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## Celebrate Founders' Day at the Log House Museum

On Sunday, November 13 the Log House Museum will hold a celebration in honor of Founders' Day, with activities and entertainment. Founders's Day recalls the day in 1851 when the first white settlers landed on Alki Beach and established the settlement that eventually became the city of Seattle. The museum will welcome members of the Descendants Committee of Seattle who will be dressed in period costumes and will share stories of their ancestors' pioneer experiences. Children who attend are also encouraged to dress up in 19<sup>th</sup> century style if they wish. The Descendants Committee plans to provide visiting children with some historical trivia questions that can be answered by quizzing committee members. The answer to each question can only be gotten by asking the right person. This "historical scavenger hunt" will provide a fun and educational activity for the kids. We are also honored to welcome *Singing Feet*, a group of traditional Duwamish dancers and drummers, who will perform after the opening remarks and introductions at 2pm. Their participation acknowledges the critical help given to the pioneers by the Duwamish Tribe, without which the settlers might not have survived.

Other entertainment will include the Market Street Singers, who will perform at 3pm. The Duwamish Tribe will also provide traditional Indian Fry Bread and apple cider. Items relating to the pioneers and the Duwamish will be on display in the gallery, and videos relating to that historical period will be playing in our video room. Anyone who is interested in this important day in Seattle's history should plan to come down and enjoy the festivities. The museum will be open two extra hours on the day of the celebration, from 11 am until 4 pm.

## Bank of America lends a helping hand

The Southwest Seattle Society and Log House Museum was recently given a generous \$1,000 donation by the Admiral Way branch of Bank of America. The donation came as part of the bank's kick-off celebration for their new location. But the bank's generosity to the museum didn't stop with just a financial contribution. **Brian Lowe**, Admiral BOA branch manager and a nominated SWSHS trustee for 2006, has graciously agreed to play on his three lobby TV screens our 10-minute video about the renovation and opening of the Log House Museum. Our thanks go to Brian, as well as to **Jean Sherrard**, a videographer and friend of historian **Paul Dorpat**, for superimposing the museum's logo in the corner of the video and transferring it to DVD for the bank's use. Stop in the Admiral BOA sometime, and chances are good you will see our story!



Museum Director **Tom Monahan** accepts \$1,000 donation check from **Brian Lowe**, Branch Manager of the Admiral Way Bank of America.



## Annual Fund update: Supporting the Log House Museum

The Southwest Seattle Historical Society's Annual Fund is under way. Thanks to those who have already given, the 2005 Drive has reached \$8,395 so far. It's not over yet though. The goal is to raise \$13,250 by the end of the year. If you haven't given to the Annual Fund yet this year, please consider giving a gift at this time. (*Make checks payable to "SWSHS"*). The Southwest Seattle Historical Society is a 501c(3) charitable organization and donations may be tax-deductible if you itemize.

Keeping the Museum's doors open takes more than the donations from museum visitors, revenue from the museum store, grants for special projects, memberships and special events like the auction. The Annual Fund is one of the ways community members provide financial support for the Log House Museum

Thanks to 2005 Honorary Annual Fund Chairs **Michael** and **Marjorie Alhadeff** for all their help.

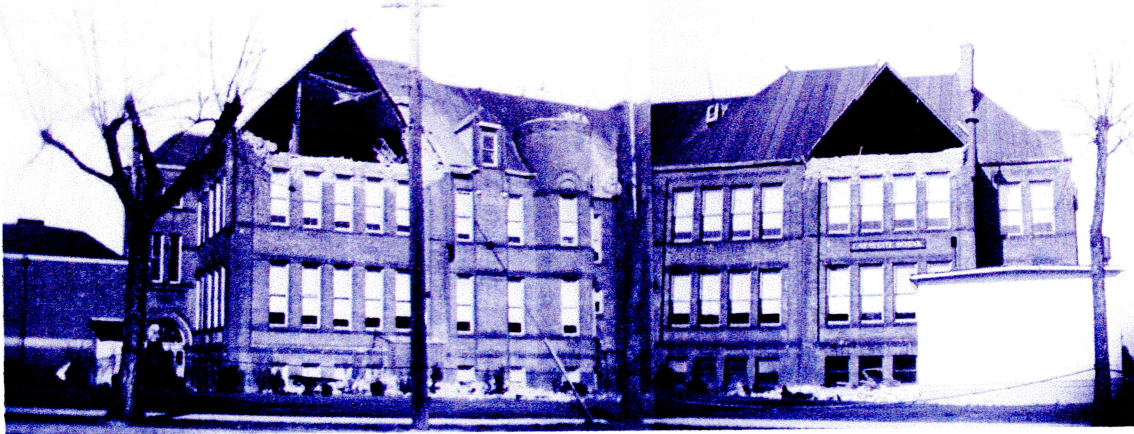
## Annual Membership Meeting to be Held at The Alki Homestead Restaurant

The Annual Membership Meeting of the Southwest Seattle Historical Society will be held Saturday, November 5th at the Alki Homestead Restaurant. The business meeting and election of new board of trustee members will start at 10 am followed by a program at 11 am titled "The Legacy of the Bernard Estate: Fir Lodge and its Carriage House" (Currently the Alki Homestead Restaurant and the "*Birthplace of Seattle*" Log House Museum) presented by **Tom Monahan**, museum director. The new owner of the Alki Homestead Restaurant, **Tom Lin**, will be introduced at the conclusion of the program. Refreshments will be served. The meeting, as well as the program is free to the public. Friends, family, and members of the community are invited to attend. The slate of new officers and trustees for 2006 are: President, **Carol Vincent**; Vice President, **Jane Conrad**; Secretary, **Larry Carpenter**; Treasurer, **Aleta Woodworth**; Membership Secretary, **Joan Mraz**; and Trustees **Tami Denton**, **Brian Lowe**, **Cassandra Tate** and **Scott Wilbur**. The Alki Homestead Restaurant is located at 2717 61st Avenue Southwest.

## Coming soon, to a theater near you!

Back in mid September, **Jane Albee**, the owner of Local Starz, contacted the Log House Museum. Her company provides the pre-movie entertainment and advertising shown on-screen at the Admiral Theater. She offered to let us advertise the museum for free, in return for us providing some interesting historical photos and captions to be shown between commercials. We happily accepted her offer, and sent off a series of photos and an advertisement about our museum's current exhibit and hours. We can change our ad, and show new pictures from our collection, approximately once a month. This will be a great opportunity to highlight upcoming events at the museum, as well as to make the public aware of the great photographs we are currently caring for. Since we'll have a captive audience from right here in the area, this advertising will make many more local people aware of what our museum has to offer them.

## Southwest Seattle Historical Society Photograph Collection



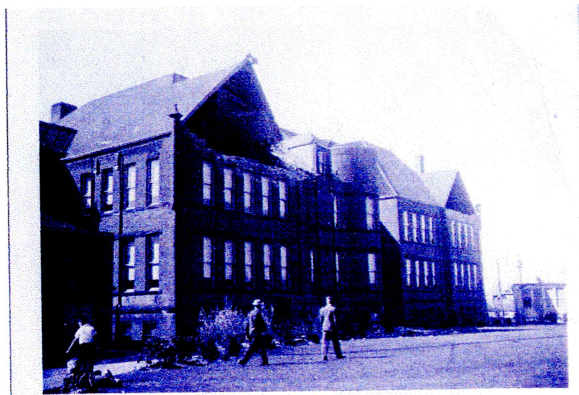
Composite Photograph of Lafayette Elementary, 1949. SWSHS Accession 2005.020

Built in 1893 and added onto in 1908, the Admiral district's Lafayette Elementary School, known previously as West Seattle Central School and simply "the castle," was damaged beyond repair in the massive 1949 Seattle earthquake. No one was hurt in the temblor because it occurred during spring vacation. Longtime West Seattle resident Kay McBride, now a resident of the Admiral district's Park West Care Center, shot the two photographs that make up this composite view of the damaged school building, as seen from across California Avenue. The "Lafayette Elementary School" sign can be seen at right. If you have original photographs of West Seattle, White Center and the whole of the Duwamish Peninsula, or know someone who does, please do your best to get them into the hands of our historical society so that they can be properly preserved and made available for the enjoyment and research of generations to come.

For more information, contact Andrea Mercado, Collection Manager, at 206-938-5293.



1985 demolition of Jefferson School, which is now Jefferson Square Apartments and Shopping Center. SWSHS Accession 2000.012 Ruby Elliott Donor



1949 earthquake damage at Lafayette Elementary School. SWSHS Accession 2000.042 Lila Granaas Donor





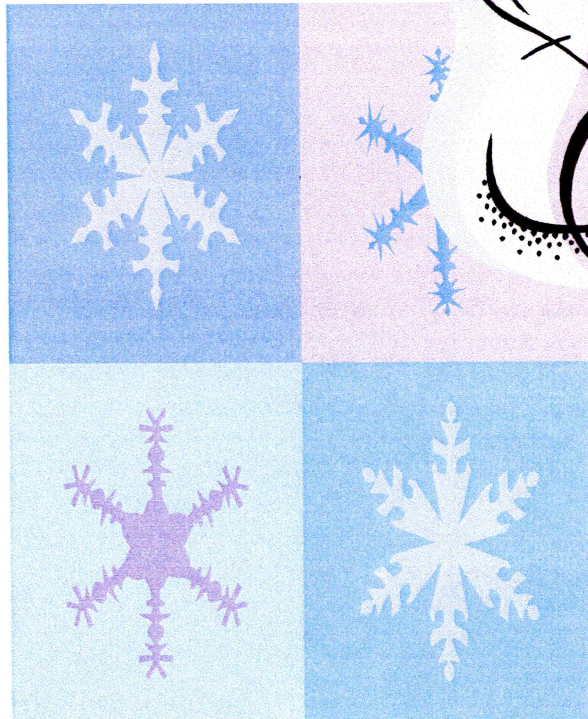
## THE CARRIAGE HOUSE GIFT SHOP

All proceeds benefit the Southwest Seattle Historical Society- Log House Museum

**Whether shopping for a little something for your neighbor, or a big something for your loved ones, visit the Log House for the Holidays!**

### Gift Giving Ideas:

- Custom goodie baskets and mugs \$7.95-24.95
- Seafair Pirate Toys, \$1-6.00
- Create-A-Totem Pole Kit - \$14.95
- Museum-quality framed historic images of Luna Park, the Alki Lighthouse or the Alki Bathhouse. \$125-150.00



### Shop Early for:

- Holiday Greeting and Thank-You Cards
- Handmade glass and ceramic ornaments



### Special Book Selections:

- "Classic Houses of Seattle" by Caroline Swope \$39.95
- "Log Cabin Cooking" \$5.95
- "If You Lived 100 Years Ago" \$5.99
- "The World of Chief Seattle" \$13.95
- "Elvida, Daughter of Harbor Avenue: Before Condos, Fast Food and Salty's" \$9.95



## Volunteer News: the Collection Crew

University of Washington students **Jasna Mujacic** (left), **Keayleen McDaniels**, and **April Doiron** (not in picture) prepare to catalog and digitally scan photographs and archives of West Seattle history. In addition, **Marge Carpenter**, local historians **Robert Carney** and **Don Kelstrom**, **John Kelly** and **Jackie Kelly** further our goals. The Log House Museum does not operate without the assistance of many volunteers, of which only eight are listed here. A large thanks to everyone! And, we can always use one more...



### 2005 Executive Board

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*Tom Monahan*

*Collections Manager:*

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*Joyce Anderson*



Mary Lou Richardson and Merrilee Hagen, Auction Co-Chair, Examine Mary Lou's donation to the Annual Auction.

## Auction raises \$13,000 for museum

The 4th Annual Benefit Auction for the Log House Museum was held at the West Seattle Eagles Hall on October 9th and raised \$13,000 for the museum, including \$2,400 for a "Fund-a-Need" project for finishing the replacement railing on the wheelchair ramp at the museum. Members and friends enjoyed bidding on "just the right item" to take home, from collectibles, bountiful baskets, jewelry and artwork, to sports tickets. Light refreshments were provided by Blue Willow Catering and enjoyed by all. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped make this successful event: **Gail Stevens, Inez Lindsey, Diane Ferrero, Audrey Zemke, Josie Lowder, Mark Mraz, Steven Mraz, Marcy Johnsen, Peggy Fox, Garry Williamson, David Bamburg, Oscar Hagen, Mellisa Hagen** and **Tom Monahan**.



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### Museum hours

#### Thursdays:

Noon to 6 p.m.

#### Weekends:

Noon to 3 p.m.

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☐ \$20 Individual/Non-Profit

☐ \$35 Family

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### CALENDAR

November 5th- Annual Membership Meeting at the  
Alki Homestead Restaurant 10am - 12pm

November 13th- Founders Day Celebration at the  
Log House Museum 11am - 4pm

December 1st- Installation of new board members at  
Endolyne Joe's restaurant. 6.30pm

### Welcome New Members

Lynn Taylor & Doug Hurley

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