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Above Pic: *Volunteers at Hometown Christmas (photo by Bob Dobson)*

HOMETOWN CHRISTMAS!

By Sherrie Evans

Although our activities changed due to COVID regulations, we held a successful Hometown Christmas on Saturday, December 11th. We had over 120 visitors to the museum! The King County Children's Library Services participated with an outside tent and activity handouts. Also, outside under a canopy were our wooden sleigh and Frosty that families used for photos. Inside we had a special holiday treasure hunt for our young visitors. They were to locate four different holiday items hidden throughout the building on both floors. As they found each item, they were awarded a prize bag with a holiday activity to take home and complete. Once they found all four items: they visited Frosty and Hunter the Elf to receive a bag of candy. To end their special visit, they got to visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus and receive their candy canes donated by Ten Trails.

Volunteers provided baskets used for our raffle and were a huge success. Thanks to our amazing group of volunteers and Committee Members: Linda Arden, Rosemary Konoske-Bigelow, Dorothy Botts, Laurie Evans, Lynn Mason, Gretchen Nelson, Elsie Parkin, Alison Stern, Susie Thompson, Judy Watson, Sue Watson, Stacey Wehus, and chair Sherrie Evans. Thanks also to our "maintenance gang" for the help with decorations: Gomer Evans, Rick Kauffman, Greg Lichty, Ian Nitsche, Jim O'Rourke, Dennis Richardson, and Keith Watson. Thanks to Ian Nitsche (Frosty), Hunter Sandberg (Girl Elf), Debbie Page (Adult Elf), and Leih and Tom Mulvihill for once again being Santa and Mrs. Claus. Thanks to those who donated raffle items/baskets: Debby Campbell, Laurie Evans, Sherrie Evans, Elsie Parkin, Alison Stern, Susie Thompson, Judy Watson, Dr. Sipes, and Smokehouse & More. The raffle baskets were great! And, to anyone else we forgot to list, thank you for all your help. We especially appreciate the support of 4Culture of King County, the City of Black Diamond, and the Black Diamond Elementary School.



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.

WE REMEMBER JOE & EILEEN ZUMEK

Joe was the youngest of the three Zumek brothers; the others were Frank and Tom. The brothers owned and operated the Zumek store. Joe was the only one of the three boys born and raised in Black Diamond.

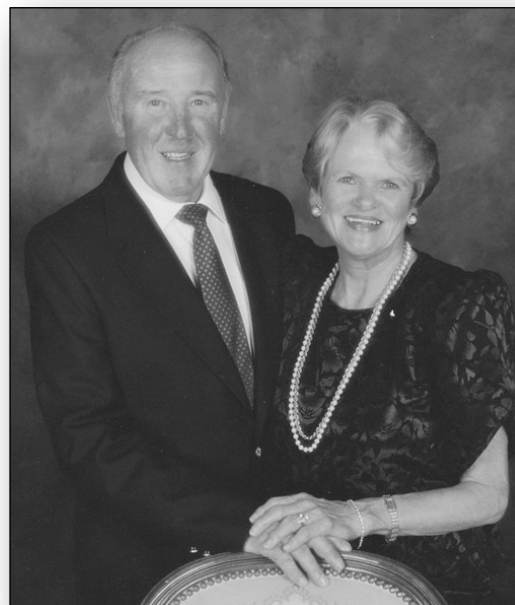
His lovely wife, Eileen, worked at the store doing the daily bookwork and checking, as well as bestowing beautiful smiles. She was the one everyone counted on to make sure things were done right! At the museum, we have the register from the store where she tracked invoices and billings. It is located in the safe that came from the Zumek store on Railroad Avenue and was donated by the Zumek family. It is a popular item for visitors.

Joe and Eileen have two sons, Kelly and Lou, who also worked at the store; one as a box boy and the other cleaned the meat department. Eileen was also born and raised in Black Diamond and she and the boys enjoyed skiing, while Joe was an avid mushroom hunter.

Joe and Eileen lived on Morgan Street in Black Diamond for many years before moving to Lake Sawyer. They lived on the lake for several years before moving over to Water Gardens near the lake.

Joe built the little white picket fence in front of the player piano. Joe was a frequent volunteer at the museum helping with a wide variety of projects. He was very proud of the restoration of the 1947 Howard Cooper Fire engine since he and his brothers all served as volunteers of the Black Diamond Fire Department.

Several of the museum board and members attended their interment ceremony at the Tahoma National Cemetery. It was a bittersweet event RIP, Joe and Eileen!



PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

A MESSAGE from the PRESIDENT



KEITH
WATSON

The Society has faced the challenges posed by changing Covid mandates and has kept the museum open.

Already this year (2022), we have had over 170 visitors. Thanks to all the volunteers, the board members, the City of Black Diamond, and 4Culture of King County for helping us maintain our mission to preserve and disseminate our history.

During our **General Membership Meeting** on October 24, 2021, we were fortunate to have Dr. Janice

Lovelace give us a presentation on "The Black Miners of the Western U.S." In addition to persons in attendance, we also shared the presentation via zoom with support from the South King County Genealogical Society and President Val Zimmerman. It was great to hear the connections to Roslyn, Franklin, and Black Diamond.

During this meeting, we also presented our 2021 goals and accomplishments and the planned goals for 2022. We will continue to preserve our buildings, grounds, and artifacts. We also hope to focus on our educational outreach activities this year, COVID rules dependent. We welcome small groups for tours. Call us at 360-886-2142 or email musm@blackdiamondmuseum.org to schedule a time that works for your group. We love sharing our history with folks young and old!



Laurie Evans, Lorraine Taff, and Glen Yadon,

We used the annual **Make a Difference Day** on October 23, 2021, to spend time cleaning up our wonderful honor garden. Thanks to those who helped out: Jane Falding,

along with yours truly. Jane does a remarkable job of keeping our gardens in top shape all year long.

On October 30th, we joined the Black Diamond Eagles and other Railroad Avenue merchants in the annual "**Trunk or Treat**" for kids, handing out Halloween candy bags outside the building. Thank you to my wife Judy and Greg Lichty for helping me hand out the goodies.

On December 11, we held the **Hometown Christmas** event in the museum and on the grounds. In attendance were Santa and Mrs. Claus (Tom & Leih Mulvihill), an adult elf (Debbie Page), Frosty the Snowman (Ian Nitsche), a little Elf (Hunter Sandberg), and Gretchen Nelson from the King County Library. I want to commend Sherrie Evans and the event volunteers for all the hours they put in to make this happen. We had 129 visitors!

Our restored **1947 Howard Cooper Fire Engine** made appearances in the Enumclaw Christmas Parade and our Hometown Christmas. Thank you to Joe and Mike Androsko for taking care of this cherished vehicle and their time sharing it with the public.



Also, during the summer and fall months, our wonderful volunteer crew repainted the locomotive, no small feat. First, they had to sand it down carefully to repaint it. We were fortunate to have the skills of Bryan Quinn to provide supervision for the painting project, with Gomer Evans being the overall chair. Thank you, Dennis Richardson, Ian Nitsche, Bob Golden, Gomer Evans, Jim O'Rourke, Jim Williams, Greg Lichty, and Rick Kauffman for all your work.

MY MEMORIES OF LAKE 12

SILVER AND DR. BOTTS

By Dave Watson, Archivist

Some of you old-timers remember the Lake 12 Resort that operated before World War II. In the early '50s, when the resort was sold, there were resort cabins on most lots. To provide access to the lots, they cut down trees and improved the roads. During those resort years, cars could drive along the water to the individual cabins.



c1935 photo of the Botts car parked at their rented cabin at the Lake Twelve Resort. Oddly enough, this is our cabin and the incident happened just to the right of the still existing maple tree.

When the resort lost power, there was no power or telephones in the area. The only refrigeration was provided by ice-boxes, chilled with blocks of ice bought from local markets on the drive to the cabin.

I was raised in a men's dorm on the campus of Seattle Pacific College (SPC)--now University. My parents had never owned a house, renting during the war years and then living on the SPC campus. They had lived in Black Diamond across from the bakery while Dad was the Principal of the Black Diamond High School. In 1952 we visited the resort looking for a cabin to call a summer home. My parents bought a cabin on the northwest side of the lake. We began to spend the summers at the cabin while Dad commuted. Our neighbor was Eddie and her dog (shepherd/wolf mix) named Silver.

This dog was a beautiful shade of silver and sported wolf eyes that betrayed his heritage. I loved this dog and enjoyed his gentle ways. Although gentle with people he did not tolerate wandering dogs invading his territory. He would fight the dog and throw them into the lake. They had to swim across the lake to safety. He never bothered our little cocker, Bonnie.

When my mother immigrated from England, she lived with some cousins in Victoria, BC. Her cousin, Bill, and his son, David, visited our new cabin in 1956 for a day.

David was about 10 and I was 14. During the visit, we sat around the fireside enjoying our Canadian visitors (who seemed to have an accent). David began teasing Silver, who was calmly sitting on his haunches, by holding the food just above his head. David would lower the food and Silver would raise his mouth to taste the morsel only to have David pull the

food out of reach. The final tease caused a snapping sound from Silver's mouth.

Bill heard the snap and thought Silver was trying to bite his son. Bill dove at Silver, grabbing him by the thick fur around his head. They rolled on the ground until Silver broke free and ran a short distance than did a running/sliding turn as his wolf instinct took over. Silver ran and launched at Bill's head at which time Bill would catch Silver's mouth/teeth and throw him behind him. This scene was repeated four more times while Eddie and I were busy trying to beat Silver with some oars and my Mom was screaming and beside herself. Silver finally stopped and was driven home by Eddie.

As a brickyard worker, Bill's hands were tough, but they were full of canine-shaped punctures bleeding heavily. We wrapped his hands with a towel. With no telephone, 911, or EMS, I drove Bill to Black Diamond and stopped at the only place I knew about, the old BD hospital. It was also the home of Doctor Botts. He answered the door and immediately began to help Bill. He uncovered the wounded hands and began to treat the many punctures.

Doctor Botts took out a suture kit and began to stitch up the many wounds without any pain killer available. Bill's tough

FUNNY BUSINESS IN BLACK DIAMOND

By Steve Israel

Everything from train robberies to bootlegging has been on the rise in Black Diamond since 2014. Other crimes such as pickpocketing, tying a damsel to the railroad tracks, and pie-throwing, was also reported along Railroad Avenue.

This wave of criminal activity always occurs during the hilarious Miners Day skits. The Black Diamond Hysterical Society (not to be confused with the sometimes more serious; Historical Society) started acting up in 2014 and has been on a roll for six consecutive years. After a two-year break, they are back.

In the first skit, called *The Train Robbers*; Bart McNutly and Sebastian Pagano have robbed the train. The Sheriff, Shiloh Morgan, chased them through the museum, the antique store, and the bakery with a tassel of children in tow.

Over the years, more characters have been add-

ed, like Deputy Theodore Gibbs, Miss Dame Salina, The Conductor, and Mary Dragon. Many extras have also been involved, including a flash-mob dancing the Charleston.

Most of the characters' names have been chosen from the Miners Honor Garden wall. First, they pick the last name from one location then they pick the first name from another location on the wall.

Some ideas for the skits were concocted from actual events, like robbing of the bank by Mr. Fournier, bank president; bootlegging antics of Mary; and haunting of businesses along Railroad Avenue by the ghost of Abigale Benson.

We are excited to welcome the Black Diamond Hysterical Society back for Miners Day, July 16, 2022.



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South King County Cultural Coalition Visit

On February 10th, Barbara McMichael from SoCo visited to see the work we have been doing in the museum over the past couple of years. She also asked for Mira Hoke to be present. Mira is a wonderful artist that has done all the murals, upstairs and down. Mira also redesigned and updated our new brochure. Barbara was amazed and said she will be sharing Mira's work in their next newsletter. We are so thankful for our relationship with SoCo and so very proud of Mira's work.

Grant Received

We have received a new grant from 4Culture of King County to support our efforts to upgrade our fire alarms, security, and camera systems. We were able to get this grant because of the work done to landmark the railroad depot building we use as the museum.

Upcoming Events

Be sure to check our Calendar of Events. In addition to our regular events, this year, we will be hosting our first-ever Italian Heritage Day on May 14th, right here at the museum. The Sons of Italy will be coordinating this event with our volunteers.

Change is Inevitable

After 14 years serving as the President of the Black Diamond Historical Society, I find it is time to step down from this role at the end of this year. The elections are in October. It has been a wonderful trip! I am staying on as an advisor and a volunteer docent but will step down from the routine operations. I have enjoyed this position, working with the most incredible volunteers I will ever know. I encourage folks in our community to consider joining our museum family. This is a position of many, many rewards. You can contact me personally if you are interested in volunteering or have any questions at 360-886-0778.

*Keith Watson,
President BDHS*



Lake Twelve *cont. from page 4*



Doctor Botts

hands resisted the curved needle as the doctor sent it in and out multiple times. I was sent outside while the procedure was happening with a non-sedated Bill screaming.

I am sure that Bill's screams could be heard as far as the museum stands today.

No police, no fire, no ambulances but an early EMS Doctor Botts did the job.

This unlicensed driver shed a tear outside while the Doctor calmly worked away. I will

forever remember Doctor Botts calmness as he did what needed to be done. A life lesson I used when I served as a firefighter/EMT volunteer for three decades in my later life.

Bill healed well and drove back to Canada later that week. David stopped teasing dogs. My Mom recovered but never wanted a repeat event.

I went in the Navy, teaching, and firefighting for 31 years. Silver lived a calm life on Lake Twelve without any other human attacks. To this day, I only remember Silver with affection but then I never jumped on him or grabbed him by the throat. My only meeting with Doctor Botts impressed me and I admired his business-like attention to the injured visitor.

Proud of Black Diamonds 1950's EMS system – aka Doctor Botts.



HOMETOWN CHRISTMAS IN PICTURES

Pictures by Bob Dobson

Thank you to Chairman Sherrie Evans and the Hometown Christmas Committee for all their hard work and another great festival!



Frosty (Ian Nitsche), Elf (Hunter Sandberg) and guests



Treasure Hunt with Susie Thompson & Bev Heusser



Mr. & Mrs. Claus (Tom & Leih Mulvihill) & Elf (Debbie Page)



Sherrie Evans at raffle basket table with Debby Campbell



ELECTIONS FOR 2023 BOARD MEMBERS

The election of our Black Diamond Historical Society (BDHS) Board of Directors and Officers will be held at our annual General Membership Meeting on Sunday, October 23, 2022.

The Officers and Directors of the Board will be elected to a three-year term (January 1, 2023, to December 31, 2025). If you are interested in becoming a Board Member (Officer or Director), or continuing as a Board Member, for BDHS, please contact President Keith Watson or a member of one of the Nominating Committee members Dee Israel (Chairperson), Elsie Parkin, or Judy Watson.

Please consider running for one of these positions. The June 2022 newsletter will announce the formal call for candidates.

MIKE SHORT IN 1888 BLACK DIAMOND

By Keith Watson

Chapter 1 Mike Short / Monday, September 10, 1888, Seattle, Washington Territory.
(A fictional account based on historical facts)

Mike Short here in Seattle, Washington Territory, America – looking for a way to travel to Black Diamond and the coal mines. I'm looking for a train station (depot) for the Columbia and Puget Sound Railroad located on Elliot Bay piers. It looks like a lot of the railroad system is located above the tide flats on pilings.

I found the depot by the wharfs that have bunkers holding coal waiting to load ships. The train is just sitting there waiting for the time to depart. I checked in the depot for the prices of a ticket to Black Diamond and found it too expensive for my pocketbook.



Property of Museum of History & Industry, Seattle

The photo above is of the first train depot in Seattle. The two-story white building with a waiting room on the first floor and offices for the Columbia and Puget Sound Railroad on the top floor. The maintenance shop for the locomotives is located across the pier to the right in the dark color building.

The locomotive was hissing, smoking, and making deep noises with lots of steam coming out of the bottom. I eased my way towards the front of the train, past the coal storage, to the door where the engineer and fireman entered the cab. I looked up and saw a friendly face in the open window. "Hi, my name is Mike", I said, and he replied, "Roger is my name, would you like to look inside the cab?" I quickly jumped at the chance! I climbed up into a

warm room with lots of valves and levers in it and could hear the fire burning behind the metal door of the firebox. Roger explained what some of the levers, valves, and gauges were about. I asked a simple question "How does this thing work"?

He asked me where I lived, and I told him Plymouth, England. He joked "a long walk home" and we both laughed. Of course, my accent kind of gave me away, and then I went on to explain that I was looking to work in the coal mines at Black Diamond but couldn't afford the ticket price of his train. Roger asked if I ever heard of sweat equity and that he needed a backup fireman in the cab because his fireman had hurt his back. Not knowing what a fireman does in a train but willing to work to get to Black Diamond, I agreed to help.

Soon I met the fireman by the name of Ben and he turned out to be a nice chap. Firemen shovel coal during the trip and when the engineer needs help with some of the valves and levers, he calls on the fireman. The tender area is behind the locomotive. It holds coal as well as water, and when it's necessary to refill the after-portion of the locomotive the fireman climbs on top directing the coal and water into the storage area, a dirty job in foul weather.

At 7 a.m. we departed the Seattle depot, traveling to Renton high above the tide flats on raised tracks until we reached dry land. Then onto the Black River area and into the coal mining town of Renton. The locomotive sounded so good with its pistons working hard to produce the chug-chug sound. This locomotive number 1 is a narrow-gauge design with track and wheels being 36 inches apart. Ben said it is named the AA Denny; it had 33-inch driver wheels, was built in 1875, and weighs in at 22 tons.

Roger told me that the railroad will hopefully be changing to larger locomotives using standard gauge heavier rails at 56 ½ inches apart. These larger locomotives will have the ability to pull larger coal cars. I told him

how interested I am in trains and the way they operate.

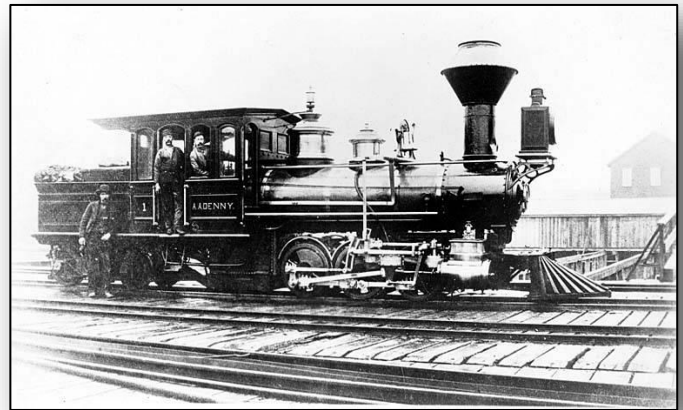
The train rode well while needing a lot of coal and using a lot of water. Between shoveling coal, I was able to admire the wonderful landscape. I was told we will cross the Cedar River four times before we arrive at Black Diamond. The schedule for this train is to leave Seattle depot at 7 a.m. with stops in Renton, Cedar Mountain, Maple Valley, Henry's Switch, and finally arrive in Black Diamond at 9:30 a.m. – a 30 ½ mile ride. Imagine the time it would take by horse and wagon while forging rivers and creeks along muddy trails!

Ben said the fireman works on the locomotive when the train is stopped by oiling the parts of the exterior mechanisms. I asked Ben what other tasks he does. He told me he controls the fire in the burner, so it will burn, extracting the most heat and energy out of the coal. You want to see white/gray smoke and steam coming out of the smokestack. Anything black that would indicate unburned material and hot cinders; which could cause a fire along the way like a forest fire. He also controls the pressure of the steam in the boiler, so it will not blow up. Yikes – blow up?!?! "Yes", he said, "steam not handled properly can blow up a boiler and kill people, much like dynamite."

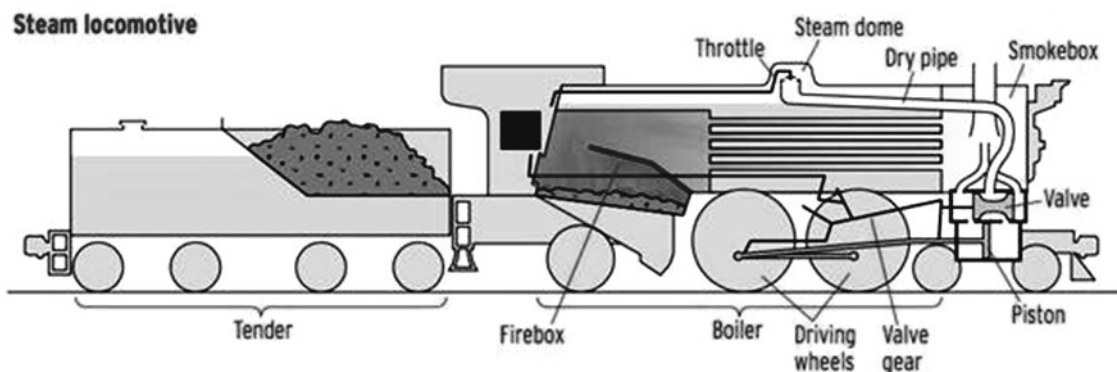
Well, now I'm bloody well confused and ask the engineer how this engine works and how dangerous it is to be in the cab with the both of them. They begin to tell me what is going on. The tender portion of the locomotive carries fuel, coal, and water that the fireman controls. The locomotive has a firebox that heats the water hot enough to form steam in the boiler. The steam, carefully controlled by the engineer and fireman, is routed

to the valves, pistons, and mechanisms connected to driving wheels forcing them to turn and move the train. The throttle controls the steam allowing the drive wheels to speed up and down. There is an air brake system that can stop the train.

As we travel to Black Diamond there are forests on both sides of the tracks that are just slipping by, along with the wildlife, making for a very scenic and enjoyable ride. I am learning to shovel the coal correctly into the firebox. The air needs to get to the fire and burn the coal without unburned exhaust going up the smokestack, being aware of the color of the steam and smoke. No forest fires on my watch!



(Photo above: AA Denny #, the first steam locomotive in Seattle. Note: the #1 locomotive was built at Mason Works in Taunton, Massachusetts. In 1893, the Denny was dismantled, and its boiler was used to supply steam in the Seattle roundhouse. Historical information was gleaned from "Ships and Narrow-Gauge Railroad" by Gerald M Best and "Pacific Coast Seattle's Own Railroad" by Kurt E Armbruster/ Museum of History and Industry, Seattle.)



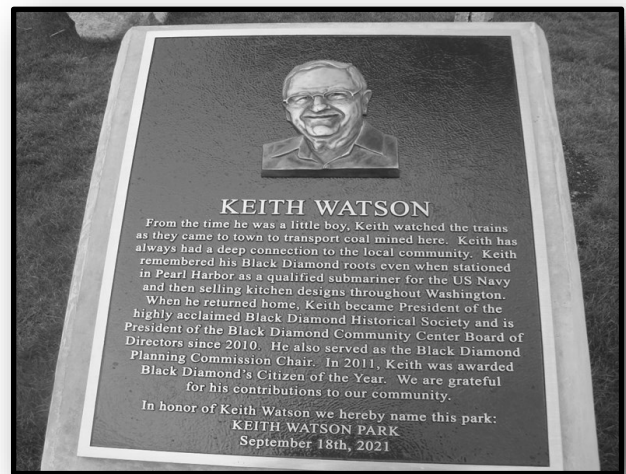
VOLUNTEERISM

By Keith Watson

My wife Judy and I love to volunteer in the community of Black Diamond. We have met dozens of fellow volunteers through the years and marvel at how wonderful these folks are and have been. We have volunteered on: the Planning Commission, the Civil Service Commission, the Black Diamond Museum, and the Black Diamond Community Center as well as our church. Age makes no difference to volunteers—age 8 to 88—all who have talents from greeting people to making speeches or to working with their hands. All have the desire to make things better in their community.

Late last year our family was honored by having a community park named after us and we believe that this honor belongs to all the volunteers we have worked with and are working with now. If you ever get bored or lonely, try volunteering and you will end up knowing the most wonderful people in the world. Folks who care for others and are not afraid to work towards making people happy. Thank you to all who have been working so hard to help your community, wherever you reside, a great place to live.

The park has been named Keith Watson Park located in the Ten Trails area of Black Diamond. It was a complete surprise to me with many people deviously “pulling the wool over my eyes” in getting me to the location for the dedication. I thought we were gathering to celebrate Gomer Evans’ 94th birthday. Thank you to Brian Ross, Jon Lakefish, Andy Williamson, Judy Watson, and all of our wonderful volunteers.



DID YOU KNOW?

By Sherrie Evans

In honor of Eileen Zumek, I found this cute story from the November 1987 newsletter. Good friends Ann Steiert, Muriel (Evans) Wing and Ann (Becker) Eddy were chatting about Mrs. Kelly giving birth to Eileen Kelly (Zumek) and were curious about the whole “miracle of birth” and how that works. Muriel volunteered to ask her Aunt Deb (Jenkins) because Muriel considered her Aunt to be very knowledgeable. Instead of an answer, Muriel got a good old slap on the face and was



told not to ask about that again (Aunt Deb considered it “talking dirty”).

Did you also know that construction of our railroad depot/museum building was completed in 1886 and that the building is listed on the Washington State Register of Historical Places and has been recognized as a landmark building by King County and the City of Black Diamond!



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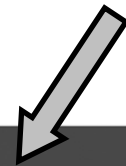
HISTORICAL SOCIETY GOES HIGH-TEC

By Sherrie Evans

Make your payments electronically! For quite some time, visitors and members have asked about the ability to use a debit or credit card to donate, pay membership dues or obtain items from the museum. That is all possible in one of two ways.

1. When visiting the museum we have a new device called "Square." Swipe your card or insert it, and your payment is processed. The docent/greeter on hand for the day will assist you. This is a great way to pick up a Mining the Memories book, Train book, Coal Legacy book, trivet, coal cars, Echo CD, and other items. Make general donations, special fund donations, memorial donations, purchase of a brick paver, and membership dues.

2. You can also make these payments through our website at www.blackdiamondmuseum.org. Click on "SHOP" on the top menu, and the following screen will appear where you can select an item, and the system will take you through the process to make your payment.



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MEMBERSHIP DUES Dues are effective January 1 through December 31 annually. Click a link below to add a new membership or renew your membership for 2022.

NEW MEMBERSHIP Payment Links (click the desired item)

- Individual Annual \$20
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- Individual Annual \$20
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DONATIONS Click the desired donation type. We appreciate your support!

- Donation-General Fund
- Donation-Memorial Fund

Obituaries



Arthura "Eileen" Zumek July 4, 1932 - Nov. 15, 2020

Arthura, Eileen as she was known, was born on January 18, 1929, in Black Diamond to Arthur Kelly and Effie Mickola. The tiny house she grew up in still stands on the main

road through the middle of town.

Eileen was the youngest of four children Dorothy, Walter, and Margaret were her siblings.

Eileen had a bit of rough childhood. Her mom passed away when she was just 12 or 13, leaving her dad a single parent to look after her. While he worked in the train yards at night, she would have to take the bus by herself into Seattle to stay with relatives.

When the war came around, Eileen talked about how she served a few shifts as an anti-aircraft spotter keeping an eye out for enemy planes from within a tower outside of town.

After graduating from Enumclaw High School in 1947, Eileen went to work as a teller in the Seattle First National Bank in Renton, where she would meet many lifelong friends. She remained working there until her marriage to Joe Zumek when she joined the rest of Joes' family running the family grocery store in Black Diamond.

Having grown up in the same small town, Eileen knew Joe. I guess he would pester her on occasion as boys do, perhaps looking for attention. That tactic worked because they began to date after the war. After seven years of an on/off romance, they married in 1954. They remained married for 67 years until Joe passed.

According to her family and friends, Eileen was nothing short of amazing. She worked full time taking care of the house and family, but she also found time to do volunteer projects, be a den mother, and most notably, cook some pretty darn good meals. Her specialty was baking cookies, strudels, and especially pies.

Eileen is survived by her two boys, Kelly and Lou, her daughters-in-law, Jennifer and Nancy, and her grandsons Jessie and Ryan.

According to Kelly and Lou, we can be thankful that she was witty, feisty, and loved right until the end.



SAFETY TIPS

By Dave Watson

A new feature with this edition is "Safety Tips", with an emphasis of those of us in our golden years. Following are the top three things to be considered.

1. Retire old throw rugs which are a leading cause of elderly falls.
2. When cooking, stay with the task - watch

the pot until it is done.

3. Do not use extension cords or power strips with electric heaters.

Future issues will have more tips but always remember: Safety first!





2022 Calendar



Black Diamond Historical Society/Museum

Supported by 4Culture, the City of Black Diamond and donations BDHS is a 501(c)(3) IRS #51-0170304 Nonprofit Corporation
 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.
 ** Subject to accessibility determined by Wash State Parks.*

Date	Event	Location/Time
March 5	** Franklin Tour	Meet @ Museum 9 am
April 9	** Franklin Tour	Meet @ Museum 9 am
April 24	Spring Open House	Museum @ 1 pm
May 14	* Italian Heritage Day	@ Museum @ 11 am
June 1	* Black Diamond All School Reunion	BD Community Center, 11 am - 3 pm
June 4	* Welsh Heritage Day	@ Museum 1 pm
July 4	Enumclaw Fourth of July Parade	Downtown Enumclaw
July 16	* Miner's Day	Railroad Ave 9 am – 4 pm
Sept 3-5	* Labor Day Celebration in Black Diamond - parade is Monday, Sept. 5, 10 am (starts on south end of Highway 169)	Museum open on 3 & 5th. Labor Day Festivities in Ball Park, Ten trails and @ Eagles (Car Show)
Sept 17	** " Pasta Palooza" - fundraiser for Hometown Christmas	Location TBD, 4 to 9 pm
Oct 15-16	* Model Train Show	Gracie Hansen Building, Ravensdale
Oct 23	General Membership Meeting	Museum @ 1 pm
Dec 3	Enumclaw Christmas Parade	Downtown Enumclaw
Dec 10	*Hometown Christmas	@ Museum 10 am - 3 pm
Dec 11– Jan 7	Museum Closed for Holidays (reopen on January 5)	Museum

DONATIONS

For the period August 16, 2021, to January 31, 2022, we received the following in donations:

By Laurie Evans, Secretary

MEMORIAL DONATIONS \$ 940

always welcome for the following special funds.

Received for:

Ron Heusser
 Joe & Eileen Zumek
 Bill Jr & Steve Parkin
 Julie North
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 Marie Evans
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NEWSLETTER	\$ 75
FIRETRUCK	50
GENERAL	\$ 1,415
HOMETOWN CHRISTMAS	
MEMORIALS	\$ 470
MINERS DAY	
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ITALIAN HERITAGE DAY	

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NEW MEMBERS

By Laurie Evans, Membership Chairman



The Black Diamond Historical Society now has 297 individual/family & 22 business members (for a total of 319 members). We are pleased to announce that during the period August 16, 2021, through January 31, 2022, we have welcomed the following new members:

Individual:

Ryan Donaldson
 Sue Moeller
 Greg Stebly
 Ronnie Weisz
 Glen Yadon

Family:

Ray & Barb Donaldson

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS! We are so thrilled to have you and especially happy to have some new volunteers/docents!



IMPORTANT NOTICE:

Annual membership expire on December 31 each year. We are currently reaching out via email, postal mail, and phone to all those that have not renewed (59 members as of press time). We don't want to lose any of our special friends!

2022 Black Diamond School Reunion Registration Form
Mail by May 1, 2022 to:
Black Diamond School Reunion, PO Box 1, Black Diamond, WA 98010

Your Name	
Maiden Name	
Current Address	
Current Phone (s)	
Email Address	
Your Birth Date	
Guest Name (s)	
Guest Address	
Guest Phone	
Guest Email	
<i>DONATION. If you can donate a raffle item please note the item here:</i>	

892

Number of guests for the period August 14 through December 12,

2021

Be Our Guest

by Laurie Evans

We have been busy visiting with lots of folks!! For the period August 14 through December 12, 2021 (when we closed for the holiday), we had 892 visitors (620 adults and 272 children). We are so happy to have them see our wonderful museum!! Even with the several month closure due to the pandemic, we still welcomed 2,420 visitors in 2021.

We welcomed visitors from the local area, as well as Texas, California, Minnesota, Oregon, Missouri, Illinois, Arizona, Iowa and Nebraska. We even had a visitor come from the Ukraine!

C o m m e n t s

"Great stuff."

"Very fulfilling!"

"Great little museum."

"Awesome, thank you."

"Fantastic, thank you."

"Love the museum and seeing family names."

"Very worthwhile and educational!"

"Highlight of our trip. Very nice-done!"

"Let's keep it!"

"Lovely time and staff."

"Lovely."

"I see your pride in preserving your history."

"Amazing historical resource! Thank you!"





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SCHOOL REUNION 2022

SAVE THE DATE JUNE 1ST, 11AM – 2 PM!

After missing the last two years, we are back on schedule. The event will be returning to the Black Diamond Community Center. We are hopeful we will be in a “safer” environment at that time and that lots of folks will attend.

Anyone that ever attended a school in Black Diamond is welcome to attend.

There will be lunch, and there will be plenty of time to share our memories and meet up with our school friends of the past. If it is anything like previous reunions, the laughter is contagious!

We will be sending out a registration form to past participants or you can cut/copy the following and return it to us or send us an email with this information. We have not yet determined the menu or cost of the luncheon but will get that information out shortly. If you have questions, email us at

museum@blackdiamondmuseum.org
or call 360-886-2142.

Note: Registration Form on page 15.

REMINDER!

We continue to receive mail with our old P.O. box. The Post Office has asked up to remind members of our new P.O. box. They cannot guarantee that they can continue providing courtesy forwarding and mail to the old box may be returned. Thank you for your attention to this matter. The new mailing address is P.O. Box 1, Black Diamond, WA 98010.