



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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Welcome new Development staff & volunteer/intern

This past July I shared with you that Historic Seattle was on the search for a new Development Director. We have good news!

On Monday, August 25th **Judy Jensen** joined our team as the Director of Fund Development. Judy is originally from the mid-west, and comes to us with 27 years of experience in development, including establishing and directing comprehensive research, annual fund, major gift,



planned giving and capital campaign programs. Her profile includes work with the ACLU, the Seattle Symphony, Northwest Immigrant Rights Project, as well as many years in university and hospital development programs.

Judy has energy and a passion for development which you'll see in new programs and events.

One of Judy's first tasks was to recruit interns to work with her in development projects. She recruited Marisa Gjurjevich who began on Monday, November 3rd.

Marisa Gjurjevich will focus her energies on a number of writing and research oriented tasks, including, but not limited to the implementation of new marketing materials. Marisa graduated from Pennsylvania State University in May 2008 with a BA in Comparative Literature and International Studies. She spent time in Panama City, Panama researching plans for architectural redevelopment and also studied in Santiago, Chile. Marisa is originally from Oregon and has recently moved to Seattle.

I'm off to Zurich!

As an FYI ... I will be out of the country beginning Saturday, November 22nd and returning to work on Tuesday, January 13, 2009. I'm joining my husband for the holidays during his 6 month work assignment in Zurich. I'm planning to write a travel-blog of my journey as I explore Switzerland, Germany, Italy and possibly France. If you'd like to receive an invite to read that blog, please send me an email: lucib@historicseattle.org.



During my absence, if you have any questions, please contact Program Director, **Larry Kreisman** or Wednesdays volunteer **Sue DeRosa** at 206-622-6952.

SAVE THE DATE!



The 2008 Volunteer Appreciation celebration will take place on Sunday, February 8, 2009 at the Shafer Ballie Mansion on Capital Hill.

Mark your calendar, more details to follow.



Historic Seattle will be celebrating an anniversary in 2009 ~ 35 years of service throughout Seattle and King County.

We've recruited **Bruce Jones**, recipient of the 2007 Outstanding Project Lead volunteer award, to be the Chairperson of the 35th planning committee. Bruce will work with a team of paid and volunteer staff to organize opportunities to celebrate our past successes and to plan for the next 35 years!



There will be a number of opportunities for volunteer involvement, including but not limited to stuffing parties, scrapbooking, development of history pages for the web, research, and other tasks yet to be defined. If you'd like to be involved with 35th anniversary activities, drop me an email at lucib@historicseattle.org. We'll put your name on a list and update you as projects develop.

2009 Program

At the beginning of each calendar year our program director, Larry Kreisman, publishes the Historic Seattle Program. This program is sent to all members and people begin to sign up for events. The success of our many programs lies with you — **the VOLUNTEERS**.

Also, at the beginning of the year, I will be sending you a list of the volunteer needs that we anticipate at each of the events. You'll be asked to sign up for those events for which you would like to volunteer and send this information back to me. Volunteers are granted free entry to the events for which they volunteer. Keep an eye out for this notice which will be sent with your **2008 Volunteer Appreciation invitation** (see over).



STATISTICS!

Historic Seattle volunteers have contributed **2059 hours in 2008**, compared to 1854.5 hours in 2007.

July 2008 ~ 122 hours

August & September 2008 ~ 450 hours

October 2008 ~ 119.5 hours

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.



Web Resources Coordinator – the Historic Seattle website includes a 'Resources' section which includes local, state and national links; books / publications; neighborhood inventories; Advocacy Updates; and Preservation News. We are in need of a volunteer to work with the staff to update this information on a regular basis. The ideal volunteer is self-motivated, willing to spend time online surfing the web, and has attention to detail. Good written and verbal communication skills are a must.



Emergency Planner – the idea of emergency preparedness is on the minds of many today in light of recent disasters. The Good Shepherd Center is in the process of establishing an Emergency Preparedness Plan for this multi-use facility. Much of the research has been done, but we are in need of a volunteer or intern who has organizational and writing skills to pull it all together in a presentation document. It's an important project for just the right person!



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.



Gardeners – Do you like to get your hands dirty – literally! One of our properties is the Dearborn House on First Hill. We are looking for seasonal volunteers who are interested in helping to beautify the grounds: plant flowers, shrubs, etc. Let us know if this is something you would find fun. Weekend seasonal opportunity.



[right] Wednesday's Angel, **Sue DeRosa** with new volunteer **Dotty Decoster**, getting ready for winter at the Dearborn House.