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BDHS Member Brian Mead peeks through the fender well of the historical society's Labor Day "float." (Photo: Robert Dobson)

Black Diamond Labor Days

History in the making: Town's 1947 fire truck returns to the parade

AS I WAS LEAVING THE BALL PARK for the last time on Labor Day, I had the chance to briefly chat with a neighbor. “Best turn out in years,” she said. It didn’t hurt that we had three days of near-perfect weather. Not a cloud in the sky and temperatures in the high 70s, low 80s.

Were there 2,000 people at the three-day event? Three thousand? Who knows. But 3,000 was the estimate of **Jules Dal Santo** 50 years ago—to the day—for the then two-day event in 1962. The *Seattle P-I* reported on September 3, 1962, that Black Diamond “was jumping with activity today—literally. A frog jumping contest, the crowning of a new queen, and a baseball game were all part of



today’s events in the Black Diamond Labor Day Festival.”

History repeating itself ... a recurring theme of Labor Days.

Earlier in the day the historical society had its first “float” of sorts in the parade in years: The town’s 1947 Ford/Howard-Cooper fire truck that’s being restored by



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Wearing many hats

A MESSAGE from the EDITOR



**KEN
JENSEN**

Ok, I'll admit it. I'm not really a Labor *Days* kinda guy. I'm more of a Labor Day—see, no “s”—person. One day. *Finis*.

My usual routine is to show up just before the parade, inviting myself to join **Don Mason's** family who've no doubt staked out a section of sidewalk since “0-dark-30.” Following the parade it's off to the ballpark to munch on a corn dog and curly fries before heading down to Railroad Avenue for the Eagles' car show. A quick “hello” to the docents on duty at the museum and I'm done.

Then it's time to make that *long* trek up Lawson Hill, wishing I'd brought a car or at least could bum a ride from someone who did.

I've never attended the CoalKart Derby; never witnessed the pie eating contest or the sack race or the straw scramble or the toilet paper unrolling event for the ladies. (Yes, it's a real event). It's just not my thing.

Until this year, that is.

I made up my mind last fall that I was going to feature Labor Days in this issue of the *Black Diamond Bulletin*. And to do that, I'd have to attend all the events. And did I make them all? Nope, I showed up late for the dog show and couldn't bring myself to watch the childrens' movie, *Dr. Seuss' The Lorax*, on Saturday night, but I was there for all the rest. *Really*.

And I've got the burnt nose (perhaps I should've worn a hat?) and almost 400 photos to prove it—only a few of which made it into this issue.

The undertaking reminded me of a story I once read in the *Pacific Coast Bulletin* from July 1922 about its editor covering the big Fourth of July extravaganza at Black Diamond. He wrote:

“So much transpired that no one publication of the size of this one could tell it all.

“The *Bulletin* sought to cover the event by sending its Managing Editor, its City Editor, its Sporting Editor, its Society Editor, its Proof Reader, its Star Writer, its Copy Boy, and its Photographer to the scene of action, but even *He* couldn't do it justice.”



PHOTO: ROBERT DOBSON

That's kind of how I felt, though I had the always dependable **Bob Dobson** behind the lens to pitch in.

So what did I think I knew about Labor Days before covering it?

Well, I knew that Black Diamond's annual celebration began in 1947. I also knew that before World War II, it was held on Independence Day, a tradition that began in the 1890s. In the salad days of the Pacific Coast Coal Company era, the company would provide all the ice cream, peanuts, and candy a kid could eat. Oh, and the day off from working in the mine for the men, too.

And what didn't I know?

That many of the traditions are still going strong after all these years. In fact, I'm not sure if many in attendance know just how steeped in history some of these traditions are.

You'll find egg tosses and sack races in summer celebrations across the country, but the ladies' nail-driving contest? We're still doing it. And prizes? **Jack Darby** took home \$2 for winning the frog jumping contest in 1962? Guess how much kids get now for winning the frog jumping contest in 2012? That's right, \$2.

Here's an account of the festivities from the July 1929 *Pacific Coast Bulletin*:

.....
THE FORENOON WAS DEVOTED largely to the youngsters and their races. Mixed in with these events were a few special stunts such as the fat man's race, the plump ladies' race, the rooster race, and the ladies' nail driving contest, etc. Sam Downey took first money in the fat man's race. According to reports W.A. Wilson and J.A. Richie entered this event. They finished so far in the rear that spectators figured this was merely another two-man event. The rooster, released in a circle of waiting ladies, never had a chance on earth. He broke through the first guard, ran under tables and benches, flew over fences, but was finally nabbed in Elmer Fitzgerald's backyard.
.....

Fat man's race? Rooster race? Now those are some events I'd pay to see.

Some of the long-cherished events, however, are gone. The intracamp baseball games between the local nine and Newcastle or Burnett or Carbonado, with \$5 per home run and \$1 per hit going to the home team, are obviously a thing of the past. So too are the dances and smokers.

"Nobody hurt, nobody sick, nobody shot, and comparatively few half-shot," reported the *Bulletin*. Ditto for this year, too.

In the end, Labor Days—now as it was then—is about the youngsters. And for three days I got to experience that youthful enthusiasm unfold before my eyes. I'll be back next year. And I'll bring a hat. ♣

— Ken

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PHOTO: ROBERT DOBSON

A photo of Henry G. (Sonny) Bellack and Jim Bolde wearing this hat was published in the Enumclaw Courier-Herald. The two were riding in a 1915 Model T Ford in the Black Diamond Labor Day parade in 1963.

The Bellack family ran the Bellack and Medie Company General Merchandise Store, about a half mile west of Krain Corner. Jim Bolde owned and operated the Carbon Fuel Company in Bayne, just north of Cumberland.

Special projects update

Fire truck, memorial keeping the historical society busy

As you've no doubt surmised by now, the historical society has its hands full with two major projects—the restoration of Black Diamond's 1947 fire truck and the Coal Miners' Honor Garden, a memorial to our state's coal miners.

The restoration of Black Diamond's fire truck has received much interest from past volunteer firemen and present employees of the Mountain

A MESSAGE *from the* PRESIDENT



**KEITH
WATSON**

View Fire Department. The body, cab, and motor have been separated and are in three different locations.

The body was displayed at Miners' Day and was also featured in the

Labor Day parade. It's now free of rust and being prepared for paint. The cab is being restored using proven methods that work on the heavy steel structure that was commonly used in 1940s Ford trucks.

The engine block has been examined and found capable to be rebuilt, and we have an expert lined up to do just that.

We still need donations to help with all of the parts and pieces and really appreciate the wonderful volunteers who have spent hours and hours on the project.



Above: Black Diamond's 1947 Ford is parked in front of the fire station on Baker Street in 1969.

Right: BDHS Director Dave Watson drove a restored 1945 fire truck in this year's parade.



PHOTO: ROBERT DOBSON

This project will continue for many months and is quite a challenge for its manager, **Joe Androsko**, and his volunteers. We're hoping to find artifacts that were used by the Black Diamond volunteer firemen and women.

The Coal Miners' Honor Garden project is a work of love and honors the people who built coal mining communities in the territory and state of Washington. Many coal miners lost

their lives and that's why we're going to feature a granite wall inscribed with more than 1,100 names of coal miners who perished in the mines.

The granite pedestal will support a life-size bronze statue of a coal miner representing all the coal miners in the state of Washington. There will be a bed of donation pavers surrounding the garden where a person can create his or her inscribed personal message.

This is quite an opportunity to

become a part of present day history and what a great idea for a Christmas gift for a family member or special acquaintance.

If you'd like to have your own paver or pavers included in the Honor Garden, just give us a call at 360-886-2142 and we'll mail you an order sheet.

The statue will be completed in February 2013, and the entire project will be ready for a grand opening on Miners' Day in July 2013.

Thanks to all who have already ordered pavers and for the donations to the Honor Garden.

Upcoming events:

- Oct. 21,** *General Membership Meeting at the museum, 1 p.m.*
- Nov. 22,** *museum closed for Thanksgiving*
- Dec. 8,** *BDHS Open House at the museum, 12–3 p.m.*
- Dec. 20–Jan. 3,** *museum closed*

JoAnne Matsumura has chosen to step down as a volunteer at the museum, and we honor her wish to not make a fuss over her departure. She served the historical society for many years and will be hard to replace.

Thanks, JoAnne, for all your dedicated years of service.

The Black Diamond Museum is in need of "greeters." What's required is an interest in Black Diamond and its history, a smile, and a commitment to




PHOTO: KEN JENSEN

Warren Hall (left), a friend of statue sculptor Paul Crites, BDHS President Keith Watson, and BDHS Member Tom Daniels man the Coal Miners' Honor Garden booth at this summer's Miners' Day.

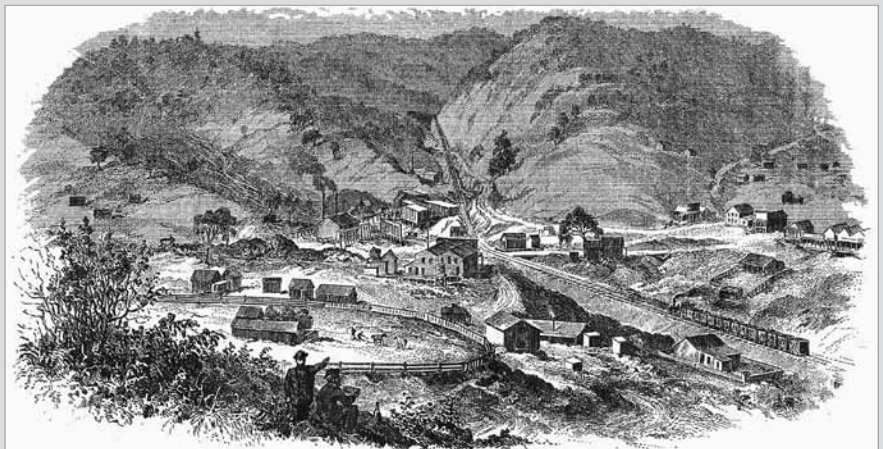
greet people three hours a month from 12 to 3 p.m. on either a Saturday or a Sunday. Please give me a call at 360-886-0778 if you would like to help. You'd be working along side a fellow

greeter who could show you the ropes.

I hope all of you have a wonderful Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year. 

— Keith

In our museum



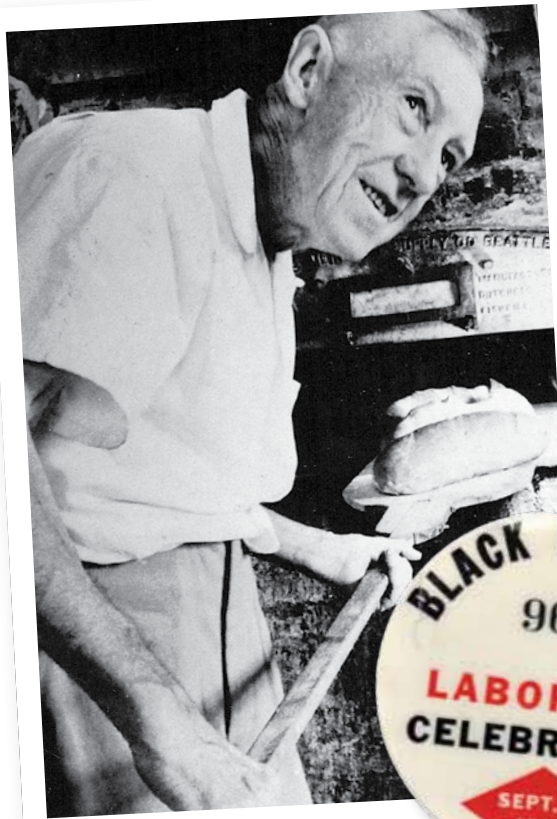
**NORTONVILLE, CALIFORNIA
1869**

FROM THE SOUTHPORT LAND & COMMERCIAL COMPANY ARCHIVES

This lithograph was donated by the Southport Land & Commercial Co.—formerly the Black Diamond Coal Mining Co. Nortonville was the home of the company before it moved its operations to Black Diamond, Washington Territory, in 1885. For more, go to www.southport-land.com/history.html.

Butcher, baker, and candlestick maker

Baker George Eipper was 'Citizen of the Year' in 1962



Baker **George A. Eipper**, along with his wife **Leone**, served their famous breads and pastries for more than 40 years to Black Diamond miners, families, and visitors.

The Eippers' generous donations of cakes for fundraisers and special occasions were appreciated by many, and in 1962, George was honored

with the Labor Day Citizen of the Year award from the Labor Day Committee.

The Eippers' Crystal Mountain bread, which is made

with potato flour, became so popular that George began making it in four-pound loaves.

Customers buying several loaves at a time ignored the sign over the kitchen door warning, "He who indulges, bulges."

The brick, wood-fired dutch oven was the secret to his slow-baked, poppin' fresh and crusty breads. The crust locks in the flavor as the moisture is thus retained in the bread. It's said that one could smell the baking bread from as far away as the teacher's cottage at the top of Baker Street.

A PIONEER family ALBUM



**JOANNE
MATSUMURA**

Butcher Pete Frederickson built his meat market next to the company store in 1913



Pete Frederickson in his butcher shop on Railroad Avenue.

Butcher **Pete Frederickson** knew the quality of aged meat and just how to cut it.

He purchased Black Diamond's first meat market, originally located across the street from the railroad depot—now museum—from **Thomas G. Spaight**.

In 1913, Pete built a new meat market next to the company store in the vicinity of where Smokehouse & More is today.

Pete provided quality-cut meats

to all the hotels in Black Diamond as well as to families.

Deliveries to the hotels were made by a young 10-year-old chap named **Ed Bancho**, who would sit on the banister outside and wait for Pete's call for the next delivery.

"Pete really done a good business there," Ed once remarked.

Aside from the meat market business, Pete was also the manager of Black Diamond's Valley League baseball team in 1919.

When ladies asked about his secret, George would say, “You want our secret? All right, then, admit it now. Wasn’t the food cooked on Mother’s wood range better than what you cook now?” The ladies would always agree.

George’s specialty, *Julkaka*—a Christmas bread made with candied or dried fruits and nuts—was from a recipe he obtained in Alsace-Lorraine, France, which he introduced in this country in 1912.

George and Leone, with their son **George B.**, came to Black Diamond in 1923 to work in the Black Diamond Bakery after selling their bakery of 10 years at Pine and Broadway in Seattle.

They took over the Black Diamond Bakery in 1924 and lived in the building until moving to a house on Lawson Road in 1926.

Mrs. Eipper once stated, “I

wouldn’t live anyplace else except Black Diamond. I love the town, our business, and our customers.”

—JoAnne



This bread slicer, originally from the Black Diamond Bakery, is on display in the museum’s Country Kitchen exhibit.

PHOTO: ROBERT DOBSON

Bakery ‘mines’ best in bread

The Seattle Times, December 12, 1965 — *Drive past the feed store and an abandoned hotel, turn hard right and the sign looms ahead: “Black Diamond Bakery.”*

Coal country. Black gold.

But the best thing to be mined there is bread—slow-baked in a 62-year-old wood-fired brick oven, believed to be the only one of its kind in the state.

Bread lovers comes from miles around to the quaint little bakery perched on the side of a hill. Gov. Dan Evans has stopped in on ski junkets. Friends buy loaves for [Seattle] Mayor Braman. A Milton couple regularly buys 40 loaves at a time. A Bellingham man once purchased 78 loaves—an all-time record \$55 ring-up on the makeshift cash register.

Fruit cakes and Julkaka are Christmas specialties. A woman bought a fruit cake the other day and said she was sending it to Hawaii.

George Eipper, 81, a frail, stoop-shouldered little man with an elfin smile, allowed as how the cake would be even better after a little journey like that. After all, it was baked from a recipe George got in Alsace-Lorraine and introduced in this country 53 years ago.

Abramo Pennacchi made candle holders for miners

Candlestick Maker **Abramo Pennacchi** was one of several Black Diamond blacksmiths who not only made candlestick holders for the miners, but also many of the beautiful wrought iron fences within the area’s cemeteries.

A miner’s candlestick holder, known as a pricket light or a “Sticking Tommy,” was the only source of light for miners to do their jobs for decades.



Miners could slide the curved end of the pricket light over a beam. The hook was often used to hang a birdcage or a lunch bucket. And the pointed end could be wedged into a hole or crack in the wall.



The Eagles' Car Show on Railroad Avenue is a popular draw and seems to be getting bigger with each passing year. This year marked the 20th anniversary of the event. (Photo: Ken Jensen)



"Titan" won awards for being the youngest (11 weeks) and the smallest (itty-bitty-size) at the "Doggie Day" event. (Photo: Johna Thomson)

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Joe Androsko and others far and wide. (The engine, for instance, is in Spokane.)

The gray-primered hulk of metal didn't win any awards, but hopefully we'll see it rolling down the parade route on its own next year instead of on a flatbed. It did inspire at least one person to inquire about volunteering to help with its restoration—which was precisely the goal: to get the community interested in the project.

Just to show the crowds lining the street what to expect when the fire truck is completed, BDHS Director **Dave Watson** followed Black Diamond's Ford with a 1945 model, a restoration project that he worked on years earlier for Gig Harbor.

When the fire truck does make that trip down the parade route, it will be yet another example of history repeating itself as it used to make the annual trip down Third Avenue before



almost being sold for scrap.

In the 1920s, the parade began at the Pacific Coast Hotel across from the depot, now the site of the Eagles, and made its way up Lawson Street (which connected with Railroad Avenue via Main Street). In the 1940s and '50s, the parade began on Lawson on the other side of the highway and then rounded the corner at Third where the Cenex is today. But it always ended at the ball park, the

same as today.

And it's at the ball park where all the action still takes place—except for the Eagles' car show, which is where the parade used to start!

As I was taking photos at Saturday's Watermelon-Eating contest, an older lady came up to me and pointed to her granddaughter. "I competed in that same event when I was her age," she said.

And that's when it hit me. The



Saturday's CoalKart Derby at Second Avenue and Lawson Street was a fun event for the kids. (Photo: Ken Jensen)



And speaking of fun, these two seem to be having more than their share as they fly through the air at the massive inflatable stationed at the ball park. (Photo: Robert Dobson)



Left: The fire truck was parked at the ball park after the parade so that people could check out the progress. There was also a display for the Coal Miners' Honor Garden, too.

Top right: BDHS Director Don Mason had the kids, young and old, lined up to blow the train's whistle and ring its bell.

Right: BDHS Member Dennis Boxx throws some of his own antique coins into the Straw Scramble to keep the kids in search of riches.

Bottom right: The pie eating contest was a blast for all ages. I actually watched one teenager win in two bites—or were they slurps? (Photos: Ken Jensen)



history of the events, the generations who've competed in the contests, the ballgames—that's what gives the celebration its charm.

I was standing in center field—the same center field where the mining camps waged their annual battles, the same center field where countless floats from yesteryear were parked—the center of our community for more than 100 years.

I could go on, but this issue is

really about the photos, and that's why it's in color. And if you have photos from Labor Days past, we'd love it if you'd share them with our society.



— Ken Jensen

Miners' Day proceeds help fund the Coal Miners' Honor Garden

This year's Miners' Day was the best so far, reported several guests who attended the eighth-annual street fair on Black Diamond's Railroad Avenue. The event celebrates the town's coal mining past.

Numerous vendors peddled their wares while contestants battled for cash and ribbons in the Flaming Geyser chili cook-off. Throughout the day two live bands—The Stan Terrell Band and Happy Hans—entertained crowds. Folks were dancing in the street.

New this year was a dunk tank sponsored by Bounce It Up 360 that helped the historical society raise money for the Coal Miners' Honor Garden. Happy victims included **Craig Goodwin**, Black Diamond city councilman, who had the privilege of being dunked over and over again.

Nice that the weather was warm.

The Coal Miners' Classic 5K Run, managed by **Steve Israel**, drew more than 100 participants with a new course that drew raves from the entrants. The race started and finished by the Black Diamond Community Center gymnasium. At the end of the race prizes were awarded to the winning runners.

On Railroad Avenue, **Todd Hulbert**, the new owner of Finally Found Books, had his grand opening and supplied balloons and coupons



Top: Councilman Craig Goodwin gets dunked. Left: The beginning of the Coal Miners' Classic 5K run. Right: Clown Caroline Nadeau hands out balloons for Finally Found Books' grand opening. (Photos: Bob Dobson)

for free kids books. Clown **Caroline Nadeau** did a spectacular job of entertaining the old and young alike.

The businesses along Baker Street and Railroad Avenue were up to the task of handling the large contingent of attendees. Black Diamond Pizza & Deli, the Green River Eagles, Smokehouse & More, and the

Black Diamond Bakery with its two gift shops: La Bella Vita and The Dazzled Dame, were all busy. Mama Passarelli's featured a wine tasting after the event.

The folks who stepped up to the plate and made monetary donations toward the event were: BD Lawson Partners, BD Village Partners, Black

Diamond Bakery,
Bounce It Up 360,
Columbia Bank,
Finally Found Books,
Fred Meyer, Home
Care Construction,
Kriss Chiropractic,
Mama Passarelli's, the
Maple Valley Reporter,
McGann Electric,
Palmer Coking Coal
Co., Real Life Church,
and the Stan Terrell

Band. Thanks for
making Miners' Day possible. We
really appreciate your involvement in
this community event.

The all-volunteer Miners' Day
committee, chaired by **Frank
Rinehart**, did a masterful job.

Thanks, Frank.



— Keith Watson



*Above: The museum was
right in the thick of the
action at Miners' Day.
Right: Judges Gomer
Evans (left) and Dan
Hutson are wondering
what's in that chili!
(Photos: Bob Dobson)*



Statue and fire truck on display

Joe Androsko brought the 1947
fire truck to the event—sandblasted
and ready for paint—to show the
community how the restoration
project is coming along. People were
amazed at its size and how much
progress has been made.

Next to the fire truck was a
display for the Coal Miners' Honor
Garden to be built on the museum's
grounds. Sculptor **Paul Crites** was
in attendance with his eighteen-inch-
high preliminary wax statue that's
the model for the life-size bronze
statue to be completed at the first of
next year.

The proceeds from Miners' Day
are being used towards the Coal
Miners' Honor Garden.



*Above: Former Black
Diamond Fire Chief Keith
Timm, Sr. (left) and Gomer
Evans examine the statue.
Right: The statue stands
poised in front of the wheel
of the fire truck. (Photos:
Ken Jensen)*



Why it's important to me

Gomer Evans talks about the Coal Miners' Honor Garden

I grew up in Black Diamond. My Mother and Dad had nine children in the "Diamond." My Dad, who came from Wales, worked in the coal mines his entire life from the time he was 12 years old, so he saw many mine disasters.

As a fire boss he helped in a lot of the mine rescue operations. Many of those stories were published in the old *Pacific Coast Bulletin*.

Living in Black Diamond, there was always a constant threat of disaster at the mine.

You always felt the *bumps*. If you don't know what a bump is, it's when you remove all the coal down in the mine; there's a lot of pressure down there and the ground gives away and you get a bump. I haven't felt one of those for many years now.

To me the Coal Miners' Honor Garden is a terrific tribute to all of the miners who worked so fearlessly in those deep mines. Most got to come home at night, but many didn't make that trip back to their families. Some were buried down in the mines.

As for me, I guess I'm a little more vested in the whole thing because I grew up around all the coal miners ... my brothers, my dad—they all worked in the coal mines here. So I really feel proud now that I can be a part of something that will honor the coal miners in Black Diamond.

I know it's just a small token of \$100 for a paving brick, but my name will always be down there to show that I support this statue and honor



Sculptor Paul Crites is currently working on the statue, which should arrive in early 2013. This artist's rendering also shows the pavers, granite benches, and memorial wall. At right is an example of Gomer's brick—in memory of his father, also Gomer Evans.

those heroes. Every time I look at one of the bricks, I'm going to think about my Dad, who luckily survived, and then I think of **English, Kovash,** and **Stebly**, who did not. I could go on and name the guys, including my own uncles, who lost their lives in the mines—so many of them....

This project will also honor all the miners who lost their lives in the coal mines of Washington State. Those names, every one of them, will be on the granite wall. I can't think of a better tribute to the coal miners than buying these paving bricks to support this project.

I know that once we get that statue up, that ol' cemetery down there is

gonna be rattlin' and rollin' because all them old coal miners are gonna say, "Hey, look at them guys—they're doing something for us."

Nobody ever gave them anything—they had to go out and get it themselves.

I'm so glad that I'll have the opportunity to buy a brick and pay homage to this very special group of people who have played such a big role in our history.

— Gomer Evans, Jr.

Gomer Evans is a director/trustee of the historical society and the chair of the statue committee. He's also a former mayor of Black Diamond.

In memoriam

Gone but not forgotten

Ivor Wyndham Merryfield, a lifetime society member since 1977, passed away June 27, 2012, at the age of 90.

He was born to Glyn and Elizabeth on April 14, 1922, in Alberta, Canada. The family arrived in Black Diamond in 1924 along with their good friends, the Vic Roberts and Joe Fowler families.



During his youth he competed in soccer and baseball before graduating from Black Diamond High School, class of 1940. He was a member of the Black Diamond Alumni Association.

Ivor served his country with the Army Air Corps and was sent to the South Pacific during World War II. While on a one-week furlough, he married his sweetheart, Betty Avery, on May 19, 1944, in Seattle.

He had a long career in automobile sales and service until his retirement in 1980. After retirement he and Betty enjoyed traveling, golf, and time with family. In his later years he was lovingly cared for by his wife.

The society shall always remember Ivor's support and encouragement in those early years when it was working to rehabilitate the depot museum. His contributions and interest gave spirit to the group of volunteers.

Ivor is survived by his wife Betty of 68 years, children Linda and Dan, and three grandchildren.

Marian M. Short, a lifetime society member since 1985 and Maple Valley resident, passed away June 16, 2012, at age 96. She was born October 31, 1915 in Doland, South Dakota, to Ralph and

Ethel Albaugh.

She is a graduate of DePauw University in Indiana, class of 1937, with a Bachelor of Arts in Home Economics. She moved to Seattle where, at the University of Washington, she completed her graduate work in the field of dietetics and institutional administration.

Marian and her husband Herb owned a real estate and insurance business in Maple Valley for many years.

Active in her community, she supported the Tahoma School District, helped found the Maple Valley Historical Society, and was instrumental in forming the local chamber of commerce and establishing the Maple Valley Library of the King County Library System.

She enjoyed gardening and golf in her leisure time.

Mother of Roy and Eugenia (Gena), Marian is survived by her son Roy and his wife Linda Elliott-Short.

Thanks for the memories

John R. Balzarini

March 26, 1935 – July 9, 2012
Brother to Donna, Nadine, Vicki, Jean, and Louis

Kenneth "Ken" C. Darby

July 28, 1951 – July 2, 2012
Brother to Rick and Roy Darby

Elizabeth Acheson Kaminski

October 23, 1927 – July 16, 2012
Mother of Kathleen Kear

James "Jim" Martin McHugh

July 28, 1930 – July 14, 2012
Husband of Barbara Silvestri McHugh

Phillip Arnold Poppleton

September 15, 1932 – July 28, 2012
Son of Ruth Jackson Slott

Gregory Stephen Schultz

August 14, 1956 – August 2, 2012
Grew up in Black Diamond

Mrs. Grover (Ruby) Smail

January 4, 1918 – July 12, 2012
Mother of Emma and Ruby

On our grounds



PHOTO: ROBERT DOBSON

Under construction! This is the future site of the Coal Miners' Honor Garden. If you'd like to purchase a paver to honor a loved one, a coal miner, or if you'd like to show your organization's support for the memorial, contact the historical society at 360-886-2142 or Museum@BlackDiamondMuseum.org.

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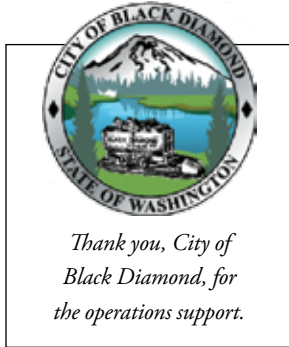
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These donations are greatly appreciated. The Black Diamond Historical Society is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. All donations are tax-deductible as allowed by law.

Fire truck needs your support

Do we need help with funding? That's a big YES!

So please consider a donation to the Black Diamond Historical Society, a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization. It might even help you on your income tax. (Please check with your financial advisor.)

And not only do we need funding, we're still looking for photos of the fire truck when it was active.

We're also on the hunt for a missing axe, fire extinguishers, and many other items that you former volunteers out there may know about.



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1,883

Number of guests visiting the museum in the third quarter of 2012.

Be our guest

During the months of June, July, and August, the museum had 1,883 guests. Visitors hailed from 19 states—Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Idaho, Kansas, Maryland, Michigan, Montana, Nevada, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, Wyoming, and, of course, Washington—as well as Australia; the Netherlands; Spain; Toronto, Canada; and Ukraine.

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



Great stuff, loved the tools

Great town

Nice stuff & nice staff

You do much for preserving the beauty

Great museum

We so love the museum

Wonderful! I wish I lived in the old fashioned times

What a great place with wonderful history

Very well done

Love this place

Learned a lot

Keep up the great work

Great history

This place brings back the fondest memories

Very beautiful town & friendly people

Nice place and great things to look at

Super!

Welcome new and renewing members

The Black Diamond Historical Society now has 348 members. We're pleased to welcome our newest members this quarter:

- Cal Bashaw*
- Mike & Joan Bertsch*
- Peggy Bullard & family*
- Judy Clanton*
- Bart Clapp*
- Donna Higgins*
- Bill & Shirley Kelley*
- Nils A. Ladderud*
- Anna Marangon*
- Anthone R. Mola*
- Marcia Mcune Nodelman*

- Aaron & Michele Nix*
- Randy & Sharon Roberts*
- David F. Sloan*
- Jack Sperry*
- Richard Wendt*
- C.D. Young*


We'd like to thank the following members for renewing their memberships this quarter:

- Carol Anderson*
- Cathy Bradley*
- Mary Jo Erath Carlson*
- Carolyn Christopher*
- Don & Louise Deffley*
- Robert R. Dobson*
- Robert & Joann Doyer*




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- Bob & Anna Marie Duncan*
- Tom & Joyce Erath*
- Carolyn Henderson*
- Virgil Holman Jr.*
- Steve & Dee Israel*
- Jean M. Kelly*
- Marilyn Kienke*
- Janet Lombardini*
- Robert E. McKee*
- Karen Meador*
- Rebecca Teeters*
- Gloria Thompson*
- Margaret White*
- William E. Williams*
- Mark & Peggi Witman*



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Date of Birth (Optional) _____

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How did you hear about us? _____

Annual Membership Fees

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Family	\$15.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
Business/Group	\$30.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lifetime Individual	\$100.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Other Donation	\$ _____	
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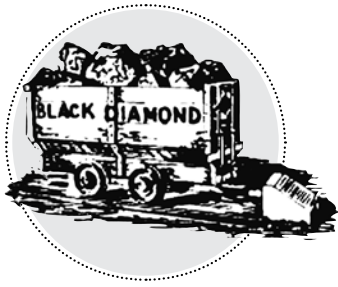
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What to buy the person who has everything this holiday season?

The Black Diamond Historical Society has just the gift for that special history lover.

Check out even more gift-giving options at our online Gift Shop at www.blackdiamondmuseum.org



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Did you know that the historical society has reduced the price of Black Diamond: Mining the Memories? Now you can give the gift of history for just \$20. And then there's a memorial paver for \$100, a handcrafted coal car for \$20, or make a donation to the fire truck restoration project in a loved one's name. Just make sure you drop by the museum before we close December 20.