



2008 Spring Newsletter

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Spring Meeting – Thursday, May 22nd

Time: 2:00pm-4:00pm

Place: The Dearborn House, 1117 Minor Avenue, Seattle

May 2008 is National Preservation Month and we will have an opportunity to view the beginnings of a new preservation resource center being established in Seattle's First Hill neighborhood. Luci Baker Johnson, Manager of Volunteers & Events for **Historic Seattle**, will speak to our group about Historic Seattle's programs and services and specifically the initiative to establish the Northwest Resource Center for Preservation. Attendees will have an opportunity to view the Resource Center and witness first-hand the beginning stages of this vital project.

Now Celebrating its 33rd Anniversary, Historic Seattle is a nonprofit organization dedicated to architectural preservation. It strives to fulfill its mission by encouraging citizens and policy makers to consider the value of historic buildings through public lectures and tours on a wide variety of neighborhood, architectural, and preservation topics, and by acquiring and rehabilitating historic buildings. A vital component of this mission is the creation of Historic Seattle's Northwest Resource Center for Preservation. The goal of the Center is to expand knowledge about historic preservation and its relevance to a broader audience and to stimulate citizen and organizational involvement in improving stewardship of historic properties. The Center will be located at the Dearborn House on First Hill and will make available the rich book, photographic, report, periodical and audio collection of Historic Seattle as well as a database referral catalog highlighting the collections of historic-preservation themed repositories throughout the Pacific Northwest. The Resource Center is the physical embodiment of Historic Seattle's mission of education, advocacy and preservation of historic places.

For more information about Historic Seattle and directions to the Dearborn House, please visit www.historicseattle.org

Seattle Public Schools Archives: Winter Meeting Re-cap

The Winter Membership Meeting at the Seattle School District Archives was very well received by participants. School Archivist Eleanor Toews and her assistant Lisa Cohen presented a history of the development of the Archives. Eleanor highlighted her 28 years of experience with the District with a number of stories related to the uniqueness of the collections and the development of the archival program from a single small room to the large modern facility now in existence. She has overseen the physical move of the entire collection 4 times over the course of her career with the schools. Participants were also treated to a tour of the Archives and the public exhibits Eleanor has on display in the John Stanford Center. The Steering Committee would like to thank Eleanor and Lisa for their time and for treating us all to an interesting and highly informative presentation.

Repository News

Seattle Municipal Archives

Two small collections were recently added to the Seattle Municipal Archives.



The Eryln Jensen Rainier Beach Collection

Eryln Jensen donated items she and her mother collected on Rainier Beach, where she grew up. Photographs, real estate advertisements, and a beautiful birdseye map, as well as newspaper clippings make up the collection. Her mother worked for realtor and antique store owner C K Sturtevant for many years.

Left: C.K. Sturtevant with his grandson David Randal in front of his antique store in Rainier Beach, c. 1920. Item 66252, Seattle Municipal Archives

Below: Seattle Parks Department Sails and Trails outing, location unknown. c. 1931. Item 66949 Seattle Municipal Archives.

Dorothy Brekke Sails and Trails Photograph Collection

A small collection of 30 photographs donated by a participant in the Seattle Parks and Recreation Department's Sails and Trails program. The program was established in 1929 for women over 18 interested in low cost recreation programs. The photographs provide a rare glimpse of women enjoying recreational activities in the 1930s.



Other news from the Seattle Municipal Archives

New on Flickr!

The Seattle Municipal Archives posted photographs from the Dorothy Brekke Sails and Trails Photograph Collection, a collection of postcards, as well as a Cabinet of Curiosities to Flickr. It's an experiment and we'll see what happens! Visit us at:

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/seattlemunicipalarchives/>

40th Anniversary of Seattle's Open Housing Legislation

Until 1968, it was legal to discriminate against minorities in Seattle when renting apartments or selling real estate. The task of securing legislation to prohibit discrimination in housing began in the late 1950s. It turned out to be a decade-long fight. You can read about the struggle in Seattle Municipal Archives' online exhibit:

<http://www.cityofseattle.net/CityArchives/Exhibits/Housing/default.htm>

A hard copy of the exhibit will be on display at the 22nd Annual Tacoma Fair Housing Conference on Thursday April 24, 2008 at the Greater Tacoma Convention and Trade Center. Contact Florrie Brassier, Fair Housing Center of Washington at 253 274-9523 for more information.

Student Opportunities

Seth Dalby, Archivist and Records Manager for the Archdiocese of Seattle, announces directed fieldwork and volunteer opportunities for students!

Potential projects include:

- **Processing:** rehousing, multi-level arrangement, and preparation of finding aids for several collections of historical Archdiocesan records
- **Cataloging:** item level description of several photograph collections
- **Indexing:** 100 years of Catholic Northwest Progress newspaper to be indexed using preexisting taxonomy of diocesan terms.
- **Database design:** multiple opportunities
- **Web design:** upgrade of existing site
- **Other student projects:** specific projects according to students' needs and interests may also be available.

Seth Dalby has an MA in archival science from the University of British Columbia has worked extensively with interns and volunteers.

Interested students can contact Seth at seth.dalby@seattlearch.org or regular mail at:

Archives and Information Services, Archdiocese of Seattle
910 Marion Street
Seattle, WA 98104

National Archives and Records Administration, Pacific Alaska Region

The most recent records from Federal agencies in Idaho, Oregon and Washington transferring to the permanent holdings of the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA)-Pacific Alaska Region (Seattle):

Records of the District Courts of the United States, (Record Group 21): District of Idaho. Bankruptcy Docket Books, 1979-1982; District of Oregon-Portland, Criminal case files-Selected, 1985-1987; District of Oregon-Eugene, Criminal case files-Selected, 1984-1987. District of Washington, Western District of Washington-Northern Division at Seattle, Criminal case files and transcripts-selected, 1976-1987; Court Minute Books, 1980-1982.

Records of the United States Coast Guard, (Record Group 26): Thirteenth Coast Guard District: Vessel Folders, 1978-1987; Initial Inspection Folders, 1937-1976; Merchant Marine Logbooks (terminating in Portland, Oregon and Seattle, Washington) 1970-1976 (some records may be restricted); Oil and Hazardous Substance Discharge, 1985-1991; Recorded Instruments (Bellingham), 1930-1965

Records of the Forest Service, (Record Group 95): Fremont-Winema National Forest Range Allotment Management Plans, Mixed Series, 1976-1977; Gifford Pinchot National Forest, Directives, 1981-82; Northern Region (Region 1)-Regional Office, Wilderness Designation-Mixed Series, 1963-1987; Pacific Northwest Region (Region 6)-Regional Office, Directives, 1962-1982; Payette National Forest, Special Use Permits-Mixed Series, 1938-1967

Records of the Occupational Health and Safety Administration, (Record Group 100): Boise Area Office, Safety Fatality/Catastrophes Inspections, FY1987 (Records are subject to FOIA exemptions 5, 7c and 7d); Bellevue Area Office, Safety Fatality/Catastrophes Inspections, 1986-1989 (Records are subject to FOIA exemptions 5, 7c and 7d).

Records of the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), (Record Group 207): Speeches, Robert Santos, Secretary's Representative, 1998-2001; Special Initiatives, FY 1999.

Records of the Federal Aviation Administration, (Record Group 237): Directive Case Files, 1978-1987; Labor Relations Arbitrations, 1988; Airport Airspace Analysis, 1984-1993, Some records may be restricted.

Records of the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), (Record Group 305): Program Subject Files, 1982; Management Analysis and Policy Committee Meetings, 1978-1982; administrator's Chronological File, 1987.

Records of the Federal Highway Administration, (Record Group 406): Primary Project Documentation, 1992.

Among these records, the Coast Guard accession, Oil Hazardous Substance Discharge, 1985-1991, may generate added interest among researchers.

With the Exxon Valdez case now before the Supreme Court, we have several boxes from the U. S. Coast Guard, covering Pollution Incidents of the Arco Anchorage in December of 1985 and the fishing vessel Tenyo Maru in July of 1991. The Tenyo Maru sank after a Chinese freighter collided with it northwest of Cape Flattery. When the vessel began to sink it discharged fuel oil and diesel that ended up affecting most of the western coast of Washington and parts of the Oregon coast. Beyond the damage caused by the vessels, it is an excellent example of the team work between commercial companies and state and federal agencies.

The Baltic Community in Photos and Stories

By Amanda Swain

The University of Washington Libraries Special Collections recently completed the first part of an exhibit documenting the Estonian, Latvian and Lithuanian communities in King County. Individuals who immigrated from Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania—many as adults or children immediately following World War II—and their families have contributed to the cultural, business and civic life of King County. As Americans, they have also preserved their cultures through community associations, musical and dance groups, and family traditions.

This nineteen piece exhibition tells the story of members of the Baltic community in King County through current portraits by Northwest photographer Mary Randlett, copies of photographs from their personal collections, and their own words. These individuals represent those who immigrated before and after them and those who were born in the United States of Estonian, Latvian and Lithuanian heritage. The individuals included in the exhibit were selected by the Seattle Estonian Society, the Latvian Association of the State of Washington and the Lithuanian-American Community Inc.

The full exhibit will be on display at the Martin-Zambito Fine Art Gallery in Seattle on Sunday, May 18, 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. There will be a brief program at 4:00 p.m. and a reception. The Martin-Zambito Fine Art Gallery is located at 721 E. Pike Street, Seattle (on Capitol Hill on E. Pike between Harvard and Boylston). There is free street parking on Sundays. There are two pay parking lots on Harvard just south of E. Pike Street.

Project director Nicolette Bromberg, UW Libraries Special Collections Visual Materials Curator, and project coordinator Amanda Swain, Ph.D. student in History, are currently raising funds to expand the project. An additional eleven participants will be photographed in late spring. The full exhibit will feature thirty members of the Baltic community. The project was funded by a grant from 4Culture, King County's cultural services agency, and a gift from Ms. Nancy Nordhoff. Additional funding for the project came from the UW Scandinavian Studies Department (Baltic Studies Program), the UW Libraries Slavic and East European Studies Section, and the Lithuanian-American Community Inc. (Seattle). The full exhibit of nineteen framed pieces is available for loan. A hard-bound book of the exhibit is available for classroom use.

For more information, contact Amanda Swain at ajswain@u.washington.edu.

STEERING COMMITTEE ELECTIONS!

Ballots due May 15, 2008

The nominees below have agreed to serve on the Steering Committee for two years if elected. The Steering Committee plans the programs for Seattle Area Archivists meetings held during the year and conducts the routine business of the organization. The four candidates who win the election will replace outgoing members Sara Nau, Julie Viggiano, Patty McNamee, and Jason Viers. The positions of Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, and Member-at Large are chosen by the committee members.

You will be receiving Ballots in the mail. Please vote for **FOUR** of the following six candidates:

Heather Davis

Heather Davis is the Archivist of the Historical Archives at Virginia Mason Medical Center. Prior to joining Virginia Mason in November 2007, Heather worked on a year-long, grant-funded project processing the media materials of the Henry M. Jackson Papers at the University of Washington and developing an on-line subject portal for that collection. While completing her Masters of Library Science degree and Archives Certificate program at Pratt Institute in New York City she completed a project with the Whitney Museum of American Art where she processed the textual and photograph collection of the Whitney's first film and video curator. Concurrent with her project at the Whitney Museum, Heather was archives consultant to New York design firm Pentagram Design, worked in the Special Collections division of Columbia University Libraries, and completed a semester-long internship with Brooklyn Historical Society.

Kathleen Crosman

Kathleen Crosman is an archivist with NARA-Seattle. Previously she worked as project archivist at the B'nai B'rith Klutznick National Jewish Museum in Washington, DC identifying and making accessible the Holocaust related organizational records in the B'nai B'rith Archives. She received a Master of Library Information and Science (MLIS) degree from the University of Washington in 2003, completed a Certificate of advanced studies in Archives and Records Management from Western Washington University in December of 2004, and became a Certified Archivist in 2006.

Lisa Cohen

Lisa is the Founder and Executive Director of the Pacific Northwest Lesbian Archives, And is Assistant Archivist at the Seattle Public Schools Archives. Lisa is also Principle Consultant for the Evergreen Archives & Records Management, a full service consulting firm providing organization, preservation, and storage solutions for businesses, non-profits and individuals. Lisa graduated from The Evergreen State College, 1996 with a very Liberal Arts BA focused on preservation of historical photographs. She received a Certificate in Archives & Records Management from WWU, 2006. She is a current member of Northwest Archivists and Seattle Area Archivists.

Emily Hughes Dominick

Since September of 2007, Emily Hughes Dominick has held the position of Associate Archivist for Providence Archives which serves the Sisters of Providence religious community and Providence Health & Services. Before moving to the Northwest, Emily lived in Midwest where she worked in a variety of archives and museum related jobs. Most recently she served as Project Archivist at Augustana College, Rock Island, Illinois. Other recent positions include Archives Technician at Unity Archives, Unity Institute, Unity Village, Missouri, and Contract Preservation Archivist at the National Archives and Records Administration, Central Plains Region, Kansas City, Missouri. She holds an M.A. degree in Museum Studies from the University of Kansas and a B.A. degree in History from St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minnesota.

Sarah Nelson

Sarah Nelson is an archivist at The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), Pacific Alaska Region. She is a graduate of Western Washington University's Archives and Records Management Master's Program (where she was President of its student chapter of SAA) and has been in the field professionally for 4 years. As a NARA archivist she regularly participates in a variety of outreach projects, such as giving talks to genealogical societies, working with AKCHO, judging for History Day, and serving on the Washington State Archives Month educational committee. Recently, Sarah has worked on the Program Committee for the upcoming NWA conference in Anchorage. She would greatly enjoy the opportunity to serve SAA membership as a member of the steering committee.

Richard Hobbs

Richard Hobbs has more than twenty years of experience as an archivist, records manager, and historian. He has recently joined Winthrop as Senior Consultant with the Information & Archival Services Division. Hobbs has provided archives and records management services to business, state government, the University of Washington, and the Government of Bahrain. In addition to having served as the Eastern Regional Archives Manager for Washington State, he has consulted with the Washington State Department of Transportation, the State's Digital Archives, and Frontier Bank. Hobbs co-authored *Frontier Bank: The First 25 Years, 1978-2003*, and has written two books on historic bridges and a family biography (*The Cayton Legacy: An African American Family*). Hobbs holds a certificate in Archives and Records Administration from Western Washington University and a Ph.D. in History from the University of Washington.

Note from the Chair

This past year, the Seattle Area Archivists sought to both pique the member's curiosity and expand their knowledge of Seattle area collections. Throughout the year we have welcomed new members, traveled to repositories and examined new collections. It was our hope that each one of these adventures would not only excite all of you, but also provide you with helpful tools for the researchers you assist.

In support of National Preservation Month and local historical organizations, the Seattle Area Archivists meeting in May is being held at *Historic Seattle*. This organization's home is the Dearborn House, built in 1907 and one of the few remaining early homes of the First Hill neighborhood. The members of Seattle Area Archivists will receive a tour of the facility, learn about the new preservation resource center and experience this organization's dedication to the preservation of the architectural history of Seattle.

This is my last letter as the serving Chair of the Steering Committee. It has been a wonderful year serving in the position and I have enjoyed meeting all of you.

Sara Nau

Chair, Seattle Area Archivists, 2007-2008

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Who should join Seattle Area Archivists? Anyone who works with, or who has an interest in the preservation and use of specialized research materials is welcome to join Seattle Area Archivists. Our members include archivists, librarians, and records managers, as well as professionals in the museum and cultural heritage fields who represent a wide spectrum of public and private organizations and institutions throughout the Seattle area.

How to Join: Annual dues are \$15 and the membership year runs from September 1-August 31. Download a membership application form at

<http://www.historylink.org/saa/Membership.htm>.

Please send your completed application form and your check made payable to SEATTLE AREA ARCHIVISTS to:

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