

Volunteer News



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Volunteer News is published six times a year and contains news and information for Historic Seattle members who also volunteer their time, talents and expertise on behalf of the organization.

Historic preservation is only truly realized by people taking action!

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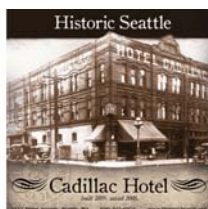
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The 2008 Volunteer Appreciation Celebration was a smashing success!

On Sunday February 8th, 2009 more than 70 people gathered at the Shafer Baillie Mansion in celebration of the terrific volunteers who support Historic Seattle. Guests were treated to a selection of delectable treats, an inside peak at a beautiful mansion, and each volunteer received a special 2008 ceramic tile coaster.



If you contributed volunteer hours during 2008 but have not yet received your 'gift' coaster, please let me know and we can arrange for you to pick it up at the Dearborn House.

Wayne Dodge was awarded the 2008 Volunteer of the Year award.



2008 Award Recipients

Volunteer of the Year
Wayne Dodge

Advocacy Hero

Beth Dodrill



Outstanding Project Lead

Mollie Tremaine



Building Community Partnership

Angela Kulp

Bungalow Fair

Jim & Sharon Price



Northwest Resource Center for Preservation

Ryan Kozie



Member Extraordinaire

Mary-Alice Pomputius & Walter Smith

The Spring issue of **Preservation News** will be coming out in a few short weeks. If you are a member of Historic Seattle you will be receiving it in the mail. In this issue we have profiled a mother—daughter team that have been active volunteers since the late 1980's. Be sure to check out the profile on these gals and the great support they have given to Historic Seattle over the years.



SAVE THE DATE!



35th Anniversary celebration will take place on Wednesday, May 20, 2009 at the Arctic Club in downtown Seattle.

Mark your calendar, invitations to follow.



HISTORIC SEATTLE'S 35TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION & AWARDS CEREMONY

2009 is the 35th anniversary of Historic Seattle—a time to acknowledge our growth and celebrate our accomplishments as a unique organization with the triple mission of education, advocacy, and preservation.

Join Historic Seattle for wine, beer, and appetizers in one of the Northwest's most beautiful historic interiors, the Dome Room of the Arctic Club, once a private club and now a splendid landmark hotel that showcases the value of adaptive reuse.

The keynote speaker is Knute Berger, known for his insightful, witty, and thoughtful-provoking, commentaries at the *Seattle Weekly*, *Seattle magazine*, and *Crosscut*, as well as on KUOW. He is author of an outstanding compilation of his observations, *Pugetopolis: A Mossback Takes on Growth Addicts, Weather Wimps, and the Myth of Seattle Nice* (Sasquatch Books, 2009).

Our first Annual Awards ceremony acknowledges businesses, organizations, and individuals whose projects, advocacy, stewardship, and education demonstrate community excellence in preserving and protecting built heritage.

We are encouraging all members and volunteers to attend this special engagement, however, we will not be utilizing volunteers at the event. What we need is being provided by the Arctic club.

In the summer of 2004 Historic Seattle entered the SeaFair Milk Carton Derby with a vessel commemorating the demolished Twin Teepees. We won 2nd place for the 'Most Creative Use of Milk Cartons' and the "Commercial Category".



This summer we are again going to enter the annual Derby which takes place on Saturday, July 11th, 2009. We need volunteers to help 'collect milk cartons' and others to be on the construction crew and possibly paddlers.

Please contact Mark Willson 206.547.0204 or markw@historicseattle.org with any questions and to RSVP to be part of this project.



Did you Know?

Are you aware that Historic Seattle volunteers fall into several different categories? *Read more ...*

- **Episodic**—a person who volunteers the day of an event: a program, a tour, a lecture, or similar function often assisting with registration, guides, docents, or logistics.
- **Project leads**—volunteers who are in charge of a specific project or function; i.e. Lynn Moore is the Open to View Coordinator.
- **Interns**—typically college students or recent graduates who serve between 10-20 hours a week, often on a quarterly basis and may earn credit for their service.
- **Office**—volunteers who come in each week to assist staff with projects such as data entry, filing, and organizing.
- **Special Event**—a volunteer who has agreed to be contacted for a special event assignment or a short notice need.
- **Professional Expert**—a peer in the preservation community that assists in supporting the efforts of Historic Seattle. For example the speakers for the Landmark class.
- **Council**—12 individuals who have expertise in architecture, urban planning, real estate development, engineering, finance, non-profit management or historic preservation. Four Council members are appointed by the Seattle Mayor, four members are elected by the Historic Seattle membership, and four are appointed by the Council itself.
- **Preservation Foundation**—is a separate nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization created to raise additional financial support for the work of the Historic Seattle Preservation and Development Authority through The board is composed of 6-10 people who serve staggered three-year terms.

OTHER

35TH ANNIVERSARY ACTIVITIES

In light of our anniversary, we do have a need for volunteers who have skills and or interests in assisting staff with 'history projects'. I'm looking to put together a team of volunteers that are willing to spend time researching, writing, and developing pages for our web site and other print publications.

We need to tell our story!

If you have the time, interest and willingness to spend some time looking through archives, writing text, compiling lists, conducting oral history interviews and researching — WE NEED YOU!

Contact me at Lucib@historicseattle.org
to get an assignment.

CURRENT VOLUNTEER NEEDS !

There are many ways to be *engaged* - the challenge is finding the perfect fit with your interests and talents. Historic Seattle is committed to matching people with good intentions with the right volunteer opportunity!



Media Assistance – Increasingly we are finding that media, traditional and on the web, are looking for information to be posted independently by organizations wishing to get the word out. That requires, putting press release information online – electronically. We are looking for a lead volunteer to work with our Program Director to help get the word out *electronically*. The ideal volunteer is comfortable working on computers and especially with posting information on web sites.



Audio Visual Lead – We need a Lead Volunteer who has knowledge of audio visual equipment (computers, projectors, etc.) who would be willing to spearhead equipment issues at various lectures, events, and other projects. Also someone is skilled at videotaping our events throughout the year.



Good Penmanship! Handwritten — Occasionally we have a need for volunteers that have nice handwriting and are willing to hand address enveloped. Is that you? Call us ASAP!



Office help — We currently need people who have weekday availability and are willing to spend 3-4 hours a week at the Dearborn House working assisting staff with answering phones, data entry, and general support.



Expertise in AutoCAD — AutoCAD is a CAD (Computer Aided Design) software application for 2D and 3D design and drafting, developed and sold by Autodesk, Inc. Do you have AutoCAD on your home computer and are willing to take on one or two small projects? We could really use your help. We don't own the program, but have a number of small projects that could benefit from a person with current knowledge and expertise.



IMPROVERS

Historic Seattle is exploring the idea of establishing a team of volunteers who have a desire to 'get your hands dirty'. That is, people who would like join others—on a monthly basis—to assist with building painting projects, yard work, small construction or remodel projects.

If you have skills or interests in being part of this team, please contact me at lucib@historicseattle.org. I'm also looking for one person or a team of two volunteers who would be willing to be the Project Lead for this initiative. The team will work with staff at the Good Shepherd Center and beyond if the idea catches on.

Thanks!

26th Annual AKCHO* Awards Ceremony

*Association of King County Historical Organizations

Tuesday, April 28, 2009

Reception at 5:30pm & Awards at 7pm

At MOHAI—2700 24th Ave East.

Please RSVP by April 21st to Helen Divjak at Helen.divjak@seattlehistory.org or 206.324.1126 x30.

Join the fun and festivities to honor all the nominees including free admittance to MOHAI's premier exhibit, *Essential Seattle: A City revealed, the Future Imagined*.

Of special note to Historic Seattle members are the nominations of volunteer, Mimi Sheridan and Program Director, Lawrence Kreisman.

Ahsha & Kim

Our Newest Project Lead Team



We have two new faces in our midst. **Ahsha Miranda** joined us in 2005 and **Kim Bahnsen** in 2009. Both are recent college graduates with a passion for preservation and have experience organizing registration for major events.

Ahsha & Kim have teamed up to assist us with establishing procedures for handling registration at all Historic Seattle events. They will be building a 'GO KIT' that can be used by all volunteers assigned to checking people in at events.

Please join me in thanking them for organizing this valuable function!

New faces in Development!

Joe Bushek is a graduate of Oregon State University with a degree in Political Science and is a new member of the Historic Seattle team. He serves as the development assistant (paid staff) and works with membership and the annual fund. In his spare time he enjoys running, traveling and being outdoors.



new Development
Associate
Joe Bushek

In addition to Joe, we have two new interns will be working with us in Development this spring quarter. **Erwin Santiago** is a recent graduate of Seattle University with a Bachelor of Arts in Journalism degree. **Elle Tabares** is a senior at Seattle University majoring in strategic communications. Both of these talented and energetic young people will be assisting us with a myriad of projects in Development.

More *NEW* volunteers !!!

In recent months we have added a number of volunteers who have taken on new assignments. Check out whose doing what!

Anne Scott is working with our Advocacy folks to draft a landmark nomination.

Catherine van Veen has signed on to work with Marissa Natkin, our webmaster and photographer to catalog the thousands of pictures in our archives and to take new pictures of historic property.

Donn DeVore has been working with Kji Kelly to take inventory of nearly 1,500 architectural drawings. He's also working on a floor plan for use of Town Hall during our annual Bungalow Fair.

Shelia Thayer has been assigned to work with Development on data entry initiatives and research.

Thelma Coney is not a new volunteer but does have a new assignment. She works in the office once a week in support of the Development staff.

Gary Menges has agreed to assist the Good Shepherd staff with developing an emergency plan.

Katie Kemezis is working on developing a list of activities that will take place during preservation month—May 2009

Justine Buller will be joining us on May 18th as a summer intern.

Cassidy Murphey Brunster is working with Kji Kelly on interior design issues.

Jenny Sohn, Nadana Baruah, Eryan Abookire, Robert Horton have all signed on as episodic volunteers.

Special Thanks to all for your excellent support!

I'm back from Zurich!

Actually I returned on Tuesday, January 13th. I've been full speed ahead to identify volunteer opportunities for the many new volunteers. In early summer look for a new way to connect with peer volunteers! I'm developing a Volunteer Blog for Historic Seattle!



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