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## **ANN CAROLYN MILAUTZ STEIERT PASSES**



Founder, Ann Carolyn Milautz Steiert passed away on June 11, 2006. Carl Steiert passed away on April 23, 2000. They are together again, sharing of themselves as they did when they were with us.

Carl & Ann left us a legacy and a spirit of their dreams and hopes in bringing back to life that of the life of the coal miner through the preservation of the communities house of treasures in The Black Diamond Museum. We will always remember this and work endlessly in the spirit they left with us.



**T**he 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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### Society Officers

President: Don Malgarini  
Vice President: Darryl Buss  
Secretary: Dee Israel  
Treasurer: Clayton Mead

### Board of Directors

Don "Doc" Botts, Howard Botts, Jackie Cedarholm, Steve Israel, Don Mason, JoAnne Matsumura, Anna Morris, Conrad "Coke" Roberts

## MEMBERSHIP MEETING

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**We thank 4Culture for the support that helps to keep us operating.**

## EDITOR'S REPORT Steve Israel



This is the 30th anniversary of the Black Diamond Historical Society. In light of the recent passing of Ann Steiert, on June 11th, 2006, there's no better way to celebrate the lives of our founders, Carl and Ann Steiert then by attending the Annual Membership Meeting, October 8th, at 1:30 PM.

At the meeting we plan to have birthday cake, and the atmosphere will be filled with plenty of memories of the early days. The elections of the Officers and Board of Directors will be on the agenda, as well as a presentation by **Mr. Glenn Waugh**, from the Office of Surface Management, regarding coal mining.

A warm heartfelt thanks goes out to all whom have contributed to the financing of this nonprofit organization. You know who you are, and many of you are listed on page 6 of this publication. Whether you contribute your time, money, or in other ways, you are keeping us alive with your generosity.

As usual, JoAnne Matsumura has out done herself by providing me with an abundance of information for this newsletter, I couldn't do it without her. Also, a big "thank you" to Dee Israel, Doc Botts, and Keith Watson for your articles.

I plan to continue as Editor for another term, and have a special request: Please sit down and jot down some of your early memories of Black Diamond and send them to me. I get a lot of feedback from our readers about the articles and pictures that trigger memories. If you have a funny little story, or not so funny, please consider sharing it with the Members of the Society. If you need help writing it, just do your best and we can help you to get it ready for print.

Send articles to me at PO Box 22, Black Diamond WA 98010, or better yet, e-mail me at [homecareconst@comcast.net](mailto:homecareconst@comcast.net)



Thank you, *Steve*



## CALENDAR DATES TO REMEMBER

### OCTOBER

- 8 - Membership Meeting  
BDHS Elections
- 9 - Columbus Day
- 15 - Board Meeting
- 29 - Daylight Savings Ends
- 31 - Halloween

### NOVEMBER

- 7 - Election Day
- 11 - Veterans' Day
- 19 - Board Meeting
- 23 - Thanksgiving Day  
(Museum Closed)

### DECEMBER

- 2 - BDHS Remembers Pearl  
Harbor Day
- 7 - Pearl Harbor Day
- 16 - Hanukkah
- 22 - Winter Begins
- 22 - Museum Holiday  
Closure Begins
- 25 - Christmas Day
- 31 - New Years Eve

### JANUARY

- 1 - New Years Day
- 4 - Museum Re-opens





## SECRETARY REPORT

By Dee Israel



**ARCHIVES:** Chair JoAnne Matsumura: We have had some really nice donations recently. The desk that had belonged to Dr. Botts has been donated, and is now at home in the Museums Dr.'s office. The original Company Store Safe has been donated and is now in the lower level. And, a chair has been donated for guests to use near the front desk. We have had the seat reupholstered, and now it is a good match to one that was already there.

**EDUCATION/OUTREACH:** Chair Coke Roberts & his sidekick Keith Watson have had a couple of interesting public programs on Coal Mining and Wartime remembrances. The Black Diamond Museum is now a nonprofit member of the Maple Valley/Black Diamond Chamber of Commerce.

**FACILITIES & GROUNDS:** Chair Don Malgarini We need gravel to be added and spread in front of the jail area and down to the Museum's platform before the rains get too heavy. If someone would donate the gravel, we're sure we can find enough volunteers to spread it.

**GRANTS: #11999004 (BD Cemetery Records):** – See article elsewhere in this newsletter. **#105365H - HERITAGE FACILITIES** (purchase and installation of security system upgrade): A committee has been put together to begin working on this project. The committee consists of Don Malgarini, Coke Roberts, Steve Israel, JoAnne Matsumura, Keith Watson and Clayton Mead. **#106016H - HERITAGE SUSTAINED SUPPORT** - We will be sending in the invoice for 2006 soon.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Chair Dee Israel advises we now have 279 memberships.

**PROGRAMS:** Chair Howard Botts: For our Annual Membership meeting on October 8th, Glenn Waugh, from the Office of Surface Management will be our guest speaker. He will talk about coal mining. We will also have a special birthday cake to celebrate our 30<sup>th</sup> birthday. Don't forget, this is also the meeting that we have the election of Board of Directors and Officers.

**HOLIDAY CLOSURES** – We will be closed Thanksgiving Day and from December 22, 2006 thru January 3, 2007. We will be back to regular schedule on January 4, 2007.

Our next scheduled Membership Meeting will be held at **1:30 on October 8, 2006.**

Our next scheduled Board Meeting will be held at **1:30 on Sunday, October 15, 2006.**

## SPECIAL CHAIR PERSONS

By Secretary, Dee Israel

I would like to give a special thank you to Joan Malgarini for helping me during this past year as a Correspondence Secretary. It has made a tremendous difference in freeing up some of my time.

Dave Jones has been a great help when it comes time to apply for grants. His knowledge of the necessary wording and procedures is invaluable.

We are sure lucky to have Gino Picini interested in the beautification of the Museum grounds. The geraniums he and his crew planted this year looked especially nice.

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NEW MEMBERS OF BDHS  
Membership Chair – Dee Israel

We are pleased that the following have become members of this Black Diamond Historical Society during our fiscal year. The support of the membership is what keeps our museum alive.

1. Abramson Sr., Chad M.
2. Casper, Donna
3. Christopher, Carolyn
4. English, Alison
5. Fosnacht, Frank
6. Foss, Edward
7. Haberlin, John & Pam
8. Hager, Judy
9. Henderson, Carolyn
10. Hendrickson, Gale & Arlene
11. Kombol, William
12. Lindstrom, Virginia
13. Logar, Pete & Dahni
14. Mead, Brian H.
15. Myers, Ted & Leona
16. Ponko, Marshall D.
17. Savick, May
18. Schroeder, Joel
19. Shipley, Laura J.
20. Stevenson, Lynnett
21. Traverso, Louis & Kay
22. Vandenberg, Elsie
23. Velthausen, David
24. Walsh, David
25. Watson, Keith C.
26. Yarrow Bay Development

**GUESTS**

By: Don Botts

In 2006 during the months of **July, August & September** we had **817** visitors to the Museum. There were visitors from **20** States: Arizona, California, Illinois, Kansas, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, New York, Nebraska, North Carolina, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Texas, Virginia, Wyoming and here in Washington. There were also people visiting from other places, such as Canada, China, England, Ireland, Norway and the UK.



**SALUTING OUR  
VOLUNTEERS**

By Don Botts, Volunteer  
Coordinator

As we come to a close this year we wish to express our heartfelt thanks to our family of volunteers who give unselfishly of their time and energies in their stewardship for the Society. There are many volunteers whose names we do not know, who have provided a helping hand through outreach, for which we are appreciative of as well.

**REMARKS MADE BY OUR  
GUESTS**

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

**Very fun, Beautiful, Love it here, A great little stop, Oohlala, The lady at the front desk was very helpful (this was on a Thursday – it must have been Judy), Very enjoyable, Thanks for all your work, This is great, Memory Lane, Good display, Very clean/good smell in museum, Thanks for your effort, I love it's history, A great place to visit, Thanks a lot for finding our family, Very Unique, Wonderful collections, Very educational, Thanks for all the help with Lithuanian, Wonderful memories, A blast from the past, Fantastic, Nice to know all this history is preserved, Great, Very historic, Very interesting & friendly, Always great to come home, one of a kind-well preserved, very informative, My hometown – very special, loved all the pictures, Nice bit of history, helpful volunteer, Clean, Yahoo – Very good, DeJaVoue, Wonderful memories, Great museum, It's great to remaniss about home town, Fantastic.**

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

## MEMORIAL DONATIONS

Memorial Donations were made:

*IN MEMORY* of **Marjorie Berry**, by P.J. Walsh

*IN MEMORY* of **David Botts**, by Bob & Jodine Burke, Muriel Waldo and Julia Anne Young

*IN MEMORY* of **Paul Botts**, by Bob & Jodine Burke, Donald Botts, Walter & Joan Clark, Lois Estby, Jerrine Hope, Lynda Maks, JoAnne Matsumura, Palmer Coking Coal Co., Byron & Janie Parkinsin, Arlyn & Sandra Sonsteng and Joe & Eileen Zumek

*IN MEMORY* of **Albert & Ann Donati**, by Marilyn Kienke

*IN MEMORY* of **Evan Morris**, by A. Kenneth & Ethelmae Anderson, Donald Botts, County Line Equip. Co. Inc., Joyce D. Dal Santo, Wanda L.S. Davis, Lois Estby, Gerard & Martha Fairbanks, Keith & Lois Hamilton, Jerrine L. Hope, David Lewis & Danica Kombol, Don & Joan Malgarini, Helen Manowski, John & Margie Markus, Don & Lynn Mason, JoAnne Matsumura, David & Katherine Miller, Marlynn Molnar, Edward & Barbara Nilson, Palmer Coking Coal, Co., Beverly Petersen, Janice Shabro, M. M. Short, Dorothy & Deryl Sleight, Taff Roofing Inc. and Joe & Eileen Zumek

*IN MEMORY* of **Concelia Picini**, by Gino & Ruth Picini

*IN MEMORY* of **Ann Steiert**, by Mrs. Dwight Garrett, Cynthia Garrett, Don & Lynn Mason, Gino & Ruth Picini, Virginia Reich, Taff Roofing, and Joe & Eileen Zumek

*IN MEMORY* of **Lenore Stranz**, by Sunset Auto Co., Inc.

## ADDITIONAL MONETARY DONATIONS

To the general fund

**Sherrie L. Acker**

**Betty E. Blakeney**

**Mary M. Kennedy**

**Bellevue Probus Club No. 1**

To the Archives fund - **Marsha Mott**

To the Historic Candy fund - **MarciaLee Berg**

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.

## ✧ THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES ✧

✧ Emma Paglia Barrett

1915-2006

Born in Black Diamond

✧ Jerie Bremmeyer

1930-2006

Resident of Maple Valley

✧ Fred Habenicht

1930-2006

Prior resident of Ravensdale

✧ Mildred Hammond

1918-2006

Born in Black Diamond

✧ Vitalis "Jack" A. Marckx

1915-2006

Born in Black Diamond

Brother of Regina S. Whitehill

Franklin, WA pioneer family

✧ Raymond "Ray" P. Owens

1946-2006

Resident of Black Diamond

✧ La Mae Weiding

1925-2006

Mother of Douglas Weiding

Black Diamond Bakery

## SNIPPETS, AROUND TOWN

By JoAnne Matsumura

- ◆ **Black Diamond: Mining the Memories** makes a great gift for Christmas. Price is \$30.00 mailed anywhere in the USA, sales tax included.
- ◆ **Christmas Greetings and Blessings** to each of our members and volunteers.
- ◆ **Daylight Savings Time Ends** on October 29<sup>th</sup>. Remember to change the batteries in your fire alarm units. It could save a life—YOURS.
- ◆ **Lou Draghi** Black Diamond School Alumni Member and his fellow graduates of the Enumclaw Class of 1961 enjoyed a reunion on July 29, 2006 at the Muckleshoot Casino.
- Lou and his wife Rosa stopped by the Museum and gave us the pleasure of their company.
- ◆ **Four Corners intersection** is undergoing major renovation over the next year or so.
- ◆ **Frank Grgurich** is the donor of the 48 Star USA flag that was in the Country School room that is now displayed in the High School room. He also worked on installing the new gym floor, and played basketball on that 1939 team. The new gym was build around the old gym, then the old one was removed. He was responsible for opening up the gym when needed. In that woodshop class of Mr. Cobb's, Frank made a footstool that he still uses today.
- ◆ **Halloween. Trick or Treat**-Work on a committee to see there is no Trick. Your Treat will be rewarded in the doing and the giving.
- ◆ **Frank Hammock** our reporter at large has been busy researching and will have an interesting article in our January 2007 issue about a Black Diamond person. Stay tuned for more good writing from him.
- ◆ **Happy New Year.** May there be Peace.
- ◆ **Christopher Hurst**, Commander of the Black Diamond Police Department spent his final shift as Commander in July 2006 before beginning his retirement. Thank you Christopher for having put your life on the line everyday of your tenure with the Police Department, and keeping us safe. Enjoy your retirement!!
- ◆ **Kudos** from Leih Mulvilhill to Conrad 'Coke' Roberts and Keith Watson for their "daily demonstrations at the Museum and for being our



"Miner" for Miner Days." Thanks to Palmer Coking Coal for loaning some of the equipment for Coke's 'costume'.

◆ **Labor Day** photograph in the July 2006 issue of Carl & Ann Steiert, Parade entry #31, was

Carl's 1925 Model T Roadster, the first Model T that Carl restored in the late 1960s.

◆ **Mine entrance display** now has a detonator, lantern, and an underground telephone from the Rogers No. 3 coalmine, complete with effective yellow electrical wiring. Courtesy Bill Kombol, Palmer Coking Coal Co.

◆ **Neil Moloney** author of *Renaissance Cop* has recently been released.

◆ **Leih Mulvihill**, owner of Leih's Gifts in Black Diamond, became a US Citizen on May 30, 2006. She was born in Canada. Congratulations!

◆ **Palmer Coking Coal Company** was recently featured in the *This Old House* magazine as a supplier of landscape materials.

◆ **Jason Paulson** Black Diamond's City Administrator will be leaving his position with the City for a position in North Central Washington as Executive Director with the Methow Conservancy. Thank you Jason for your years of tenure in office, and walking this world with us. You will be missed! Our Best Wishes go with you.

◆ **Brian Perkins** driver of the hydroplane for Miss Red Dot Corp, was in the Tastin' N Racin' festival on Lake Sammamish in June 2006.

◆ **Conrad 'Coke' Roberts** and **Keith Watson** gave a presentation to the Probus Group at the Bellevue, WA Senior Center on July 20, 2006. They were "the hit of the year" and Coke "captured the audience the moment you came out "in uniform". They also gave a presentation at the Black Diamond Community Center on September 13, 2006, and will give a lecture to visiting Probus Group members in the Museum on October 26, 2006.

◆ **Ginger Passarelli** owner of Mama Passarelli's, and the Soup Ladies will be going to Mississippi for the fourth time in September to help Hurricane Katrina victims. [www.thesoupladiesofmaplevalley.com](http://www.thesoupladiesofmaplevalley.com).



◆ **Skateboarding** activities will soon become a reality in Black Diamond through a King County grant to the city.

◆ **Thanksgiving** is a time to tell each of you **Thanks for Giving** so generously towards your hometown 'House of Treasures', the Black Diamond Historical Society & Museum.

◆ **Keith Timm, Jr.** Black Diamond School Alumni Member and his fellow graduates of the Enumclaw High School Class of 1966 enjoyed a reunion on September 23, 2006 at the Muckleshoot Casino.

◆ **Veterans Day** is November 11<sup>th</sup>. There are over 25 Veterans interned at the Black Diamond Cemetery. Let us take a moment of silence and give Thanks to them for serving.

◆ **Water project** on Lawson Hill is nearing completion, on time and on budget.

◆ **Where were you on December 7<sup>th</sup> 1941?** Come and share your memories at the Museum on Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2006 with Conrad "Coke" Roberts and Keith Watson. There will be a lecture with an open session for audience comments and questions.

◆ **Wilkeson Eagles Aerie 1409** is celebrating their 100 years of service.

Got News? ↩ Send it so we can share it!

## TWELVE RABBITS FOR A MODEL T

By JoAnne Matsumura

In our July 2006 issue we featured a Labor Day photograph of a Model T with parade entry #31.

Ior Davies responded with a story of how he became the owner of a Model T at age 13-1/2. Mr. Benedetti asked Ior's father if he wanted to buy his car. His father said no. Mr. Benedetti then asked about a trade—he asked Ior how many rabbits he had. Ior responded with "12 Rabbits". Mr. Benedetti asked if he would take the car for the 12 rabbits, and the father said yes.

So Ior Davies owned a car at 13-1/2 for the total cost of 12 rabbits. Ior still has the tire pump and wrench that is used on the vehicle.

Thanks for the memories Ior!

## ☞ TREASURES AND TRINKETS

New Accessions and Acts of kindness

By JoAnne Matsumura, Archivist

- ◆ **Boehms Candies** of their donation for the lecture on September 13, 2006
- ◆ **Howard & Dorothy Botts**-The personal desk of, Dr. H. L. Botts
- ◆ **Helen Bremmeyer**-Metal long handled shoe horn
- ◆ **Christine Eriksen** 1920s oval picture frame
- ◆ **Gary Habenicht**-Can of Carbide
- ◆ **Judy Hager**-Coal dust carving from West Virginia
- ◆ **Dee Israel**-Early era egg carrier cardboard box, and post cards
- ◆ **Jeanne Jokumsen**-Black Diamond postal records
- ◆ **Labor Day Committee** has generously donated a large quantity of 2006 Labor Day Buttons for the Archives and Society use. Thank you!!
- ◆ **Emery Lessard**-Graduation Exercise Program of the Class of 1940 in memory of **Ardis Botts Lessard**
- ◆ **Dahni Logar**-Early era crock
- ◆ **Helen Manowski**-News clippings, Labor Day pictures, booklet *History of the Neely Mansion*, booklet *American Posters from World War I*, BD Picnic picture, WA State Football Association Banquet card 1945
- ◆ **JoAnne Matsumura**-"Eagle Standard School" ink pen, photograph of Don Naud with his lunch in an Enumclaw Butter shipping box
- ◆ **Clayton Mead**-Labor Day and 2006 Welsh Day snapshots, Hunting & Fishing Licenses, Ration Card of Charley H. Mead, ink pens
- ◆ **Elaine Mead Estate**-1975 "Dal Santo Fuel Delivery" calendar, book *Fifth Eclectic Reader*, signed Johnie Trogler, South Toledo, May 12, 1879, *The Delineator Family* magazine, August 1900, courtesy of Clayton and Shirley Mead
- ◆ **Shirley Mead**-Microwave oven and power surge protector
- ◆ **Randy & Michele Nielsen**-Early era Champion Blower & Forge Co., drill press, Black Diamond series
- ◆ **Palmer Coking Coal**-Time Card Holder, *Mining Engineer's Handbook*, 1966, list of names for a 1930s photograph of Ravensdale miners, packaging wet tape dispenser



- ◆ **Tryna Peterson**-Copies of letters for the Archives from Dominick Probst, Black Diamond, WA 1890, Kummer school district in 1896
- ◆ **Conrad ‘Coke’ Roberts**-His U.S. Navy uniform and Medals
- ◆ **Gordon V. Roberts**-His autobiography of “Active Duty Military Service”
- ◆ **Becky Spearman**-Cookbook, *Home Town Recipes*, Fire District 17, Ladies Auxiliary 1979, painting numbers on our outdoor sign
- ◆ **Keith Timm, Jr.**-”Redskin Brand, Chewing Tobacco” spittoon
- ◆ **Robert Van Buskirk**-Recover upholstery armchair
- ◆ **Fred Weston**-Special screws for the Train Schedule Sign and photograph encasements
- ◆ **Joe & Eileen Zumek**-Wood sign holders for artifacts, ceramic set of Christmas Carolers with ceramic electric lamp by Ann Milautz Steiert.

**Thank you one and all for choosing this Museum to preserve your treasures!!**

 **BIRTHDAY GREETINGS** 

To Society Members

By Dee Israel & JoAnne Matsumura

- ◆ Miriam DelDuca Adlum-November 21<sup>st</sup>
- ◆ Margaret F. Repovz Bisiack-November 9<sup>th</sup>
- ◆ Carmel Shaver Camerini-October 19<sup>th</sup>
- ◆ Dorothy Franz Corlett-November 23<sup>rd</sup>
- ◆ Don Covey-October 3<sup>rd</sup>
- ◆ Dan Dal Santo-October 13<sup>th</sup>
- ◆ Evelyn Dal Santo-October 26<sup>th</sup>
- ◆ Joe Dal Santo-November 20<sup>th</sup>
- ◆ Myron E. Davidson-November 22<sup>nd</sup>
- ◆ Tamie Boxx Deady-October 24<sup>th</sup>
- ◆ Chris Deady-December 6<sup>th</sup>
- ◆ Alison English-November 3<sup>rd</sup>
- ◆ Marie Merlini Freeman-December 12<sup>th</sup>
- ◆ Marya Perkins Galvin-October 27<sup>th</sup>
- ◆ Maxine Niles Gamba-December 30<sup>th</sup>
- ◆ Don J. Greggs-December 31<sup>st</sup>

- ◆ John Herbert-October 8<sup>th</sup>
- ◆ Dave Hester-November 16<sup>th</sup>
- ◆ Norman Hope-December 13<sup>th</sup>
- ◆ Mary Malgarini Kennedy-December 25<sup>th</sup>
- ◆ Carolyn Henderson-October 8<sup>th</sup>
- ◆ Ryan Kitz-December 26<sup>th</sup>
- ◆ Barry Kombol-December 19<sup>th</sup>
- ◆ Ray Kravagna-October 2<sup>nd</sup>
- ◆ John Lombardini-October 22<sup>nd</sup>
- ◆ John Malgarini-October 6<sup>th</sup>
- ◆ JoAnne Matsumura-October 24<sup>th</sup>
- ◆ Nancy Dodge Mead-November 14<sup>th</sup>
- ◆ Betty J. Merryfield-December 16<sup>th</sup>
- ◆ Joann Nichols-November 3<sup>rd</sup>
- ◆ Paula Perkins-November 4<sup>th</sup>
- ◆ Ruth Knight Picini-October 5<sup>th</sup>
- ◆ Marian Albaugh Short-October 31<sup>st</sup>
- ◆ Robert Morgan Smith-December 7<sup>th</sup>
- ◆ Sandra Zumek Sonsteng-December 12<sup>th</sup>
- ◆ Mrs. Tony Brown Susnar-October 23<sup>rd</sup>
- ◆ Olga Grady Swann-October 1<sup>st</sup>
- ◆ Steve Thompson-December 1<sup>st</sup>
- ◆ Anne Remshe Thorsett-December 27<sup>th</sup>
- ◆ Marylou Carl Toth-November 10<sup>th</sup>
- ◆ Virginia Mills Tracy-November 12<sup>th</sup>
- ◆ Dale Traylor-November 6<sup>th</sup>
- ◆ Betty Franz Uhrig-December 6<sup>th</sup>
- ◆ Muriel Botts Waldo-December 13<sup>th</sup>
- ◆ Lillian C. Tennio Widner-November 24<sup>th</sup>
- ◆ Carol Wieltschnig-October 20<sup>th</sup>
- ◆ Thomas Wieltschnig-November 14<sup>th</sup>
- ◆ Joe Zumek-December 30<sup>th</sup>

 **BIRTHDAY GREETINGS**

**NONAGENARIANS** 

Society members of the 90 plus young club, and still going strong!

- ◆ William G. Bisyak-November 5<sup>th</sup>
- ◆ Ernest Seliger-October 3<sup>rd</sup>

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

**“The simplest acts sometimes mean the most”—Anna Morris**

## IN MEMORIAM

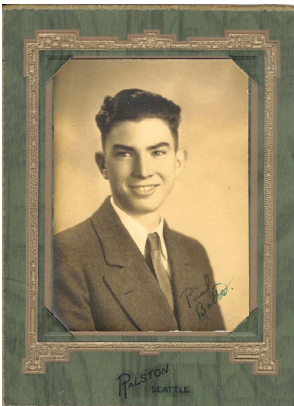
### ✧ **Gone but not forgotten** ✧

By JoAnne Matsumura

✧ **Arthur Clifford Ayers**, was born July 11, 1912 in Black Diamond, Washington and passed away September 20, 2006 in Puyallup, Washington. Arthur was the 4<sup>th</sup> child of George D. and Jane Ayers. When Arthur was about 2 years old the Ayers family moved from Black Diamond to Issaquah. Once as a young boy the Issaquah towns people dressed Arthur in a soldiers suit, bandaged his leg as tho he were a wounded soldier and carried him in a parade up and down the street, ending the celebration by throwing a likeness of Kaiser Wilhelm II into the bonfire.

Survivors include his wife Louella, daughter Judy & her family and his sister Ruth Ayers Hofto. Arthur became a lifetime member of the Black Diamond Historical Society in 2001 (Ruth is also a lifetime member of the Black Diamond Historical Society).

✧ **Paul Maine Botts**, a Lifetime Member, was born March 5, 1915 in Caldwell, Idaho to Alton Richard and Maude Holland Botts. Paul passed away on September 6, 2006 in Renton, at age 91. The Alton Botts family arrived in Black Diamond, WA in January 1923, making their long time home on Lawson Hill.



Paul was raised and schooled in Black Diamond, Graduating in the Class of

1933, and is a member of the Black Diamond Alumni.

Paul and Gertrude Haworth were married on September 14, 1935 in Auburn, WA.

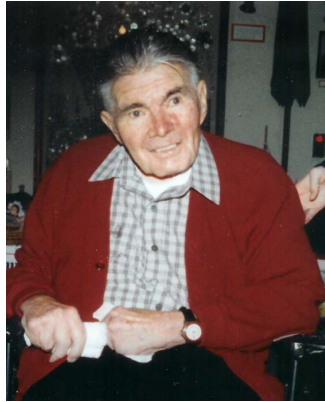
Mr. Botts retired in 1980 after 25 years as an electrician at Picker Medical Corp. Paul also worked at the Grand Coulee Dam in 1936. He purchased a new vehicle, paying \$30 a month in payments.

Paul served the Society in many capacities, was a frequent donor. His guidance and presence will be greatly missed.

Paul is survived by his wife, son Richard, daughters, Trudi Estby, Paula Ordonez, Margie Bourquin, and Connie Florence; brother, Donald Botts; sisters, Muriel Waldo, and Beth Van Buskirk.

### ✧ **Evan David Morris, Sr.**, a Lifetime

Member, was born January 27, 1922 in Enumclaw, WA to Nina Marie and John Henry Morris. Evan passed away August 14, 2006 at his home on Lake Sawyer. He was raised in the coal mining towns of Durham, Bayne and Occidental, attending school in Selleck. Evan graduated from



Enumclaw High School in 1939.

After serving in the U.S. Navy he returned to Enumclaw to work in the family business, Palmer Coking Coal, Co. He worked in various capacities, including the Pacific Coast Coal & Oil, TRM Wood Products, D.J. aka "The Music Man", and The Summit Inn restaurant at 4-Corners.

Evan married Joan Hope, March 29, 1958. They raised 7 children on Lake Sawyer.

He was a member of the Seattle Housing Authority, Toastmaster's Club, volunteer Black Diamond firefighter, The Rainier Club in Seattle, Black Diamond Labor Day Committee, and founding member of the Black Diamond Historical Society, and the Lake Sawyer Community Club.

Evan's contributions to the Society over the many years will not be forgotten and are forever appreciated.

Evan was preceded in death by his wife Joan, sons Evan Jr.; and Clinton and sister, Betty Morris Falk.

His children, Anna, Jeanine, Kathleen, John and Sara, brother Jack, and sister Pauline Kombol survive him.

Evan enjoyed writing meaningful sayings during his college years, keeping them handy for public speaking. Here are a few of them:

\*Do unto others as others would do unto you; only do it to him first.

\*A man of words but not of deeds is like a garden full of weeds.

\*Fool me once shame on you; fool me twice shame on me.

\*You never learn anything when you are talking.

\*Adversity not only builds character, it also strengthens it.

\*Blessed are the ties that bind.

\* **Ann Carolyn Milautz Steiert** was born

February 12, 1917, in Bowie, Colorado, and passed away on June 11, 2006, at age 89. She lived in Cle Elum for a short time before the family moved to Black Diamond. She lived in Black Diamond for 80 years.



Ann completed her education in the Black Diamond schools and was a graduate in the Class of 1935, and is a member of

the Black Diamond Alumni.

Ann was a co-owner of the Diamond Garage in Black Diamond, with her husband Carl. She was a founding member of the Black Diamond Historical Society that was formed in 1975. She was an artist of all media. Her handwritten signs throughout the Museum are admired and commented on by many visitors. She was known as "Grandma" to the Black Diamond Elementary School. For nearly 20 years she painted Christmas Balls for each child in the 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Class. She was a generous host whose home was always open.

The Society is pleased to have a showcase of Ann's ceramic creations for all to enjoy. You will find it in the Society's kitchen display room where Ann spent much of her time.

She was preceded in death by her husband Carl Frederick and grandson, Carl. Survivors include her son, Jerry (Billie) Steiert of Kirkland, WA, and daughter, Carol (Jim) Franklin of Auburn, WA, Grandchildren, Andrea Steiert, Olga Sam, Karen Leidey, and Amy Franklin-Bihary, and three Great Grandchildren.

The Celebration of Life was held in the Black Diamond Museum.

The Black Diamond Historical Society expresses condolences to the families of the passing of their loved ones.

## VETERANS

### THANKS FOR SERVING

By JoAnne Matsumura

Veterans Day is November 11<sup>th</sup>. The following Veterans are interned in the Black Diamond (WA) Cemetery.\*

- Robert G. Baltazar
- Clara Bergman
- Evan Davies
- Donald Lee Flower
- Mario P. Gaffi
- Walter F. Gibson
- Harold Henry Halvorsen
- Daniel L. Jennings
- Emmett Landis
- Even Lushing
- Mansueto A Malgarin
- Thomas M. McDonough
- Richard M. Merril
- Frank H. Morgan
- William E. Morris
- Marcello Ostellino
- James A. Paolucci
- William Primozich
- George Rex
- Emilio Luigi Santini
- Joseph W. Slapnick
- Robert Thomas
- David Lloyd Tyerman
- Harold H. Tyerman
- Thomas Melvin Tyler
- James Vernarelli
- Rex Wilson



\*If you know of a Veteran interned in the Black Diamond Cemetery that is not listed above, please let us know. Thank you!

## BLACK DIAMOND MINERS DAYS 2006

Keith Watson

The Black Diamond's Miners Days took place July 7, 8, & 9<sup>th</sup> of 2006. The Black Diamond Historical Society became involved with the planning of the event by attending the committee planning meetings of the Maple Valley/Black Diamond Chamber of Commerce.

The Black Diamond Museum was open for the three days of the event and had presentations given by Conrad "Coke" Roberts and Keith Watson. The lectures were "Mining Coal", "Company Towns", and "History of Black Diamond". The people who attended the lectures seemed to really enjoy themselves and actively participated in the question and answer sessions that followed each lecture.

People who came to hear the lectures were from as far away as California and were delighted to see Conrad "Coke" Roberts dressed as a coal miner of yesteryear. The comment was made that Coke looked just like his dad when he worked in the Black Diamond mines in the early 1900's.

The Black Diamond Community Center opened the event with a Friday night family dance featuring The Old Time Fiddlers. Adults and kids had a great time cutting a rug!

The main event took place on Saturday in front of the **Palmer Coking Coal Company** and the **Black Diamond Community Center** along Highway 169. There were various booths from the City as well as community businesses and fun was had with the chili & barbecue cook-offs.

**Mama Passarelli's Dinner House** had a wine tasting in their garden with the proceeds being donated to the "Soup Ladies".

Sunday morning featured a pancake breakfast held at **Masonic Diamond Lodge**. **The Black Diamond Museum** was opened for the final lecture from the Society to top off the 2006 Miners Days event.

Thanks to all who helped with Miners Days 2006 and we look forward to your input.

## CEMETERY PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Black Diamond Historical Society, with the support of 4Culture has now completed "The Black Diamond Historic Cemetery Grave Stone Photographic Documentation Project".

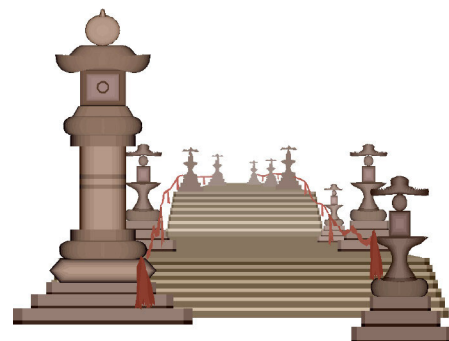
The Black Diamond Cemetery is listed on the State and National Registers of Historic Places. Volunteers of the Black Diamond Historical Society felt there was a need to preserve the cemetery gravestones of Black Diamond's Historic Cemetery as a photographic record. With the financial support of 4Culture of King County, the task was undertaken.

The existing database was obtained from the City, and after a close review, it was determined that there were some inaccuracies and missing information. To link the photos with the existing database proved to be quite a challenge.

As the project evolved, much of the database was corrected and amended when the information could be verified. There are still some questions that need to be answered, but some may be lost in the past forever.

Thanks to the hard work of some of the volunteers of the Black Diamond Historical Society, all of the cemetery gravestones have now been photographed. The records of information are continuing to improve, even after the conclusion of the initial project.

It is our wish to have this list available to the public, and we welcome any feedback to help to improve the accuracy of these records. For those who may not be able to visit the Cemetery in person and wish to have a photograph of a gravestone, contact the Black Diamond Historical Society and a photo will be mailed to you for a small processing fee.







## PICTURES OF THE PAST

From the Archives

This Black Diamond Band in uniform appeared on the cover page of The Pacific Coast Bulletin of March 11, 1926. They had recently been heard over the radio. The 'Bulletin' states: "Not only does the Black Diamond Band appeal to the ear with its melodies and martial airs, but the boys present a striking appearance in their natty new uniforms as well. They are an attractively garbed organization. Frank Carroll, director of the band, is a musician of years of experience and organizer of the famed Bellingham Elks' Band."

In a scrapbook album donated by Helen Strom Manowski, we located a *Renton News* news clipping dated June 1948 with a large write up and this picture with all the names of the musicians.

The musicians are: **Front row**, left to right, Bernard McVicar, Bill Hughes, Harry Sarrala, Ted Rouse, Earl Manchester and A. Rossi. **In the Center row**, Dave Davis, A. Lind, Tommy Hughes, Frank Carroll, Al Winkler, Lloyd Thompson and Barney McDonald. **Back row**, Orren Lyle, Anton 'Chick' Kravagna, Bill Jenkins, Van Manchester, Ed Crossman, Fred Carroll, Bill Trethaway, Ray Packard and Harold Parkinson.

Does anyone know whom we can contact to find one of the uniforms and hat??



### WHO AM I?

From the Archives

This photograph was taken at the Selleck, WA schoolhouse in 1921 or 1922, of the 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> grade students. Miss Radrick is the teacher.

If you or someone you know can identify these students please contact the Society, by phone, e-mail or letter. Thank you! Photo courtesy, Willie Blessing Moergeli, BDHS #2002.45

### LABOR DAY WINNER DONATES WINNINGS

By JoAnne Matsumura

Black Diamond Historical Society Member MarciaLee Berg was the First Prize winner of the Labor Day Button drawing. Her number was 1901. When a Labor Day Committee Member called her to inform her of her winning number, she immediately asked that the winnings of \$100.00 be donated to the Black Diamond Historical Society. Within the hour Laura Howe delivered the check to the Society. There was much excitement in the Society. We are very appreciative and we **Thank You MarciaLee Berg** for your generosity.

The photograph of the Rope Rider on the button was taken in Franklin, WA in 1902, and the man in the photograph is still not identified.

### WHERE WERE YOU ON DEC 7<sup>TH</sup> 1941?

Come share your memories with the Black Diamond Historical Society veterans and friends at

#### **The Black Diamond Museum**

**Conrad "Coke" Roberts and Keith Watson** will have a lecture with a question and answer session to follow.

**Sat. Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> 2006**  
**Starts at 1 PM with**  
**coffee, tea, cookies**  
**and some warm memories.**





## Membership and Renewal Form

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Date of Birth (Optional) \_\_\_\_\_

If this is a gift, who is it from?  
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Individual	\$10.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
Family	\$15.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
Organization	\$30.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lifetime Individual	\$100.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
Donation	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other _____	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
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 Historical Society**

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**Black Diamond, WA 98010**

***For our records, on all checks please note purpose of check. (Dues, Donation, Memorial, etc.)***

For Museum Use Only

Date

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## ON THE GROUNDS

The simulated mine was built under the Black Diamond Museum to show what it would look like at a mine entrance.

It is now equipped with a telephone, lantern, hard hats, dynamite blaster, etc. to look more like a real mine.

If you have been in a real mine, come and take a look and tell us what you think.

If you have not been in a real mine, come and take a look!





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Elect your new officers!**

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**MONTHLY BOARD  
MEETINGS**

**1:30 PM  
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**The Black Diamond  
Historical Society**

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

**The restoration and  
maintenance 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 preserve your history.  
Find out more by talking to one  
of our wonderful volunteers.**