



2008 Winter Newsletter

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**Time
to
RENEW
YOUR
MEMBER-
SHIP!**

Winter Meeting – February 21st

Time: 2pm-4:00pm

Place: Seattle Public Schools Archives

Join us for a presentation and tour at the Seattle Public Schools Archives!

Eleanor Toews and her assistant **Lisa Cohen** will host the Seattle Area Archivists winter meeting Seattle Public Schools Archives.

Eleanor has been the Seattle Public Schools Archivist for the past 30 years; she will share her experiences as well as discuss the unique nature of the records center and archives environment at Seattle Public Schools. Eleanor and Lisa will present highlights from the collections and lead a tour of the facility.

Note from the Chair

Thanks to all of you who renewed membership to SAA for 2007-2008. We are looking forward to a new year of programs and networking.

As a professional peer organization, Seattle Area Archivists offers a venue where archivists can meet, discuss developments in the field, ask questions about best practices and learn about the hidden treasures in our region's collections. Over the years this organization has grown, welcoming new and existing members. Unfortunately, this year our membership numbers are in decline.

The Steering Committee is concerned with the current state of membership and sees it as a top priority. Our first step is to look to our members and ask: What can your Steering Committee do better? Secondly, we will be opening the membership enrollment period until the end of February. Please send in your membership forms if you haven't already done so or bring them along to the next meeting.

If you have any thoughts, concerns or suggestions regarding this, the Steering Committee would like to hear from you. Please contact us at seattle.area.archivists@gmail.com. We look forward to hearing from you, and hope to see you at our winter program at the Seattle Public Schools Archives on February 21.

Sara Nau
Chair

Repository News

Washington State Archives, Puget Sound Region

Due in large measure to the State Archives Local Government Records Management Grant Program, the Puget Sound Regional Archives is receiving new accessions from a number of smaller agencies, including the City of Roy and the City of Fife. One such interesting accession from the Eatonville School District was processed in October, which contains a number of early 20th century photographs, including this image of an early downtown main street:



The Washington State Archives, Puget Sound Region is also pleased to announce the appointments of **Midori Okazaki** as Assistant Regional Archivist on August 31, 2007 and **Janet Ness** as Project Processing Archivist on January 7, 2008.

Virginia Mason Hospital Historical Archives

Heather Davis has been hired as the new archivist for the Virginia Mason Hospital Historical Archives, where she will be reviving an archives program for the organization. The Virginia Mason Archives boasts a diverse range of materials dating from the hospital's beginning in 1920 to the present. Collections include organizational records as well as physician personal papers, photographs and medical drawings, films and videotapes, brochures and pamphlets, and various medical artifacts.

University of Washington Libraries Special Collections

Alaska Yukon Pacific Exposition Centennial

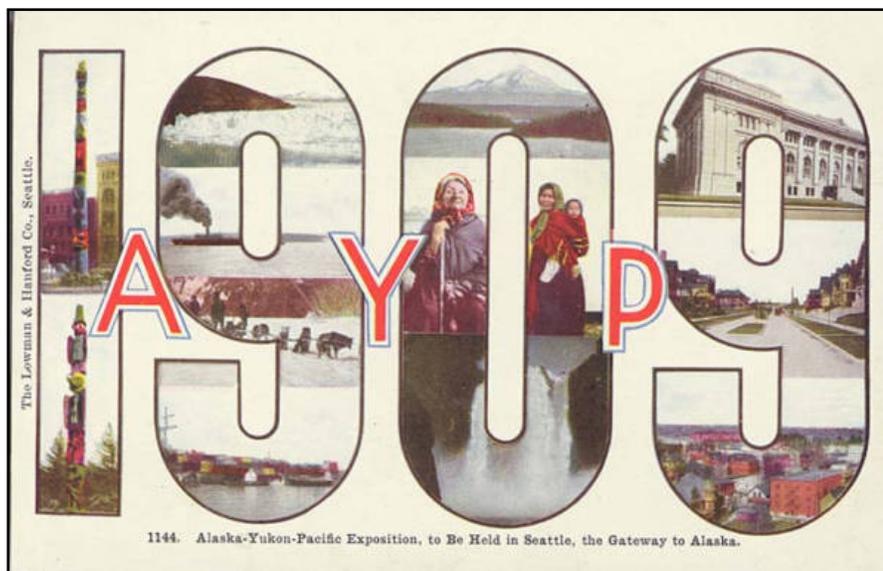
By Marion Brown

Held in 1909, the Alaska Yukon Pacific Exposition was Seattle's answer to the 1876 Centennial Exposition in Philadelphia. The goal of the AYPE was to show off the splendors of the Pacific Northwest and emphasize its proximity to the Orient and the Alaskan Gold Fields. In order to help fund the exposition, Seattle's citizens bought shares, and the University of Washington offered its land as the site.

The final product was the success that its investors desired. The 250 acres of land lent to the

Exposition now housed numerous classic, cream colored buildings, a flower filled landscape, curiosities from around the world, the "worlds largest log house" and exhibits from Alaska, Hawaii, California, Utah, Japan, Canada and the counties of Washington State. In addition, Geisha girls, Eskimos, Chinese people and members of the Philippine Igorrotes temporarily lived at the Exposition, serving as living exhibits.

To celebrate the upcoming centennial, the Special Collections of the University of Washington is busily organizing their collections of visual materials from the AYPE.



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Included are the photographs of the official photographer Frank H. Nowell, over 500 postcards, and some small collections from amateur photographers.

Together, these collections show the scope of the Alaska Yukon Pacific Exposition, from the construction of the grounds, to the official view, to the average visitors perspective and finally the destruction of many of the buildings. These completed collections will stay in the Special Collections and will be available to researchers. A number of the visual materials will also be available online at <http://content.lib.washington.edu/aypweb/index.html>

Marion Brown is currently a graduate student in the School of Information at the UW, and is working in Special Collections as a processing assistant on the AYPE and other visual materials collections.



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Join Seattle Area Archivists

Who should join? 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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New Frontiers in Archives and Records Management **Northwest Archivists (NWA) 2008 Conference** **May 28-31** **In Anchorage, Alaska**

**Look for the preliminary conference schedule in mid-February on the
NWA website:**

<http://www.lib.washington.edu/nwa/>