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## FROM WALES TO WASHINGTON: THE LEGACY OF GEORGE & MARY ANN MORRIS

BY WILLIAM KOMBOL



*George and Mary Ann Morris in 1926.*

George Morris and Mary Ann Williams were married on Christmas Day, 1876 in their native Wales. At the time George worked as a coal miner. Their first son, George Jr. died shortly after birth. Determined to make a new start, Mary Ann stayed home pregnant with their second, Abraham, while George migrated to Pennsylvania. There he worked in coal mines, saving money to buy passage for his young wife and child. A year later the family moved to Peoria, Illinois to mine coal, then pursued hard rock mining in Idaho, before arriving in Wilkeson where the final six of their eleven children were born.

George worked in coal mines around Wilkeson, helping to open a mine in the middle of town. He later purchased a livery stable and transfer company where many of the Morris boys worked. A lot of their business was hauling kegs of beer to the 13 saloons in that thriving coal mining town of east Pierce County. The couple celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 1926 surrounded by all eleven children and their spouses.

In 1911, the Morris & Merritt families led by Abe Morris and Frank Merritt formed the South Willis Coal Company with the following management: Abe Morris, president; Frank Merritt (married to Abe's sister, Emily), general superintendent; H.V. Beane, engineer; Jonas Morris, general foreman, and Frank Purse, outside foreman. The mines were

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## NEWSLETTER

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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### HOURS

Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Saturday & Sunday, 12 to 3 p.m. (winter);  
12 to 4 p.m. (summer)

## WHY IS HISTORY IMPORTANT?

Hello Black Diamond History buffs....A very important and historical event is right on the horizon....Miners Day this July 7<sup>th</sup>. Why is History Important? Before you study something it's always a good idea to think about why it is important. One reason I think history is important is it's great fun and sometimes very exciting. It's like being

### A MESSAGE

*from the*  
**VICE PRESIDENT**



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a time-detective, hunting through the records and the archaeological artifacts, looking for clues that might help build up a picture of what happened long ago.

Another very good reason to study history is that it's *our story*. By understanding our past and where we came from we hope to better understand where we are now and even decide about what might happen in the future. To understand all this, it is very important that we study history. History is the richest of all stories that can be told as it is the story of all people, in all places, at all times. It is a beautiful story. It can be a sad and a shocking story, too. But it is the most exciting story there is because we can decide what will happen in the next chapter! History is the story of people on the planet. It is the

human story. The story of everything that people have ever done since recognizable humans first evolved between 150,000 and 200,000 years ago.

All kinds of people have affected your life. With history, it's the same. All kinds of people have come and gone through Black Diamond. Each one leaves behind traces. A few have left behind major legacies. Get to know a few of the many people who have come and gone through Black Diamond. People from around the world came to the United States--and then to Black Diamond--for many reasons, reasons as numerous as the people who came. But most were searching for something better: brighter opportunities, easier family lives, and the chance to become a part of the American Dream and give their children a better future than they themselves had known.

Many immigrants could only find work in low-paying jobs, often in dangerous conditions, like working on railroad tracks or in the coal mines. If it weren't for these hard working folks, Black Diamond wouldn't be what it is today. The sacrifices they made for their families ultimately paved the way for our future and *our history*. Please join the community of Black Diamond, July 7<sup>th</sup> 2018, and help keep Black Diamond history roaring. There will be fun events for the entire family happening all day long. Start at the museum, then take a walk in history, down Railroad Ave. enjoying all the history you can take.

*Shawn Oglesbee,*

# PRESIDENTS MESSAGE: SPRING 2018

Winter has been good for us at the museum with various groups touring the building and volunteers that have been especially active with the ongoing display changes. Thanks to all the volunteers who make this possible in our mission to keep history

## A MESSAGE from the PRESIDENT



KEITH  
WATSON

alive. Our collection of letter sweaters from the Black Diamond High school has been refreshed cleaned and displayed in new glass covered wall displays and they look great. It is amazing to me how well they are made of heavy material and how well they have stood up to the elements through the years. Thanks to Judy Watson for the display idea and for Sherrie Evans for sourcing the displays and following through with other volunteers to install them on the school wall by the front desk.

### **ROOM MAKE OVERS**

The Board of Directors recently voted to convert the former booze room into an archivist work room where we will also have enough room to place the map cases moving them from the basement to the main level. The flooring has been resourced by Gomer Evans costing nothing. The wall cabinets have

been resourced as well as the under counter top file drawers. This will clean things up and help with organizing. Our backroom storage area has been painted with all new (to us) steel shelving units installed donated by the Botts family.

### **MEMORIAL BRICKS**

We have orders for memorial bricks to be installed but must wait for good weather. The bricks are sand blasted and inked in place. The target date is June; again, depending on the weather. If you want a memorial brick added please order by the end of May. Contact me if you would like an order sheet. 360-886-0778

### **GREEN RIVER COLLEGE VISITS**

We had two visits from the Green River College in March with the first group being exchange students who had many questions about coal and our little towns history. In the same week we had a visit from senior adult students who have an interest in our history and the coal mines. This last group also attended the Franklin tour with much interest and praise for Don Mason and Dave Watson who are devoted to showing people what a ghost coal mining town looks like before and after.

### **FRANKLIN TOUR**

This year we had close to 250 people plus pets on leashes who attended. The tour is a hit with Don Mason and Dave Watson talking and showing large photos of what Franklin used to look like. They also take people to the coal mine.

Don Mason has been taking people on the tour for over 30 years. Dave Watson has had a keen interest in Franklin and coal mining for over 50 years. They are looking for volunteers to help them with these tours. It is a fun thing to do so if you are interested please give me a call 360-886-0778.

### **VOLUNTEERS WANTED**

We are looking for people who would like to help our Docents (greeters) in welcoming people to the museum. The hours are on the weekend from 12 to 3 and in the summer from 12 to 4. Give me a call 360-886-0778. You will be able to greet people from all over the world and from many states. All it takes is a smile.

### **COAL MINERS HONOR GARDEN**

Now that it is Spring we see flowers in the Coal Miners Honor Garden peaking out of the soil with promise to be as beautiful as they were last year. We have a friend that walks to museum in the morning and takes care of the garden her name is Jane Falding; if you spot her working away please give her a green thumbs-up! She trims, pulls weeds, plants, gives us advice, and asks for nothing in return. She is another Black Diamond volunteer who cares for her city and proves this is a wonderful place to live.

### **OAKPOINT'S TEN TRAILS**

Black Diamonds Master Plan Development is also seeing growth.

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On Dec. 15, 1921, **Morris Brothers Coal Mining Co., Inc.**



*Frank Merritt (holding shovel) and George Morris (with mustache) clean up debris after a fire destroyed their South Willis facilities circa 1917.*

was formed by Abe Morris, Frank Merritt, George Morris, John H. Morris, Jonas Morris, Edward G. Morris, Bill Morris, Ben Nichols, and Clarence Masters. A new chapter in Morris-Merritt family coal mining history was about to be written. Abe Morris, the oldest

mining in Durham, Palmer took over Morris Brothers Coal Mining Co. and expanded operations to Occidental and Danville. As World War II spurred the local economy, Palmer grew from a marginal producer to become the fourth largest coal mining company in Washington. In 1953, Palmer Coking Coal purchased the King County assets of Pacific Coast Coal Co., once the state's second largest producer. That purchase led to mining operations on Franklin hill plus assumption of the coal preparation plant and rail facilities at the former Mine #11 site. The 2<sup>nd</sup> generation of Morris family members began assuming management roles in the 1950s followed by the 3<sup>rd</sup> generation in the 1980s.

On Dec. 17, 1975, Palmer closed the last underground coal mine in Washington. For the next decade the company operated small surface coal mines in the Ravensdale and Franklin areas. Its last surface mine, the McKay-Section 12 was located inside Black Diamond city limits just east of Botts Drive. When completed in 1985, the mine

located in the South Willis and Spiketon areas which form a tight triangle with Wilkeson, each town separated by a little over one mile. John H. Morris operated a small store in Spiketon and also worked in the family mines. Two sons (Ed & Bill Morris) and a future son-in-law (Molly Masters) enlisted in the army and served during World War I. The company prospered before and during the war. In 1919, South Willis Coal Company sold its holdings to Peabody Coal of Illinois, one of the largest coal mining companies in the world. Peabody never did reopen the mines as depression hit the coal industry the following year.

son and titular leader of the family, left the State Legislature where he'd served two terms and became the State' Coal Mine Inspector, an important industry post. Abe resigned from Morris Brothers one year before his death in 1933.

**Palmer Coking Coal Company, Inc.** (Palmer) was organized in Durham, Washington on August 14, 1933. Four Morris brothers (Jonas, Ed, John H., and Bill) plus "Millionaire" Joe Kiewlak formed the company during the Great Depression, just months after President Franklin D. Roosevelt declared a shut-down of the banking system to stem fears of imminent financial collapse. Following five years of successful underground coal

With the sale of the Morris family livery stable, garage and moving business, coupled with South Willis Coal Company's sale of its Spiketon (renamed Morristown) mines, the family's Pierce County investments came to an end. Two years later, most of the family relocated to the coal-fields of southeast King County in Durham.

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**Palmer Coking Coal Co. Founders (Aug. 14, 1933)**

*The Morris family assembled for a group photo at the coal miner's picnic hosted by Morris Brother Coal Mining Co. at Deep Lake on July 16, 1933. Four weeks later Palmer Coking Coal Co. was founded.*



# THE BLACK DIAMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY PRESENTS

## BART MCNUTLY'S "HIDDEN TREASURES OF THE PAST"

**Bart McNutly hid several items in the museum as he passed through town. During Miners Day in July, Bart comes into town for the festivities and hides priceless and historical treasures he took from unsuspecting people. He hides these in the museum and the museum needs your help finding them.**



## BDHS RECEIVES HONORS

The Black Diamond Historical Society has been selected to receive a 2018 Long Term Project Award from AKCHO (Association of King County Historical Organizations) for your *Historic Mine Tours*.

The AKCHO Board of Directors and Awards Committee will be honored to have you join us at the 2018 Awards event to accept this award. The event is free of charge and we welcome you to invite friends, family, and project supporters to help celebrate AKCHO's acknowledgment of your contribution to preserving and interpreting King County history.

The Awards event will be held on Tuesday, April 24th at the Northwest African American Museum, beginning with a reception in the Galleries at 5:30 p.m. Awards follow from 6:30-8:30 p.m. For the AKCHO community, this is one of our organization's most highly anticipated and well-attended events of the year.

Congratulations again, to all of you at Black Diamond Historical Society.

*Patricia L Filer,  
AKCHO Awards Chair*

# Obituaries



**Olga Grady Petchnick Swann**  
**October 1, 1915-September 4,**  
**2017**

Olga Petchnick came into this world on October 1, 1915 as Olga Gradishnic, fourth child of seven and daughter of Rudolph and Julia Gradishnic.

Loved and respected by her children, her many grandchildren and friends, she passed away peacefully in her sleep on September 4, 2017. Olga's parents, Rudolph and Julia, immigrated to the United States from Slovenia in 1902 and 1903 respectively.

Name changes from Zagradsniks in Slovenia to Gradishniks upon passing through Staten Island, and finally, for simplicities sake, in 1927 to Grady. The Grady name has remained unchanged now for 90 years. She will come to her final resting place alongside her husband Rudolph at the Hobart Maple Valley cemetery.

Preceded in death by her parents and five of her brothers and sisters, Olga is survived by her youngest sibling Richard Grady of Renton and her three children Judy, Rudy (Linda) and Dan (Cindy) and their families, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Born on a family farm in Hobart, Washington, Olga attended primary school at the old Hobart grade school.

Despite all the long hours and endless work during her youth Olga reminisced fondly about life on the forty acre farm. After her eighth grade graduation her help was needed at home. Olga remained at home until, at age 22, she married Rudy Petchnick on June 18, 1938.

Many happy family gatherings were enjoyed at the white farm house and barn on SE 224th. And it was indeed a rare occasion when further merriment was not enhanced or complemented with home brewed wine and white lightning. Over-ripe fruit collected from off the ground was not forsaken and quite often collected as the treasured main ingredient in these traditional "moonshine" recipes brought from the "old country."

In 1978 Olga was preceded in death by Rudy, her hus-

band of 40 years. Shortly thereafter she moved from Hobart to Black Diamond, where she became extremely active in the town's Labor Day committee and celebration. The "peanut wagon" was always parked at her house. As a result of her joyful volunteerism mentality and active participation she was, at the ripe old age of 65, crowned Labor Day Queen. She loved a good polka and it was always amazing to witness her automatic, seemingly irrepressible foot tapping and smile on her face well prior to grabbing any nearby unsuspecting sole seated next to her willing to give her a whirl on the dance floor. Sisters, daughters, children, mothers were all fair game should there not exist available male partners.

Olga was president of the Hobart/Maple Valley Cemetery and for 30 years was instrumental in the upgrading and beautification of the grounds. She also was actively involved with the Maple Valley and Black Diamond historical societies. For a period of time when health allowed she attended Enumclaw's Calvary Presbyterian church. Fond memories of her home cooking include apple streudel, blackberry pies, chicken and rice and plum dumplings.

Olga's subtle sense of humor, intellect, quiet strength and resolve, her down to earth common sense, and her genuine caring interest in people defined her as a person. Olga lived and loved the remainder of her last 12 years at Enumclaw's High Point Village where she enjoyed activities and bus rides into her late 90's.

Well past her 100th birthday, she remained concerned, first with the well-being of friends and family, always placing her personal self-interests and comforts as secondary. In Olga's own words, "I have done everything I wanted to do in my life and I was very happy".



**Hazella (Barnes) Peterson**  
**November 3, 1931 ~ March 9,**  
**2018**

Hazella (Barnes) Peterson, long time resident of Black Diamond, took her

journey to heaven on March 9, 2018. She was born November 3, 1931 in Sharon, Oklahoma. She is preceded in death by her parents, Henry and Naomi Barnes; brothers, Hank and Gene Barnes; sister, Marie Evans; husband Russ Peterson and daughter, Linda Cartwright Stanton. She is survived by her children: Robert Hickle, Nonie Coby, Jason Capponi and Cheryl Peterson (and Frank); as well as many grandchildren and great grandchildren. A memorial service will be held at the Eagles on March 25<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm. Donations may be made to the Black Diamond Historical Society.

of the Enumclaw Arts Commission and the Enumclaw Music Teachers Association. She also served on the Life Committee that helped remodel the High School Auditorium. Then, in 1985, she opened Enumclaw Music where she sold instruments, music and supplies for 27 years. She loved working with the teachers in the Enumclaw area and taught many piano students from 1983 until 2017. This was one of her favorite roles in her life and one that impacted dozens of students, giving her the opportunity to get to know so many people and families while sharing a love of music. Another passion was her facilitation of a Christian support group for single men and women at The Summit Church for 20 years. Her faith in Jesus Christ made her an inspiration to many, and she shared her father's gift of making each of her many friends feel special. Additionally, she enjoyed playing piano and forming treasured bonds with Sarah Vanvegten (violin) and Annette Kruzic (cello), in the Plateau Piano Trio which performed for weddings, receptions and church events. Barb was also an experienced accompanist, playing for the EHS Choirs for 3 years and many soloists at district and state competitions. She continued to accompany the Thunder Mtn. Choir until she moved to Kalispell in 2017.



**Elise Red Vandenberg**  
*July 31, 1922 ~ November 30, 2017*

Barbara Beebe Shane, age 79, went to be with the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on February 7, 2018 after a short bout with cancer that ended mercifully in

Kalispell, Montana where she lived with her daughter Debby and family. She was born September 20, 1938 to Ray Hammond and Grace Linderman Beebe in Lincoln, Nebraska. Soon after her birth, the family moved to Hastings, Nebraska where Ray was the manager of the Hastings airport and instructor of students. She had an older brother, David, and a younger sister, Betty. In 1940, her beloved dad was killed on an airplane training flight. David passed away in 1944 and the family moved to Southern California to live near Barbara's grandparents. Barbara graduated from Inglewood High School then Pepperdine College with a degree in Physical Education in 1960.

During college, she met Bill Shane whom she later married in 1960. Barbara taught PE at Granada Hills Junior High in California for 3 years. Then she and Bill moved to Enumclaw, WA to live near his family. This is where she lived for the next 54 years. She and Bill had 3 daughters – Susan, Cindy and Debby. As a single Mom, Barbara was a Girl Scout leader and then accepted a job with Totem Girl Scout Council as a Field Representative. Barbara became very involved in the community: Girls Club House Board; President

Barbara leaves behind daughters Susan Denise Shane of Bellingham, Cindy (Donald) Boose of Bellingham, Debby (Joey) Gardner of Kalispell; Grandchildren Vanessa (Luke) Stibbs, Adrianna Boose, Brittany Boose, Courtney Boose, Caleb Gardner, Josiah Gardner, Jonathan Gardner, David Gardner and Jeremiah Gardner; sister Betty (Larry) Jones of Seattle and numerous nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her parents Ray and Grace Beebe and her brother David.





**MORRIS** *Cont. from Page 4* earned Palmer a State Department of Natural Resource reclamation award. In the early 1980s Palmer reinvented itself as a sand and gravel mining company. Today it operates a landscape supply business on the same Black Diamond site where Mine #11, once the deepest underground coal mine in the U.S., was located. Palmer offers a full complement of sand, gravel, topsoil, cinders, lava rock beauty bark, play chips, plus a host of other products. It operates from the same office which once served the company's mines in Ravensdale, but

# GHOSTS & SPIRITS?

BY KEITH WATSON

Last year the Washington State Ghost Society asked us if they could stay in the museum overnight to monitor for spirits. Some of our members have experienced strange happenings in the building that they could not explain.

The building was commissioned in 1886 as a train depot with thousands of people who came and went for many years. After the building finished its use as a train depot it was used as a library, a café, the city water department office and warehouse and since 1976 it housed the Black Diamond Museum. Three of the Ghost Societies representatives stayed overnight recording sounds attributed to spirits. Some time later they gave us a report and presentation where we could hear the recordings. If we do have ghosts or spirits I sure hope they appreciate the fact that the Black Diamond Historical Society is deadly serious about keeping history alive.

*Side note: two 8 year old kids coming home from school stopped by the museum and said they saw the face of a clown in the museums window and then it was gone!*



*George and Mary Ann Morris with their 11 children at the Durham Hotel on Christmas Day, celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.*

was moved to Black Diamond in 1958.



## **Presidents Message** *cont. from page 3*

The first open house on Oakpoint's Ten Trails development will have happened by the time you read this. This is the first house of an expected 350 dwellings that are expected to blossom during 2018-19. It's my understanding we will have commercial buildings coming next. New neighbors will be eager to learn our history and grow to love this city like the rest of us.

### **FOSSILS**

We host the Black Diamond Elementary school each year for a visit of all the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students to tour the museum. The 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teachers had a request for a program they were doing on February 8<sup>th</sup> at the

Enumclaw, Fair Grounds, Expo Center; they asked to barrow leaf and shell fossils we have that were found in and around coal mines. We granted their request and they used sand to bury the fossils and invited attendees to use their hands to discover the fossils. The display and hands on action was a big hit.

### **THANKS TO MANY**

I want to thank all our worker bees for the work they are doing to help us keep history alive. The Board of Directors, Docents, and Volunteers are wonderful, they work hard, they joke, they laugh, make fun of each other, help each other, continually

come up with good ideas, and come to think of it they are just like a family!

We thank the City of Black Diamond for all the help they provide and thank 4Culture of King County for their sustaining grants that continue help use keep history alive.

We thank you, the members, who continue to support our efforts and welcome comments to the editor from you at any time.

Hope you all have a great Spring and Summer.

*Keith Watson  
President*



## MISSED OBIT FROM 2012

OUR SINCERE APOLOGIES TO THE FAMILY OF AUDREY LUCREZIA SELLMAN

BY DEE ISRAEL



### Audrey Lucrezia Sellman *June 3, 1944 – January 13, 2012*

Born June 3, 1944, better known as Cooky, passed from this earth to a better place on January 13, 2012 at Evergreen hospital in Kirkland Washington, surrounded by her children &

their spouses, her grandchildren, sisters, niece & nephew along with other close family members, by her side, holding her hands. Survived by daughters Darci, Heidi & Meredith; sons in law Anwar, Bart, Bob & Cliff; Grandchildren Maehreen, Noor, Sedale & Carissa; Grandchildren in laws Haris and Michelle; Great-grandchild Jayden; also Grandchildren of the heart Kevon, Shayla & Liam.

Preceded in death by her husband: Lonnie Dale Sellman; daughter Heather Dawn Gahman; her parent's mother and father in law Dale & Geraldine Sellman. Cooky grew up in Black Diamond WA the daughter of William ( Bill ) & Vivian (Aunty Viv ) Petchnick along with two brothers & four sisters. She had a happy childhood always remembering fondly & very proud of delivering the newspaper with her brothers & sisters to the "whole town".

Throughout her life she enjoyed many things, dancing, sewing, bowling, bingo, reading, ELVIS, and Christmas

time with her family. Cooky most loved camping & boating, something she Lonnie & their four daughters did often, they continued this with their grandchildren as well and was, I think, their most cherished moments, time spent in the outdoors with their children and grandchildren. Cooky most loved her long road trips to Kansas with her sisters Judy & Althea & grandson Sedale to see Cliff, daughter Heather & granddaughter Carissa. Enjoying the country along the way there and back, bringing Carissa to us in Washington every summer. Cooky spent her last two plus years living with her daughter Darci and family, Anwar, Maehreen, Noor & Haris. They and their extended family the Samads gave her a lot of love & happiness. Cooky was blessed with precious Jayden, her first great grandchild only one month ago; he brought her much joy and amazement on her last Christmas with us all.

She had a very generous heart and loved giving and helping others, she was loved by many people, and she will be greatly missed A loving mother A devoted wife A sweet grandmother A loyal daughter A special sister A memorial service was held at Evergreen Funeral Home & Cemetery, Everett WA. on January 28th, 2012 at 1:00 pm with a reception to follow. Please send memorial contributions to any Children's hospitals in Audrey's name.



## BDHS DESIGN COMMITTEE

BY DEE ISRAEL

Last quarter we got everything moved from the small room that we called the "Booze Room" into its new display area.

The "Booze Room" is now the Archivists work room. That room has now been painted, new lighting installed, new carpet tile added to floor, the map filing-cabinet moved in, and a desk/work area added. An anonymous donor give us enough carpet tile to cover the floors in the Archivists work area as well as the office.

We are now painting the office, and doing a little rearranging in

there.

We have painted & rearranged the museum storage room. We want to thank Howard & Dorothy Botts for donating heavy duty shelving units for that room, which allowed us to get the room better organized.

Howard & Dorothy also donated enough paint to freshen up all 3 of these rooms, with enough left to get some other rooms painted as well.

As Design Committee Chair, I would like to again thank Howard & Dorothy Botts, for their donations, as well as my sister Lou and her husband George for donating a desk,

office chair and a 2-drawer file cabinet. Sherrie Evans, Dylan Armstrong, Will & Jack Kirsch, Gomer Evans, Steve Israel, Alison Stern, Carol Eades, Susie Thompson, Dave Watson, Judy & Keith Watson, Mike Chilcott, and Jim O'Rourke were a great help with all the hard work. (Sherrie said to be sure and thank myself as well. LOL)

For you members that haven't seen these changes, stop by and give us your opinion and/or lend a helping hand.



# WELCOME NEW & RETURNING MEMBERS

By DEE ISRAEL, MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

## WELCOME MEMBERS – 1st Quarter 2018

By Dee Israel, Membership Chair

The Black Diamond Historical Society now has 260 memberships.

*(Annual Memberships are due by August 1<sup>st</sup> each year.*

*Check the back page [near your mailing address] to find your due date.)*

No new memberships were acquired this quarter.

## DONATIONS

We wish to thank the following for their generous donations during the 4th qtr 2016 to the Black Diamond Historical Society.



### MEMORIAL DONATIONS

In Memory Of...

**Carolyn Donati Henderson**, by Paula Ordonez

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*Thank you, City of Black Diamond for the Operations support!*

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**Membership and Renewal Form  
(Renewals due August 1st each year)**



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museum during  
1st Quarter of  
**2018***

# Be Our Guest

*by Dee Israel*

There were visitors from **10 States**: California, Iowa, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, New York, Oregon, Texas, Utah; as well as Washington. There were also people visiting from other Countries, such as Denmark, the Philip-pines & Mexico.

## Comments

- ◆ Nice museum, with very friendly people.
- ◆ Good work, lots of effort put in.
- ◆ Enjoyed being here and remembering the past.
- ◆ Love the ladies that work here.
- ◆ So much fun! Lots of history.
- ◆ Friendly & knowledgeable staff – Appreciate the volunteers.
- ◆ My childhood in a building.
- ◆ Nice people & great history.
- ◆ Great Museum.
- ◆ Very appreciative of all the volunteer work involved.
- ◆ Awesome memories.
- ◆ Nice Welsh History.
- ◆ So neat.



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## BLACK DIAMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY/ MUSEUM CALENDAR 2018



**April 7<sup>th</sup> Sat 10am Tour of Ghost  
Town Franklin**

**April 22<sup>nd</sup> Sun 1pm General Member-  
ship Meeting**

**April 28<sup>th</sup> Sat 10am Bookmarks and  
Landmarks Jr.**

**June 6<sup>th</sup> Wed 11am School Reunion  
at *BD Eagles***

**June 9<sup>th</sup> Sat Welsh Founders Day  
12pm – 4pm**

**July 7<sup>th</sup> Sat Miners Day 9am – 4pm**

**Sept 3<sup>rd</sup> Mon Labor Day Events**

**Sept 14<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> Fri – Sat Christmas in  
Sept 10am-4pm**

**Oct 21<sup>st</sup> Sun General Membership  
Meeting 1pm-3pm**

**Dec 8<sup>th</sup> Sat Hometown Christmas  
10am – 3pm**

**Dec 15 thru Jan 4th Museum Closed  
for Holidays**

**Jan 5<sup>th</sup> Sat 12pm – 3pm Museum  
opens for 2019**

***Board Meetings are monthly on the  
4<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 6pm in Museum***