

Volunteer News



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Volunteer News is published several 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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and by special appointment

Historic Seattle Office Hours

Monday—Friday

9am—5pm

www.historicseattle.org

GIVEBIG

Donate to Historic Seattle on **June 23** through the Seattle Foundations GiveBig program. GiveBig will grow your generosity by matching your dollars!

More information on our website home page.



We need you!

It's finally SUMMER in Seattle. We have a number of ways for you to get out and enjoy our great weather and share your enthusiasm for Historic Seattle programs and events.

Volunteers needed for summer events ...

- ◆ **Saturday, July 2—Washington Hall Work Party**
Hands-on volunteers to help with work-projects (time to get dirty).
- ◆ **Saturday, July 9—Pioneer Square Fire Festival**
Volunteers to staff an HS information booth-in shifts (11am-5pm).
- ◆ **Sunday, Sept 11—Open to View: Parker-Fersen House**
Docents to be guides in the house and grounds.
- ◆ **Friday-Sunday, September 23 & 25—Bungalow Fair**

See our website: Bungalow Fair Volunteers for all the ways to help out.

Sign up: lucib@historicseattle.org or call 206.622.6952 x 243

Summer Programs

July 14 ... Preserving Utility—
Fremont Bridge *[sold out]*

July 25 ... Learning from
Historic Sites—Duwamish
Longhouse

August 2 ... First Hill
Neighborhood Tour *[sold out]*

September 11... Parker-
Fersen House (Open to View)

September 24-25 ... annual
Bungalow Fair

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Dana Phelan was recently hired as Historic Membership

Coordinator. Before moving to Seattle, Dana was a Project Design Assistant with the Texas Main Street Program. She has a M.S.



in Historic Preservation from the University of Texas at Austin and undergraduate degrees in

History and Earth Systems from Stanford University.

Is your Historic Seattle membership current?
 Contact Dana to find out
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Volunteers in the NEWS

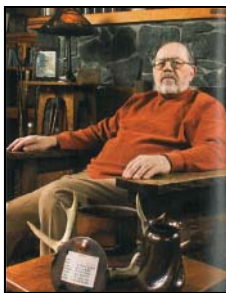


photo credit: : Kevin Fry, Style 1900

Tom Wake is an active member of the Historic Seattle Arts & Crafts Guild and an excellent volunteer. His quite persona and unassuming demeanor are what makes him great at what he's passionate about.

Tom lives 75 miles north of Seattle in Bow, Washington, an unincorporated community in Skagit County—east of Samish Island. He helps to promote the annual Bungalow Fair in and around his community. He's also 'all-hands-on' the entire weekend of the Bungalow Fair (the last weekend in September.)

A few weeks ago I was reading the Summer 2011 issue of *Style 1900*, a quarterly magazine for collectors and enthusiasts interested in the Arts and Crafts movement in America and abroad, circa 1890–1920. (Each issue explores the antiques, architecture, philosophy and personalities that defined the era.) Towards the end of the magazine I found an article titled "In Search of Berry Treasure" written by Fred Albert, Editor in Chief. The article skillfully tells Tom's story of collecting Albert Berry copper pieces for the past 17 years. He's collected bookends, lamps, letter openers, boxes, ashtrays and candlesticks.

If you'd like to read the full article (no, it's not online), copies may be found at Barnes & Nobel. Jennifer Strauss, Director of Advertising for the magazine, has offered a special offer (**for our volunteers**). If you order from them directly they will mail the magazine for the cover price of \$6.95 (free shipping). Just use the promo code FS when ordering online at www.style1900.com or via phone 877-837-3022.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP PROMOTE THE BUNGALOW FAIR !

Each year Historic Seattle looks for opportunities to promote the annual Bungalow Fair in an effort to bring in new people. There's an annual article in the Seattle Times: Northwest Living magazine (www.historicseattle.org/events/media_publicity); national advertising in magazines, such as: *Style 1900* and *Arts & Crafts Homes*; local and regional ads; and press releases to various Puget sound media sources. We've also sought out volunteers to put posters in various antique stores and books stores.

THIS YEAR ...

We want to expand our outreach via social media and online advertising. We need a computer savvy volunteer to help us get the word out — posting to various websites, entering information on calendars, and assisting with our Facebook Group.

If you have this skill and want to donate several hours during the next 8 weeks, please contact us now. We can use all the help we can in promoting the Bungalow Fair.

Other 'day of' volunteer opportunities at the Bungalow Fair can be found at:

www.historicseattle.org/join/volunteersatfair.aspx



Did you Know?

That Humanities Washington (a non-profit in WA state) has a Speaker's Bureau? They have 30 individuals that will come out to your organization to give presentations.



Michael Herschensohn, a member of the Historic Seattle Council, is one of 30 individuals with the Humanities Washington Speakers Bureau. He gives talks on what old buildings tell us:

"The Stories Old Buildings Tell us"

The places we create for ourselves – homes, factories, schools, parks, hotels, barns – are key markers in the story of people's daily lives. Such places help us interpret human experience and bring greater appreciation for the past. In this presentation Herschensohn examines historic buildings across the state – from the Donald House to the Stimson Green Mansion to the Red Barn to Maryhill. He helps us interpret historic buildings and places which tell us about the context of the people who have occupied them and helps us understand the similarities and differences between the past and our contemporary lives. Herschensohn focuses on sites around the state and can add content based on local audience interests.

You can learn about other programs and speakers at www.humanities.org/programs.



Each year the staff at Historic Seattle prepares an annual report that provides our members and donors with a summary of the highlights for the given year.

Picture at the left is the cover of the 2009 Annual Report. You can download a copy by going to our web site www.historicseattle.org and clicking on the 'About Us' page. Near the bottom of the page is a link to a PDF copy of this report.



OPEN TO VIEW

also known as: Tea & Tour
Sunday, September 1-4pm

In June we held an Open to View event at the Meeker Mansion in Puyallup. In early September we will be back in Seattle at the Parker-Fersen House. The Colonial Revival style residence was designated as a Seattle landmark in 1987. We will need docents (volunteers) who are willing to assist patrons with viewing the house. Volunteers need to be available from 11:30am-4pm. If you want to be a docent for this event, NOW is the time to contact us to sign up.



Welcome NEW Interns & Volunteers

Tristan Sechrest recently graduated from The Overlake School in Redmond, Washington. As part of the requirements for graduation, he was assigned to complete a "Senior Project." The project entails three weeks of work--May 16th through June 3rd--accumulating 90 hours. Tristan did a great job—focusing on how to engage high school and college students in historic preservation. He has a deep interest in history and in the fall will be a student at Yale University. Look for his story in the fall 2011 Historic Seattle newsletter.



Audra Brecher has a master's degree in historic preservation from Savannah College of Art and Design and worked as a preservation specialist for about seven years before returning to school for a degree in urban planning, which she just completed this past summer.

Audra is working to update our Project Brochure—the promotion tool we use to talk about real estate development projects Historic Seattle has completed over the years.

Lauren Perez joined Historic Seattle as an advocacy intern in the spring of 2011. She is working as our World's Fair intern assisting with preparations for the 50th Anniversary celebration of the 1962 Seattle World's Fair in 2012. In 2010 she graduated, with honors, from the University of Southern California with a double major in Print Journalism and History and a minor in Business. She now attends Columbia University in the City of New York where she is pursuing a dual MS/MS in Historic Preservation and Urban Planning. Check out her guest blog on June 14, 2011—All the World's a Fair www.main2seattle.wordpress.com.



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!

!! IMMEDIATE NEED !!

July is just around the corner.

We have an immediate need for volunteers to work the first two Saturdays of the month. Both events are with our Director of Real Estate Development, Mark Blatter.



1st Saturday (July 2nd) we need volunteers willing to get their hands dirty with projects at **Washington Hall** (153 14th Ave). This would be a great way to get friends and family engaged with a worthwhile team effort.

2nd Saturday (July 9th) Historic Seattle is one of the sponsors for the **Pioneer Square Fire Festival**. We will have a booth and are looking for volunteers to staff the booth—talking with the public about how we serve the community. We have 2-hour shifts available.

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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.



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. We also welcome someone skilled at videotaping our events throughout the year.

Act NOW! Help us fill these volunteer vacancies!

HISTORIC SEATTLE 2011 BUILDING RENOVATION FAIR



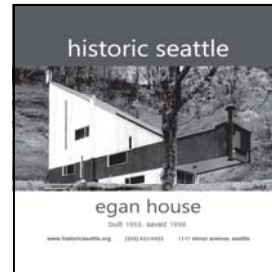
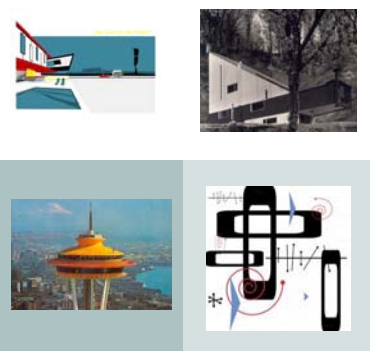
On Saturday, April 9, 2011 Historic Seattle launched its first Building Renovation Fair at Washington Hall. It was an opportunity to bring in regional experts in old buildings. The event was a success and we plan to do it again next year.

Part of the success of the event, was due in part to the wonderful volunteers that helped out the day of the event. Kudos to Andrea Mercado, Cindy Hughes, Dale Dvorak, Doug Johnson, Jane Roe, Marie Strong, Michael Herschensohn, Paul Siebenrock, Rick Sever, Ron Moore, and Will Mathis. A very special thanks to **Kurt Youenes** who spent many hours in the weeks prior to the Fair. He was the backbone to soliciting companies to sign up as vendors.

If you have an interest in this type of volunteer engagement, contact us in the next few months as we will be planning the 2012 Building Renovation Fair,

2010 Volunteer Appreciation Celebration

was held, Sunday February 27, 2011 at the Swedish Cultural Center on Dexter Avenue on Queen Anne.



All volunteers, in attendance, received a special 2010 ceramic tile coaster which depicted a mid-century modern, the Egan House. If you weren't able to attend, but would like a tile, please contact Luci Baker Johnson, Manager of Volunteers and we'll make arrangements to get you one.

2010 Award Recipients

Volunteer of the Year: Sharon Coleman



Member Extraordinaire

Gary Gaffner

Advocacy Hero

Brandon Spencer-Hartle

Preservation Hero

Southwest Seattle Historical Society

*Building Community
Through Technology*

Carol Tompkins &
Erin Ward

Photo Excellence Award

Daniel Hawkins

Longevity Recognition

James Fearn
(1989-present)

&

Michael Herschensohn
(1989-present)

Historic Seattle was established in 1974. Since that time 73 individuals have been members of the 12 person Council of the Preservation and Development Authority. Additionally, 19 individuals have served on the Board of Directors of the Historic Seattle Foundation (1997-2011) and 14 individuals on the Board of Advisors (1979-1981).

SOCIAL MEDIA



Historic Seattle is on Facebook



E-News Sign-up

There are a number of ways to stay informed about



MAin2 Historic Seattle's Preservation Blog

programs, events, and issues facing Historic Seattle. You can tap into many of these on our home page. If you're someone that gets excited about 'social media' and has the time and energy, we are looking for people to help us enhance our virtual presence. Email lucib@historicseattle.org and tell me about how you'd like to be involved.

Have you ever considered living in a landmark?

On June 17, KOMOnews.com reported on the possibility for individuals to purchase a 'retired' Seattle Fire station. The City of Seattle's www.seattle.gov/realstate/ states...

"With new facilities in operation for Fire Station 37 (West Seattle) and 38 (Ravenna Bryant), the historic former fire stations are recommended to be sold through a competitive process for fair market value. Proceeds from the sale of the two properties would be returned to the Fire Facilities and Emergency Response Levy Fund."

