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**A TOWN OF MANY LAKES . . .
IN THE LAND OF MANY NAMES**

BY WILLIAM KOMBOL

Black Diamond is a town of many lakes, the biggest being Lake Sawyer, the third largest public lake in King County. It's also home to lots of lakes with several names. There's Lake 12 or Twelve, originally known as Crow Lake with its public fishing boat launch operated by the Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife. Jones Lake, which is often called Lake 14, is easy to spot when driving south on Highway 169 – it's the undeveloped lake on west side of the highway. Binder Lake lies east of the Black Diamond-Ravensdale Road on private property. It was once the site of an underground coal mine of the same name. It's sometimes spelled Cinder Lake. Little Binder Lake lies further to the north but is shown on maps as Lake Sonia. Plus there's Oak Lake, also known as Lake Marjorie a private water body east of the Lake Sawyer Road near the Lake Sawyer Christian Church.

Mud Lake was once a reservoir providing water to fight fires in Black Diamond. But now it's dry due to a dam burst in 1971 caused by overly-active beavers. Horseshoe Lake sits on the west edge of town south of the Auburn-Black Diamond Road. It rises and falls with groundwater levels and was once featured in Ripley's Believe It or Not, due to its curious history of being dry in the winter and full in the summer. Keevies Lake, located west of 101 Pines, is a private waterbody whose outlet is Crisp Creek. Frog Lake is the name of the pond due east of Lake Sawyer. It became disassociated from its larger sister during development work from 1965-1972 to create a planned residential community. Instead of more housing, most of the land was purchased by King County and became the water-



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

PHOTOS OF INTEREST



Joe Zumek with his diploma



Mayor Carol Benson & Mike Nelson, ESD Superintendent opened Hometown Christmas. He was also honored as *Superintendent of the Year at BD elementary that same day!*

Share your family photos

And a short story behind it.

Email a PDF or jpeg to leih023@gmail.com

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE: FALL 2018

ABOUT TIME

Joe Zumek, a Black Diamond original, went to school in the old brick High School and missed receiving his diploma certificate because he

A MESSAGE from the PRESIDENT



KEITH
WATSON

went to war, that's World War II, where he was stationed in Italy serving in the US Army. He returned to Black Diamond and opened a grocery store with his brothers. The building was on Railroad Avenue and had been moved from the Lawson mine site down the hill next to the present Antique store. It had been owned by Pacific Coast Coal Company and for many years served as the company store. Some time ago Joe asked Dave Watson, the Historical Society Archivist if there was a way to find his high school diploma. A lot of work and investigation went into finding information about diplomas from 1943. The Black Diamond school became part of the Enumclaw School District around 1944 and the records of the school were not to be found. Joining Dave in this adventure to find a diploma was Sherrie Evans who knows Mike Nelson, the Enumclaw School District Superintendent; well Mike and his staff went to work and got results. Before you know it arrangements were made to present Joe a diploma in the library of the new Black

Diamond Elementary School. The turnout of friends of Joe was standing room only with tears and old stories and Joe getting his diploma. Thanks to all who made this happen. Joe is a wonderful man; thank you for your service.

DOCENT APPRECIATION

Docents Don & Lynn Mason – Don & Lynn recently moved from Kent to Black Diamond; they have been docents at the museum for many years. Don known for his love of Franklin, our sister coal mining town, which is a ghost town site that he takes tours to along with his side kicks from the museum. He has been doing this for over 40 years and the tours have served up to 250 attendees. The tours are on the first Saturday of March and April and start at 10 am at the museum. Don is also known as the mayor of Franklin. Lynn is known for her friendliness and for her punch drink she serves on special occasions at the museum. She mans the desk and greets all visitors with a wonderful smile. Thank's you two for being so special.

THE COAL MINERS HONOR GARDEN

We have had some very good caretakers for the coal miners garden over the past; this last couple of years we have a volunteer that walks from her house to the garden just about every day. She keeps an

eye on it like it is her baby. *Jane Falding* has a green thumb she knows when to plant and when to prune and what to plant. We obey her and if she needs something; she gets it! During Make a Difference Day volunteers from the Lake Sawyer Christian Church came to the museum to be instructed by Jane on how to prune and thin and get the garden ready for winter. Thanks go to all the volun-



Don & Lynn Mason

teers and to Jane. We also have another volunteer, *Mike Parkin*, who takes care of the lawn and weed issues. Thanks Mike for your great job.

HOMETOWN CHRISTMAS

Five hours of fun and joy for kids and adults.

The event in historic Black diamond was on December 8th from 10 to 3 along Railroad Avenue. Welcoming ceremonies were provided by Mayor Carol Benson and Enumclaw School District Superintendent Mike Nelson just prior to the arrival of Santa and Mrs. Clause in a Christ

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BDHS DESIGN & UPGRADE SERIES #3

BY DEE ISRAEL. DESIGN TEAM COORDINATOR & BOB DOBSON PHOTOGRAPHER

Front Room Area is now all about Coal Mining -

In this 3rd Newsletter Design Series, we are featuring the Coal Mining artifacts in the first room as you enter the museum.

When you open the front door, and enter the museum, "Hard Hat Harry" is there to greet you, as well as pictures and artifacts that pertain to

The United Mine Workers of America.

Along the wall to the right of "Hard Hat Harry" is artifacts that came from the once neighboring town of Franklin.

As you come in the door, If you turn to your right, you will see, as the bottom picture shows, displays of mining tools and equipment that

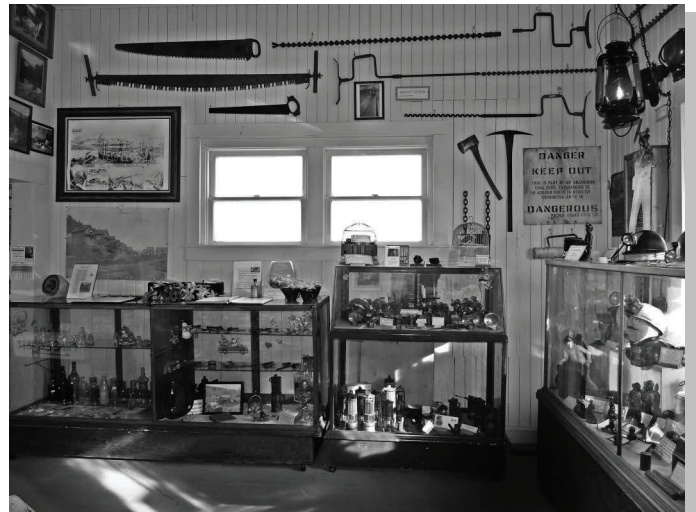
would be typical of coal mining in those early days.

Since the City of Black Diamond began as a mining town, we felt these mining artifacts, and pictures, etc. should be the first things you see as you enter the museum.

We would love for you to stop by for a visit.



View as you enter from the South door.



View as you turn and walk toward the track side



View as you enter from the East track door.

Presidents Message

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mas red 1937 Chevrolet driven by the owner Joe Androsko. There were many free events for kid's: pictures with Santa & Frosty the Snowman; cookie decorating at the Bakery; hot drinks at the Antique store; cotton candy provided by the Masonic Lodge & dispensed by 10 Trails; Hay rides were fun in historic Black Diamond; Live music by Steve Israel and Fran Wold at the museum; King County Library fea-

tured stories in the museum along with cookies; at the Eagles there was face painting by the Community Center, wreath making, and art projects by the Black Diamond Arts Alliance. All of this was made possible by dozens of volunteers and the Hometown Christmas committee chaired by *Sherrie Evans*. Good job well done. Thanks for visiting us Santa & Mrs. Clause, and Frosty the Snowman. In costume: *Tom & Leih Mulvihill* and *Shawn Oglesbee*.

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION SOCIETY UPGRADES DISPLAYS

BY DEEANN TEDFORD

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E Clampus Vitus, a volunteer work crew, installs monuments and plaques with a focus on American West history. In November their work included building display rooms for artifacts at Black Diamond Museum.

As an historic preservation society, E Clampus Vitus is a fraternal benevolent organization with a gift of giving. The volunteer workers use construction skills to cooperatively work with historical societies and communities in preserving and protecting American West history. The goal is to educate communities by creating plaques; by constructing small buildings; by making walls, displays and monuments. Their historic restoration projects have included the Belltown Cottages in Seattle, Issaquah Trolley, Fort Nisqually, and the Klondike Gold Rush Museum in Seattle's Pioneer Square.

Commonly known as the Clampers, the name E Clampus Vitus apparently has no true Latin meaning. Their fun-loving apparel, complete with badges and medals made of tin can lids, bring to life their motto, "I believe because it is absurd."

The Clampers latest local volunteer project was at Black Diamond Mu-

seum, once the old Black Diamond Train Depot alongside Railroad Avenue. The depot was built in 1886, four years after Black Diamond's establishment as a town. Long time Black Diamond residents recall the depot structure (since its closure in the 1930's) as housing a restaurant, a library, "possibly" schoolrooms, an office, a facility for city storage, all at different times.

After several years of volunteer work, the depot opened as Black Diamond Museum," a restored and renovated home for memorabilia, artifacts, storage of history. The museum was dedicated in 1982 on a day to honor the 100th anniversary of City of Black Diamond's founding.

"The basement level of the museum had been just one large uninterrupted space where a variety of artifacts were displayed," said Dee Israel, the museum's design team coordinator. "We wanted to add two walls to make a portion of the basement

into two rooms." The other portion of the basement had already been re-designed into two rooms, one of which contains artifacts that replicate a blacksmith shop. It displays tools used in the past. A second room is reminiscent of an early historic auto repair shop. The two new rooms in Israel's overall design plan were intended to complement previous construction.

"We didn't have qualified volunteers available to do the new project," said Israel. At an E Clampus Vitus plaque dedication at the location of the mining town, Franklin, Israel approached Clampers' past president, Chuck Messinger about the needs at Black Diamond Museum. He suggested the Clampers' would like to volunteer and took the idea further, to Dan McCormick, current E Clampus Vitus president.

"We specialize in projects we can knock out in a day or two," McCormick said. "We usually get upwards of 20-30 volunteers at a project so we can do it quick and efficiently. We call it 'Clamper Shock and Awe'." The awe can be seen at other locations like the Wilkeson Eagles building restoration project that was celebrating a 100-year anniversary. At the Carbonado Saloon, where the owner happens to be a Clamper, the preservation society was involved in numerous work projects with its plaque mounted in 2012.

Last month at Black Diamond Museum, the design committee purchased needed materials and provided essential tools for the "two new rooms" project. A dozen members of

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ECV spent several hours on November 4th moving artifacts out of the way and building the walls. "It was a job well done," Israel noted. The museum will now be closed December 15 to January 4. Closure should give museum volunteers a chance to get blacksmith and auto shop artifacts displayed fairly

soon for visitor viewing.

Work is not the only interest of intrigue for the Clampers. They also have fun. Their "precision drill team" marched in Black Diamond's Labor Day Parade this August. The comedic team is traditionally dressed in red outfits, a color originally selected years ago to lampoon

the style of other fraternal organizations.

They use old time bit and brace drills in their acts as well as beer can cutouts or old jar lids for honor badges. Throughout the State of Washington the Clampers' generosity of spirit, *at work and at play*, have resulted in numerous awards for preservation of history. ◆



2019 CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

- Jan. 5 Sat. Museum re-opens 12-3pm**
- March 2 Sat. Tour of ghost town Franklin**
(meet at museum at 10am)
- April 6 Sat. Tour of ghost town Franklin**
(meet at museum at 10am)
- April 28 Sun. General Membership Meeting at museum 1-3pm**
- June 2 Sun. Welsh Founders Day at museum 1-3pm**
- June 5 Wed. Black Diamond School Reunion at Eagles 11-3pm**
- July 13 Sat. Miners Day on Railroad Ave.**
/5K race at City Gym 9-4pm
- Sept. 2 Mon. Labor Day at museum 9-4pm**
(Events - Aug. 31 – Sept. 2)
- Sept. 14 Sat. Funding dinner for Hometown Christmas at Eagles**
4-10pm
- Oct. 27 Sun. General Membership Meeting at museum 1-3pm**
- Dec. 7 Sat. Hometown Christmas on Railroad Ave. 10-3pm**
- Dec. 19 Thurs. Museum closed for Holidays Dec. 19 thru Jan. 3**
- Jan. 4, 2020 Sat. Museum reopens 12-3pm**

Black Diamond Historical Society Board Meetings on 3rd Thursdays monthly
Thanks for the support of 4Culture and the City of Black Diamond



Sherrie Evans, Chairman Hometown Christmas with our entertainers, Steve Israel and Fran Wold



Santa and Mrs. Clause entertaining a guest!

Presidents Message

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WE NEED HELP

We need help in greeting our guests – could you spare 3 or 4 hours per month?

From noon to 3 or 4pm on Saturdays or Sundays; you would be paired with another docent greeter to welcome guests to the museum. It's not hard work it's fun work and we really need you. Please consider giving me a call or I can have Susie give you a call to try it – I know you will love this volunteer work. Phone Keith at 360-886-0778

SHARE YOUR HISTORY OF BLACK DIAMOND

Share your stories of Black Diamond with our members. We are

putting together renditions of historical stories of Black Diamond that will be professionally told in the future. If you are interested in keeping history alive and would like to share your story please contact Keith Watson at 360-886-0778 for details.

FIRETRUCK DUTY

The Black Diamond Historical Society owns one of the original Black Diamond Fire trucks that has been restored by volunteers to be featured in community events. The main driver is *Joe Androsko* who volunteers to drive it in the, Maple Valley Parade, Black Diamond Labor Day Parade, Enumclaw Christmas Parade, Community Center Christmas Tree lighting, and Ten Trails Tree lighting.

In between times he shows it off at the museum on the weekends. He has a second driver, his son *Mike Androsko*, who has driven in some of the above events. The truck is a 1947 Ford with a stick shift and does take some talent to handle. Thank you two guys for your dedication in showing our colors and being so proud of Black Diamond – we are proud of you.

Thank you for all your support.

*Keith Watson,
BDHS President*

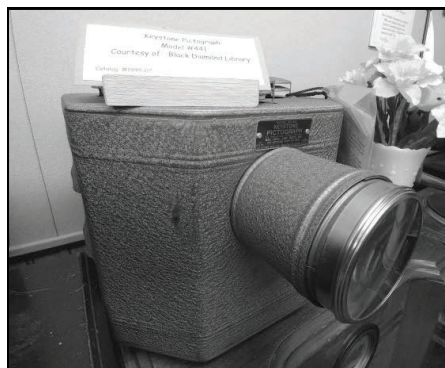


BART MCNUTLY

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.



**Please find us, we're lost
and don't know where
we are!!**



LAKES *cont. from page 1*

front component of the 140-acre Lake Sawyer Park.

But the least-known of all local lakes is the one that shares the town's name: Black Diamond Lake. Of course, to spice up the confusion it's also known as Chub Lake, though it's sometimes spelled Chubb.

The lake and surrounding property was first acquired by Lewis & Damaris Abraham under the Homestead Act of 1820. The Abrahams settled the property in 1892, perfecting their homestead in 1899, and deeding the property that same year to Robert Wingate. He in turn transferred the property to Louis Rosenfeld. In 1904, the Pacific Coast Company acquired the property from Rosenfeld and four years later transferred ownership to their subsidiary, Pacific Coast Coal Company which operated underground coal mines throughout Black Diamond. However, the agricultural rights for surface usage remained with the Abraham-Wingate predecessors. Subsequent owners of the surface estate included Jack Sharlock, Rosalie Sharlock (later Jazbec then Plahuta), Rudolph Jazbec, H.L. & Anna Capehart, Stuart A. Gove, Fred Linde, Earl M. Harris, Charlene Birkliid, and finally James Birkliid who has owned the property since the late 1970s and lives in a 1936 home overlooking the lake.

The lake is small, about 10-acres in size. It's also shallow with a depth of only eight feet. There is no visible inflow, but its headwaters include a sphagnum moss bog of exceptional ecological quality. The lake's bottom is muck, but its waters have historically supported

a variety of fish including large-mouth bass, perch, and catfish. Its outlet creek meanders through a vast wetland complex into which both Ginder Creek and Jones Lake Creek flow. The three streams combine to form Rock Creek which runs through Frog Lake into Lake Sawyer.

In 1938, King County established the Rudolph Jazbec Road which followed the route of an original pathway and terminated at the lake's shore. Gomer Evans, Black Diamond's former Mayor remembers riding his bike to go fishing there. He also affirmed that cars could drive right up to the lake's edge. But like the lake, the road ended up with several different names including Abrams Avenue, Chub Lake Road, and even 248th Ave. S.E. The City of Black Diamond officially calls it Abrams Ave. which may be a contraction of Abraham, the original owners of the homestead.

The 1948 edition of Ben Paris' Pacific Northwest Fishing Guide stated there were cabins and boats available for rent, but there is no corroborating evidence to support that claim. However, a 1936 aerial photo shows considerable cleared areas near the end of the Jazbec Road at the north-east corner of the lake.

Today the land surrounding Black Diamond Lake is owned by CCD Black Diamond Partners doing business as Oakpointe (and developing the nearby Master Planned Development, Ten Trails); EMF Enterprises, LLC; and members of the Birkliid family living on the original homestead property.



The following deed history of the Abraham's original 30-acre homestead farm was determined from title histories and King County Assessor records:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Grantor</u>		<u>Grantee</u>
1892	United States of America	to	Lewis & Damaris Abraham
1899	Lewis & Damaris Abrahams	to	Robert Wingate
1899	Wingate	to	Louis Rosenfeld
1904	Rosenfeld	to	Pacific Coast Company
1908	Pacific Coast Company	to	Pacific Coast Coal Company
1908	Pacific Coast Coal Co.	to	Jack Sharlock
	Jack Sharlock	to	Rosalie Sharlock
	<i>Rosalie Sharlock becomes Rosalie Jazbec (and later Rosalie Plahuta)</i>		
	Rosalie Jazbec	to	Rudolph Jazbec
1945	Rosalie Plahuta	to	H.L. & Anna Capehart
1951	H.L. & Anna Capehart	to	Fred Linde
1963	Fred Linde	to	Earl M. Harris
	<i>1963-1982: unknown</i>		
	1982: Acquired by Charlene & James Birkliid		



WELCOME NEW & RETURNING MEMBERS

By DEE ISRAEL, MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN 4TH QTR 2018

The Black Diamond Historical Society now has 265 memberships. We are pleased to announce that during the fourth quarter of 2015 we have acquired the following new memberships:



Renewed Memberships:

Lynn Bonnell
Roy Callero Jr.
Georgia G. & Carl Falk
Paul & Bev Goldsberry
Dick & Tonia Hansen
Steve Parkin
Beverly Prkacin Read
Black Diamond Partners
Taff Roofing

New Memberships:

Daniel S. Carey
Donna D. Carey
Marlene Martin
Frank & Juanita Rinehart
Pauline Von Ruden
King Co. Dept. of Exec. Services
Doc Maynard Historical Society (E
Clampus Vitus)



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We wish to thank the following for their generous donations during the 4th quarter of 2018 to the Black Diamond Historical Society.



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



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.



A big **Thank you** goes out to Bill Kombol for contributing awesome articles for the Newsletter!





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



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Annual Family	\$30.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
Annual Business	\$50.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lifetime Individual	\$200.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lifetime Family	\$300.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
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*Number of guests
visiting the
museum during the
Fourth quarter of*

2018

Be Our Guest

by Dee Israel

There were visitors from **16 States**: Alaska, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Illinois, Idaho, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New York, Oregon, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia, Wyoming as well as Washington. There were also people visiting from other Countries, such as Australia, Switzerland and Russia.

Comments

Friendly Volunteers

Trip thru memory lane

Really amazing artifacts

Very interesting

What a treasure

Fantastic museum

*Well done, a lot of research &
hard work*

Very fun for kids & adults

Amazing to see all the history

*Very Sweet hosts! Super in-
formative!*

Great Place! Thanks for

You all do such a beautiful job

sharing your history

Loved blowing the train horn





NEWSLETTER

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Daily Appointment Calendar

Date: Thursday, October 23, 2014

Time	Appointment	Phone Number	Name
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7:00pm			

We are now asking people who wish to donate artifacts to make an appointment with Dave Watson to look at the items.

Please come on a Thursday after making an appointment with Dave to examine the items.

