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IT'S BACK TO SCHOOL TIME!

By Sherrie Evans

As the students of our community headed back to school on September 1, it gave us thought to share information on the history of the Black Diamond School District, its consolidation with Enumclaw, and the various school buildings. In researching this information, we tip our hat to JoAnne Matsumura, historian, and former museum archivist, for the vast information she provided. We also thank Geri Garton, former principal at Black Diamond Elementary, for her assistance and long-time volunteers Barney Carnino, Gomer Evans, Jr., and Howard and Dorothy Botts.

Black Diamond School District #43, established on November 6, 1885, submitted for a new district and became District #132 on August 5, 1901.

On August 1, 1906, the district of Black Diamond consolidated and became District #160, and its last change was August 8, 1916, to District #190. On July 21, 1975, Black Diamond District #190 consolidated with Enumclaw School District #216, as it still is today.

In the early days, the schools, were known as "**Union**" schools and several diplomas on display at the museum depict that information. The Union M High School of Black Diamond in 1915 had four graduates: Charles Williams, Florence Harries, Ivy Davies, and Anna Davies.

The "first" school? While we have information on the other school structures, questions remain about the "first" school building. Many point to the large wooden structure which according to Harry Barry, was not built until 1908. Around here, we say, "If Harry said it, then it

Above Pic from: <https://www.enumclawadventures.com/blackdiamond.html>

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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 -

“Operating under COVID rules”

Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Saturday 11 to 3 p.m.

FALL MEMBERSHIP MEETING



“BLACK MINERS OF THE WESTERN U.S.”

*Presentation by Janice Lovelace of
South King County Genealogical Society*

OCTOBER 24, 2021 1:15 PM

32624 RAILROAD AVE.,
BLACK DIAMOND, WA 98010

The Black Diamond Historical Society is proud to host a presentation brought to us by the South King County Genealogical Society. You can attend one of two ways: 1) **in person** at the museum or, 2) via **Zoom**. A zoom link will be provided to those that RSVP. To RSVP, please contact the museum via email at museum@blackdiamondmuseum.org or via phone at **360-886-2142**.

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

A MESSAGE from the PRESIDENT



KEITH
WATSON

The past year has been a time of significant challenges for all of us. And it is especially true for the volunteers at the museum. The many changes of the rules for dealing with Covid19 have been interesting and confusing; masks or no masks, wipe down or not, shots or not, open the museum or not, and it goes on. The volunteers at the museum have been superb throughout this "adventure." Thanks to all of them, we survived, making it through another Miner's Day celebration.

In talking about volunteers, ever since the museum opened in the 70's, two of the most involved volunteers have been Howard and Dorothy Botts. Howard has served the city as a planning commissioner for ten years, as a city council member for eight years, and as Black Diamond's mayor for 26 years. During those many years, they took time to work at the museum, which has been open for 45 years. Outstanding!



They follow in Howard's father, Doctor Howard L. Botts, who served as the town physician from 1922 to 1963. The Botts family recently donated the Doctor's bag. He made house calls to the sick. The bag has remained closed since the Doctor passed away in 1963.

Doctor Botts served Black Diamond and the whole surrounding area: Selleck, Ravensdale, Hobart, Taylor, Maple Valley, Cumberland, Kanasket, Covington, and the Green Valley Road. The roads in those early days were gravel and bumpy, but he made it in his Ford Model A Victoria.



His desk and x-ray machine are on display in the museum. He was also a registered pharmacist dispensing the drugs that he made. Some were for diaper rash, cough syrup, and more. One even says, "give this to crazy people." You can find more details about this fantastic Doctor on pages 154 – 157 of "Black Diamond: Mining the Memories" book, available through the museum.

We will be inventorying the contents of Doctor Botts's bag and have an article of what we discover in a future newsletter. Maybe we will find something about some of the particular medicines he used and who knows what else?

Thanks to Howard and Dorothy and thanks to Doctor Botts for all their service.

Hometown Christmas 2021

It is a go for 2021!! We are so pleased to announce that we will be hosting a Hometown Christmas event for the community youth again this year. After cancelling the event due to Covid in 2020 we were so disappointed and as we discussed how to move forward for a 2021 event, we believe we have come up with a great day of activities.

Because we still need to consider the guidance recommended by health experts and to follow the rules of the State, we have had to modify our activities. This year will feature a special holiday treasure hunt, where visitors will receive an activity bag at each of 4 hunt stops. When finished they will check in with Frosty to receive a special treats bag. The King County Library will be on hand, along with Santa and Mrs. Claus, Frosty and our special new elf! There will also be raffle baskets!

Mark your calendars for Saturday, December 11, 2021! Also, watch the Facebook site "Black Diamond Hometown Christmas" for updates on this special event.

Fall Membership Meeting

We are looking forward to our first membership meeting since pre-pandemic. It is scheduled for

NEW VICE-PRESIDENT ANNOUNCED

By Sherrie Evans

We are so grateful to Shawn Oglesbee, who has served as Vice President since February 2017. Shawn served many volunteer hours over the years. He provided services as a docent, greeting our visitors, and most popularly, he donned the costume and was "FROSTY" for our holiday events. We will miss your service, Shawn, and look forward to you stopping by now and then.



With this change, the board approved the interim appointment of Stacey Wehus to the position of Vice-President. She will serve this role until December 2022, when the fall elections will determine a permanent vice-president.

Stacey was born in Renton, WA, and has lived in the surrounding areas all her life. When she was 10, she moved to 288th in Black Diamond. In elementary school, they would go on

field trips and learn about the history and the early coal mining days in Black Diamond. Stacey has been drawn to this area's history since then.

When Stacey first volunteered at the museum, it was because of her passion for this town and its history. They have a 7-year old daughter who is also now a regular volunteer at the museum. Their family enjoys exploring, hiking, and learning - especially about the history of our area and the people. She loves listening to stories of people that came before her with the hopes of passing those stories on to future generations.

In her role as Vice-President, she will chair our educational outreach programs, especially those associated with the Black Diamond Elementary School. Stacey has already met with Principal Tim Lee and delivered a display of sample coal in jars that will be used in the library. Her goal is to keep our history alive, particularly as our town continues to grow. Welcome to the board, Stacey!



PRESIDENTS MESSAGE *cont. from page 3*

Sunday, October 24, 2021, at 1 pm at the museum. There will be a brief membership meeting followed by a presentation from the South King County Genealogical Society titled "Black Miners in the Western U.S." Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for this wonderful event. We will be serving refreshments.

New Paver Bricks for the Honor Garden

We are delighted that individuals, families and businesses continue to purchase a brick paver for the Coal Miner's Honor Garden. On August 9th Brent from Premier Coast Memorials was on site to engrave the latest fourteen (14) purchases. It is quite the tedious process, taking almost three hours to complete. Letters are sent to each purchaser to confirm the installation and verify the location of their paver in the honor garden.

Each brick can be customized with 16 letters for each of three lines. They are available for a \$100 donation per brick (most of which covers the cost of the brick and on-site engraving).

If you are interested, please pick up a form in the box outside at the Honor Garden, download the form from our website: www.blackdiamondmuseum.org, or call us at 360-886-2142. You can also email us at museum@blackdiamondmuseum.org. It is a terrific way to honor your family or friends, your business, and our local heritage.

We hope you will find time to stop by and enjoy these beautiful tributes!

Keith Watson,
President BDHS



HONORING OUR VETERANS

By Sherrie Evans

On Thursday, November 11th, we will, with pride, celebrate and honor all those who have served in our US military. We are particularly proud of the veterans who continue to serve their country and community through volunteering with the Black Diamond Historical Society and museum. Their contribu-



tions are beyond description and have significantly impacted the preservation of our landmark railroad depot, all outside buildings, the Coal Miner's Honor Garden, conservation of artifacts, and immeasurable assistance with our photography and communication work.

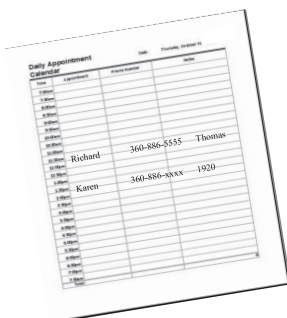
Pictured here at the Coal Miner's Honor Garden Wall are (left to right)

- Gomer Evans Jr., *Merchant Marines*
- Dennis Richardson, *US Army Air Defense*
- Howard Botts, *US Army Reserves*
- Don Mason, *US Army Specialist 3rd Class*
- Dave Watson, *US Navy, USS Hornet, GMT2*

- Keith Watson, *US Navy, Submarine Service IC3 (SS) USS Wahoo*
- Jerry Makosky, *US Navy, Senior Chief, STGCS (SW)*
- Bob Dobson, *US Marines, Warrant Office #1*

In the words of Abraham Lincoln:

"Honor to the Soldier, and Sailor everywhere, who bravely bears his country's cause. Honor also to the citizen who cares for his brother in the field and serves, as he best can, the same cause—honor to him, only less than to him, who braves, for the common good, the storms of heaven and the storms of battle." ◆



People who wish to donate artifacts need to make an appointment with Archivist Dave Watson to look at the items.
 360-886-2142
 swatsondc@gmail.com
 Please come on a Thursday after making an appointment with Dave to examine the items.



MINERS DAY ANOTHER SUCCESS

Photos by Bob Dobson

By Keith Watson



The annual Miners Day was held July 17, 2021, and was a resounding success. We had over 400 visitors

at the museum and many more lined the pavement of Railroad Avenue. Kids made up half of the attendees, and they enjoyed the locomotive and caboose and especially enjoyed our treasure hunt inside the museum. We have a wonderful group of volunteers who helped all day. Our new Vice President, Stacey Wehus, and her daughter Hunter, Susie Thompson, Don Mason, Lynn Mason, Judy Watson, Alison Stern, Gomer Evans, Rick Kauffman, Sherrie Evans, Steve Israel, and Keith Watson. We were scheduled to close at 4 p.m. and extended that time to after 5 p.m. to serve additional people.



Some of the volunteers who could not attend but helped prepare the museum and grounds were: Dennis Richardson, Jane Falding, Greg Lichty, Jim O'Rourke, Bob Golden, Ian Nitsche, Laurie Evans, Jerry Makosky, Elsie Parkin, Mike Parkin, Dave Watson, Sue Watson, and Rosemary Bigelow-Konoske, Thanks to everyone for a fun day!

Many thanks to Brenda Evenson from the Black Diamond Antique Store for chairing this event. She had terrific helpers: Tamie Box Deady, Stacy Watkins, Carol Hendrickson, Brock Deady, Gene Wright, Meagan Keith, Troy Box, Keith Watson, Judy Watson, Leih Mulvihill, and Amber Sauve. These folks made the event happen even with a late start because of the Covid issues. Thanks also to the vendors who brought smiles to Miners

Day. The Eagles volunteers handled the parking lot with donations going to the Black Diamond Community Center Food Bank.

Attendees visited many of the vendor booths and listened to music from the Sundance band. There were also able to visit with our local city officials, fire and police personnel, view the historic and restored 1947 Howard Cooper Fire Engine belonging to the Black Diamond Historical Society/Museum. There is always good food at the Black Diamond Eagles/Pitas, Black Diamond Grill, Smoke House N' More, the Black Diamond Bakery, and the food trucks Mocha Motion and Five Hooks.

The day's activities included the "Chalk-In," where folks of all ages shared their artistic talents. The winners were George Sato, Leo Golden, Gala, and Mariah Deady. The Vintage Fashion Show presented by Lynn Gough shared their antique fashions, and guests enjoyed the fashion show right on

Railroad Avenue. There was face painting, a donut eating contest, many new vendors, kettle and caramel popcorn, miniature donuts, and free items from the Community Center. I say it was the best Miners Day ever! People were so glad to get out and about.



LABOR DAY IN PICTURES

Pictures by Frank Rinehart

By Keith Watson

Thank you to Chairman Frank Rinehart and the Labor Day Committee for all their hard work and another great festival!



Green Rive Queen & Royalty



Historical Society Fire Truck



Melissa Olgesbee Receiving Civil Servant Award



Mountain View Fire Dogs



Dals Santo Family Honoring Patriarch



Doggie Day



BACK TO SCHOOL!

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is most likely true!" There is also a conversation about the wooden structure first being constructed, and then an addition added. This may be confirmed by this other picture taken in 1909 of the wooden building that shows only a front and not the "L" in the back. In the early 1900s, the population was booming and had grown to about 3,000 residents, so it makes sense that additional school housing was necessary.

However, from the diary of Inez Calhoun, we find this statement "In 1890, we sat together in the old double seats and went through nine grades together. We had some very fine teachers in this country school. The one we shall remember the longest was David Thomas, who was very smart and had the faculty of passing along his knowledge to his pupils. Later the school had "three rooms and three teachers. We sat on straight benches with no backs. In the center of each room was a large heating stove and at the back of a bench with a pail of water and a dipper. In the highest grades, there was a stand with a big dictionary for everyone to use. It was a good place to exchange notes." (Inez Calhoun Shaffer memoirs, 1882-1969, BDHS Catalog 2003.59.03).

As to the 1886 Black Diamond Eisteddfod, she writes, "The music was wonderful, and rafters rang." This leads us to believe that a smaller "country school" like structure existed before the construction of the large wooden building. So while we are not certain of the

date of the construction and/or additions to the wooden building, we do know from the story of Inez that there was a school building and that Mr. Thomas was an excellent teacher!

Rae Frederickson noted in her records, "The first schools were only to the 8th grade. They were held in the Masonic Hall." We know from others that the school was held in the Masonic Hall and adjacent homes (Tyerman, Dodd, and Chilcott). A timeline written by Harry Barry confirms Frederickson's notes indicating the first schools were from 1882-1908 and also used a house behind the original Shell station. The Shell station was the Larson Garage, and the home behind was the Dodd home.

The "wooden" school. The large wooden structure school had cement sidewalks leading to the front door. The children would line up according to grade level and march to their rooms, sometimes keeping in step with a triangle beaten by the janitor. They were graded on marching, and an early report card revealed that little Carl Steiert (our renowned founder) got an "F" in marching. Not only did his family get a charge out of that, but it certainly proves that a poor grade in marching is not an indicator of future success. The first high school class to graduate was in 1915.



Photo courtesy University of Washington Libraries, WAS0917, circa 1909

This school was heated by a boiler which was located near the school. According to Barney Carnino, it was about 40' x 40'. His father, Louie Carnino, was the janitor, boiler tender, and bus driver. Barney shared a great story about the boiler. There was only one pipe, from the boiler to the school, it sent the steam, and it served as a drain. It should have been constructed with two separate lines. Therefore the heating in the wood building was often an issue. But, his father Louie figured out that problem - heating issues no more! There was also a bus garage by the boiler room building. It housed the one school bus and was also where Louie worked on the bus. The first school bus was a 1926 GMC which brought the kids from the Clay Mine. It was followed by a 34 Ford, a White, and an International.



Black Diamond Grade School students outside school, Black Diamond, ca. 1916

In 1921 the miners in Black Diamond went on strike against the Pacific Coast Coal Company, and it was a major event in our history. During that strike, it was particularly stressful for the children, and at one time, the students themselves went on strike from the school because scab coal was being used in the building.

The exact demolition date of the wooden school building is also underdetermined. It continued as a grade school after 1921, when the new brick building was built. Through our research, we believe the wooden structure was demolished sometime after 1943 when the grade school students were moved to the "new" brick building.

The "brick" school (1921-1963). A new 3-story brick school was built during 1920 and 1921. It was first used as a high school only. The last graduating high school class from this building was in the year 1943. After that, it served as a grade school only. Students attended this school through the 8th grade and were transported to Enumclaw for their junior and senior high school years.

This brick school had three floors. The top floor had two classrooms, a stage, and an auditorium. The

main floor had four classrooms and offices, and the basement was a large open room. The brick school was demolished in 1963.



Ashahel Curtis 48370 (BDHS #2002.73)

At the top of this structure was the Aircraft Warning Service observation station, a glass-enclosed building with very few amenities. From 1942 through October 1, 1943, two or more volunteers operated the station 24 hours a day, seven days a week—serving 2 to 4-hour shifts. As part of their duties, volunteers logged their observations and the sounds of any aircraft detected. According to Howard Botts and confirmed by Barney Carnino, the high school Manual Training Class helped to build a staircase up to the observation station.

The new school-1963-2016. In September 1963, a "new" Black Diamond Elementary school opened. It held approximately 220 students, grades 1 through 8.



This building, demolished in 2016, meant students were transported to JJ Smith Elementary in Enumclaw for the 2016-17 school year during the construction of the new facility.

The current school - 2017 and beyond. The current Black Diamond Elementary school opened in September 2017, with a dedication held on August 7, 2017. Built to hold 450 students, 312 students attend this school in grades K-6 and then attend Thunder Mountain Middle School and Enumclaw Senior High School.

As we now face considerable growth in our community, long-term plans exist to build seven (7) schools in Black Diamond! Regardless of the years and the change, students and parents typically comment on the welcoming "small system" environment and are very optimistic about our schools.

If you have not visited the Black Diamond Elementary School, we encourage you to contact Principal Tim Lee. The programs provided for our students are simply remarkable, and you may also get to visit with their mascot, Franklin Fox.

The museum displays framed photos of the buildings, class photos, school letters, and athletic and school programs. Framed diplomas and certificates, high

VOLUNTEERS OF ALL AGES

Any visitor to the museum and through all of our newsletters, the importance of our volunteers is apparent. They are climbing a ladder with a paintbrush in hand, cleaning windows, or arranging displays. Making signs, designing presentations, dusting, pressure washing, scraping, grinding, fixing electrical switches and remotes, or providing invaluable docent services, Our volunteers go beyond the meaning of “exceeding expectations.”

As a Thursday ritual, the volunteers bring their sack lunches and the stories told around the lunch table are forever memories. We are also grateful to the Black Diamond Bakery who provides lunches for the crew once monthly.

This article acknowledges our young volunteers, Ian Nitsche and Hunter Wehus (pictured below). Ian has been volunteering with us for over three years while Hunter is new but just as full of energy. They light up anything they are around.

Ian is “the right-hand man” to the maintenance crew and the design team. His painting work has touched nearly every building and display we have, and he helps with the care of our Honor

Garden and the brick pavers. His work is endless,

and there is hardly a Thursday or special event that he misses. Stop by and say hello to him - if you can find him as he might be up on the train, under the building, or somewhere with a paintbrush in hand!

Hunter has already become our “docent extraordinaire.” As visitors enter the museum, she greets them with that big smile of hers. She jumps right in to help children with the Treasure Hunt and guides them throughout the museum, pointing out so many things she has already learned about our displays. When the children complete the Treasure Hunt, she helps them out with their goodies. If you want to see a ball of energy and a great big smile, be sure to stop in and say hi to Hunter.

All of our volunteers will tell you the benefits they receive are far beyond the time they serve. As a volunteer, you become part of our “museum family.” You learn a lot about Black Diamond and our history, a lot about each other, and go home with a smile, knowing the impact your contributions have made. Don’t be bashful - visit us and sign up to volunteer - you really will love it, and it is just a few hours a week or as you can be available.



Hunter Sandberg



Hunter & guests



Ian Nitsche & Hunter

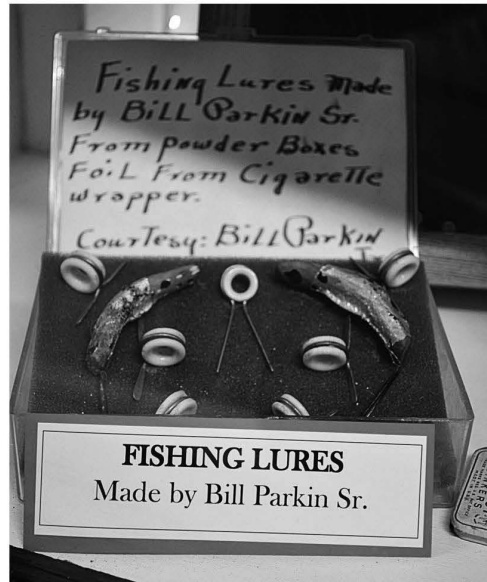
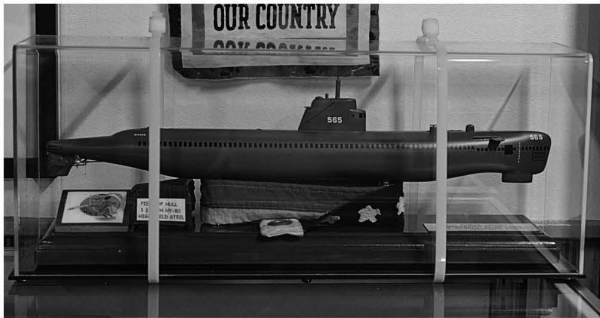


BART MCNUTLY

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.



Obituaries



Robert O. Doyer Jr.
July 4, 1932 - Nov. 15, 2020

Robert Doyer, Jr. of Ocean Park, WA., died on Nov. 15, 2020 in

Longview, WA. at the age of 88. He is survived by his loving & devoted wife, JoAnn Doyer.

<https://www.penttilaschapel.com/obituary/robert-doyer-jr>

DONATIONS

For the period May 1 through August 15, 2021, we received the following in donations:

By Laurie Evans, Secretary

MEMORIAL DONATIONS \$ 470

Received for:

**Ron Heusser,
Joe Dal Santo,
Robert Doyer.**

NEWSLETTER	\$ 20
FIRETRUCK	
GENERAL	\$ 150
HOMETOWN CHRISTMAS	
MEMORIALS	\$ 470
MINERS DAY	
WELSH HERITAGE DAY	

Donations are always welcome for the following special funds.

Thank You



and



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.

2021 CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

Congratulations to Sherrie Evans! Come to the museum on any Thursday, and you will find a line-up at the desk of Treasurer, Sherrie Evans. The reason is that she wears many hats at the museum – she chairs the Display/Design Committee, is chairperson of Hometown Christmas and the BD Schools Reunion, is our Webmaster, and so much more. Because of all her efforts, it was no surprise to many that she was named the 2021 Black Diamond Citizen of the Year!! We are so proud of her and cannot express how deserving she is of this honor. Stop by the museum and congratulate Sherrie!!





CULTURE
KING COUNTY LODGING TAX

2021 Calendar of Events



Black Diamond Historical Society/Museum

Supported by 4Culture, the City of Black Diamond and donations BDHS is a 501(c)(3)
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◆ Keeping History Alive in the Black Diamond Museum and Coal Miners Honor Garden ◆
Location: 32627 Railroad Ave (PO Box 1, Black Diamond, WA 98010)
Phone: 360-886-2142 email: museum@blackdiamondmuseum.org

Due to Covid Regulations Events May Be Cancelled Without Notice.
Please call to verify 360-886-2142.

October 24	General Membership Meeting	Museum @ 1:00 pm
December 3	*Black Diamond Community Center Tree Lighting with Santa	BD Community Center 5 pm
December 4	*Enumclaw Christmas Parade	Downtown Enumclaw
December 11	*Hometown Christmas	Railroad Ave (Bakery, Smoke House, Antique Store, Museum, Eagles) 10 am- 3 pm
December 12 - January 6	Museum Closed for Holidays (*reopen on January 5)	Museum

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school Sparkler magazine issues, and a replica elementary schoolroom are all on display. If you have not seen these yet, be sure to stop in and enjoy this significant part of our history.

The Society hosts an annual all-school reunion (canceled in 2021), but **we will be holding the reunion on June 1, 2022!** Please mark your calendar and stay tuned for more information. Perhaps some of our attendees will clarify more details, particularly about the "first" school. We welcome that information and any corrections to this article as we always strive to preserve our history accurately.

Resources:

<https://blackdiamondhistory.wordpress.com/2014/06/20/history-and-development-of-school-consolidation-in-washington/>

<https://blackdiamondhistory.wordpress.com/2013/09/05/black-diamond-youngsters-attend-brand-new-school/>

<https://bde.enumclaw.wednet.edu/about-us/history>

<https://blackdiamondhistory.wordpress.com/2016/11/11/flying-high-above-black-diamonds-airplane-spotters-of-wwii/>

<https://blackdiamondhistory.wordpress.com/2012/07/30/ground-broken-for-black-diamond-elementary-school/>

Inez Calhoun Shaffer memoirs, 1882-1969, BDHS Catalog 2003.59.03)





NEW MEMBERS

By Laurie Evans, Membership Chairman



The Black Diamond Historical Society now has 316 members. We are pleased to announce that during the period May 1 through August 15, 2021, we have acquired the following new members:

Individual:

Corey Bailey,
Linda Arden,
Rick Kauffman

Family:

Scott & Mona Davis,
Richard & Betsy Collins

Lifetime Individual:

Isabelle Hyde,
Debbie Page

especially happy to have some new volunteers/docents!

Welcome

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS! We are so thrilled to have you and

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

Annual memberships expire December 31, 2021.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS 2022

It is so hard to believe that it is almost a new year, and with that, it is time to renew your annual membership. Per the by-laws/policies, this newsletter article is the official notification that yearly memberships expire on December 31 each year; renewal **payments should be made by January 1.**

As a reminder, we will attempt to contact via email, postcard, or phone any memberships unpaid on January 10, again on February 10, and then a final time on March 10. "If the member still has not renewed membership by April 15, the membership is dropped, in which case the Secretary shall communicate a drop of membership notice by U.S. Mail."

Please don't let your membership lapse; we really need our members, and we are sure you enjoy

being a member and do not want to let us go! Annual membership prices remain the same as the last several years: \$20.00 for individuals, \$30.00 for family, and \$50.00 for business. As a reminder, you can also become a lifetime member, thus avoiding annual renewals. The cost for lifetime memberships is \$200.00 for individuals, \$300.00 for family, and \$500.00 for business. Submit your renewal via check to P.O. Box 1, Black Diamond, WA 98010.

There is no renewal form needed; just annotate your check "2022 renewal." **NEW!! We now accept online payments. Go to our website, www.blackdiamondmuseum.org and click on "SHOP" in the top menu. Then click on the membership link you wish to renew. You will be directed to make your online payment.** ◆

LOOKING FOR MEMORIES

We are planning to write an article reflecting the memories that our members and others have about attending schools in Black Diamond, whether it was all the way back to the 1880s or today. If you have memories to share please send them our way: museum@blackdiamondmuseum.org, PO Box 1, Black Diamond, WA 98010. Thanks!



MEMBERSHIP AND RENEWAL FORM (Renewals due January 1 of each year)



Date _____

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-Mail _____

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Eve Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

Gift? If so, who is it to/from? _____

How did you hear about us? _____

Annual Membership Fees

Individual	\$ 20.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
Family	\$ 30.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lifetime – Individual	\$200.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lifetime – Family	\$300.00	<input type="checkbox"/>

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For individuals only. Business membership forms can be found on our website or by contacting the museum.

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*Number of guests for
the period May 13th
through August 14th*

2021

Be Our Guest

by Laurie Evans

We have been busy visiting with lots of folks!! For the period May 13 through August 14, 2021, we had 1,155 visitors (517 adults and 608 children).

We welcomed visitors from the local area, as well as Eastern Washington, Oregon, Utah, New York, and Georgia.

C o m m e n t s

“Looking forward to spending more time!”

“Cute town!”

“We enjoyed all of it! Thank you!!”

“Loved this!!”

“Fun history.”

“Thankful for a great experience and a wonderful tour guide. God bless you.”

“It was great!”

“Thank you for being here! Missed you.”

“It was amazing!”

“Best museum in Washington.”

“Beautiful displays.”

“We loved the heritage map.”





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*Renewals due January 1st of
each year.*

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