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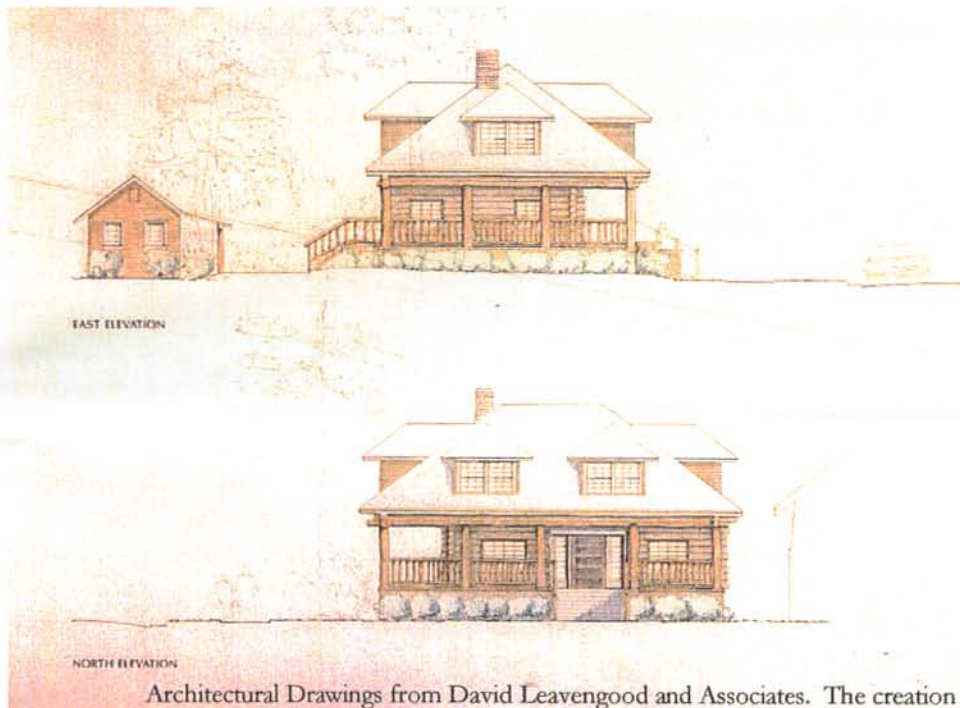
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Log House Museum 10th Anniversary



Architectural Drawings from David Leavengood and Associates. The creation of a museum.

On November 13th, 1997, the Southwest Seattle Historical Society officially opened the Log House Museum as the first regional museum for the Duwamish Peninsula.

Now celebrating its 10th anniversary, it is interesting to look back on the beginnings of this museum. The Log House Museum did not originally aspire to such a title... it began as a carriage house for the beach front estate of the Bernard family soon after 1900. The main building was called the Fir Lodge, now known as the Alki Homestead Restaurant. In 1904 the carriage house building stood closely behind the main building amidst a copse of sparse second-growth Douglas fir trees.

The two buildings are no longer visually connected – separated by a street, four buildings and a parking lot. But one cannot miss their similarity of style and construction. Around 1908 when a foundation was added the building was converted from carriage house to living space. The museum had its start with four years as a carriage house, and then 86 years as a private residence. Former residents recall toddlers riding scooters on the wide porch, birthdays in the kitchen and feisty boys shaking tooth powder up and down the upstairs hallway before guests arrive much to the consternation of their mothers.

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Courtesy David Leavengood and Associates, SWSHS records

SEATTLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
LOG HOUSE MUSEUM

The
Log House Museum
is celebrating its
10th Anniversary,
but how old is the
SWSHS?

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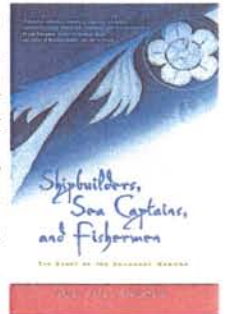
Histories from the Crossing-Over Place
Coll Thrush \$28.95

This recently published hardcover provides a new outlook on the history of Native Americans in Seattle. Author Coll Thrush explains the complex and changing circumstances surrounding Native people and places, from the 1850's to the present day. This groundbreaking work acknowledges the consistent role of Native Americans in Seattle, and provides must-read new insights into this important aspect of the city's history.

Shipbuilders, Sea Captains, and Fishermen:

The Story of the Schooner Wawona
Joe Follansbee \$18.95

Discover the history of the three-masted schooner *Wawona* and the quirky adventures of her captains and crews in the North Pacific. Complete with detailed illustrations, historical photographs, and great stories, "Shipbuilders, Sea Captains, and Fishermen" recreates a world that ended with the last sailing ships.



Remember to present your Society membership card to the cashier for a 10 percent discount! All proceeds from the gift shop benefit the Southwest Seattle Historical Society/Log House Museum, a 501(c)3 organization.

Audrey Zemke: An A to Z Volunteer

After a three-year stint on the SWSHS Executive Board, most people take a break — not Audrey. After serving as trustee from 2003-2005, she went into afterburner. For the past two years she has continued attending most board meetings while chairing the fundraising committee's monthly meetings. Building on her fundraising experience that started in college, in 2006 she earned a UW certificate in fundraising management. In her spare time she managed to write the society's Annual Fund letters, co-chair the 2006 auction, and help out with home tours, annual teas, and phone banks. Her top priority now is the gala at Salty's for the museum's 10th anniversary.

Born in Seattle, Audrey grew up in Eugene and Aberdeen. After graduating from UW, she and husband Norm moved to West Seattle in 1988, buying a 1914 house near Lincoln Park in 1989. They

also own an old house in Everett. Their love for old houses and Audrey's fundraising background eventually led to their participation in the mid-90's campaign to acquire property for the Log House Museum. In 2004 the Zemke house was featured on the 2004 Homes with History Tour.

— by Larry Carpenter

Audrey greets members at Annual Meeting and opening of Maritime Exhibit, Nov. 18, 2006.
(Photo by Andrea Mercado)



Museum Director's Report

The Southwest Seattle Historical Society is wrapping up a major maintenance project funded by a 2006 King County appropriation for the museum with thanks to **Dow Constantine**.

You may have noticed Johnson Brothers Construction and Freeman Painting working on, in and around the Log House Museum this year. From fully fixing the upstairs windows, replacing and painting the rotten front entry steps and

missing rails, and resealing and repainting the museum's weather beaten south wall, the museum is standing a bit taller after their work.

A thank-you to **Kevin Johnson** of Johnson Brothers Construction and **Eric Freeman** of Freeman Painting for working within a tight budget, on time, and with quality construction and materials. Let's keep the Log House Museum standing another 104 years! 🇺🇸



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SWSHS Photos



Gary A. Grenier of Freeman Painting shown painting the front entry railing.



Eric Martin of Johnson Brothers Construction rebuilding upstairs windows.

Duwamish Federal Recognition Act

Representative **Jim McDermott** has sponsored a bill to help the Duwamish people gain federal recognition as a tribe. The bill is HR 949, the Duwamish Federal Recognition Act.

The Tukwila Historical Society is conducting a signature campaign of voters who support the bill. They would be sent to the House Committee on Natural Resources. (Signature forms are available from Jenny McCoy, TukwilaHistoricalSociety@gmail.com.) The Society encourages voters to write a letter to Congressman Nick Rahall, chair of the committee, urging him to schedule a hearing for this bill (2307 Rayburn HOB, Washington, D.C. 20515).

The Southwest Seattle Historical Society has supported the Duwamish in this

attempt. Chief Se'alht was the first name on the Treaty of Point Elliott of 1855, which promised the Duwamish a reservation. However this reservation was opposed by settlers along the Duwamish River and never granted. The tribe spent many years gathering documentation required by the Bureau of Acknowledgement & Review for federal recognition. By executive order on the last day of the Clinton administration, federal recognition was granted, but the Bush administration rescinded the order on recommendation of the Department of the Interior. This past June the Duwamish broke ground for the construction of a longhouse on the river on the site of an ancient village. 🇺🇸

— By *Judy Bentley*

Check Out Our New Website

The new Log House Museum website www.loghousemuseum.org was built by students from Seattle Central Community College's Web Design/Development program summer program. A very special thanks to **Rhianon England** for her continued assistance with the fine details and maintenance of the website, beyond her classroom requirements!

10th Anniversary
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The building also sheltered church services in the 1950's and later, an antique store. There are many stories that can be shared of this distinctive building!

In the past 10 years, the Log House Museum has served thousands of students, tours and visitors. Most have walked and learned early Alki and Peninsula history from the First Peoples – Duwamish to the Denny party landing and on through Luna Park, mosquito fleets, Hi-Yu princesses and buried time capsules.

- Award-winning exhibits have been created,
- Walking tours have been given,
- Films made and publicly broadcast,
- Two large oral history projects were undertaken to collect and preserve the stories from our elders
- Several stellar history books on the community have been published,
- Popular history trunks traveled to classrooms,
- Preservation and maintenance of the museum continued,

The Fir Lodge, ca. 1907
(SWSHS # 2003.20.183)



1996/7 preservation of the Log House Museum, showing the damaged south wall, with the new replacement wall being created alongside.
(Courtesy Deborah Mendenhall, SWSHS Collection)

Christopher Johnsen, left and Eric Peterson, enjoying a ride on the front porch of the (now) Log House Museum, 1965.
(Courtesy Mary Johnsen, SWSHS # 2007.20.20)



History and Renewal

The Log House Museum, ca. 1930's.
(Courtesy the Puget Sound Archives)



Dozens of speakers on a wide-range of historical topics have enlightened visitors,

And dozens of heritage awards and recognitions line the museum wall and show the organizations commitment to heritage education, preservation, exhibits, and the strengths of our volunteers. It is important to recognize the strength of this organization comes from dedicated individuals and those who visit, who donate and who volunteer valuable time and skills to the organization.

Now is the time to look to the next ten years... join us!

The 10 year anniversary Gala will be held on November 3rd (see article in this issue)

The month of November will feature an exhibit on the City of Seattle's expansive annexation in 1907 of West Seattle, South Park, Columbia City and Ballard.

On November 13th the original Lady Liberty returns to Alki and her new home at the Log House Museum

November 17th is the annual membership meeting at the old Fir Lodge.

— by Andrea Mercado

Memories of Southwest Seattle Businesses



A Memory Book Project of the Southwest Seattle History Society

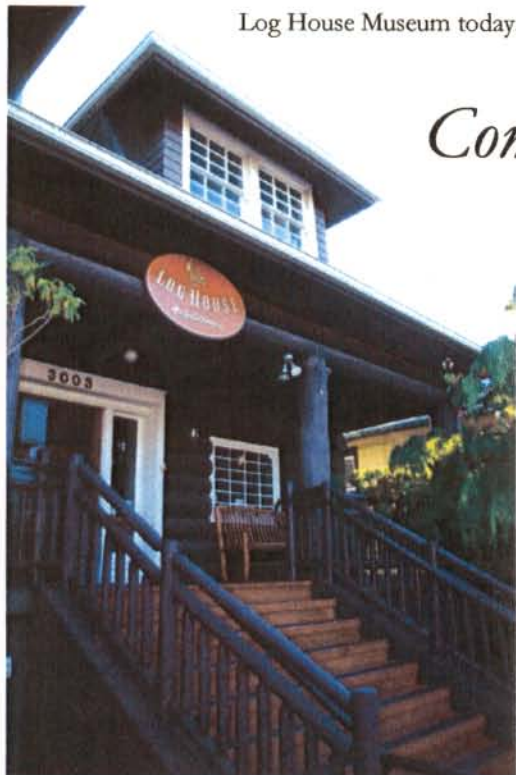


Publications produced include "Memories of Southwest Seattle Businesses."



Former Director Pat Filer giving a school tour in the Smith Family Gallery of the Log House Museum, ca. 1999.

(SWSHS Collection)



Log House Museum today.

Community Education

Carol Vincent reviewing some of the heritage education library materials available for teachers.

Courtesy SWSHS



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Special thanks to the **Hugh and Jane Ferguson Foundation** for a \$4,000 grant awarded to the SWSHS for sustained support for the operation of the Log House Museum and its programs.

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Thank you for supporting the Southwest Seattle Historical Society.

Donations received April 1 through August 31, 2007

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10th Anniversary Gala Nov 3rd

The Log House Museum has been open 10 wonderful years and it is time to celebrate!

The anniversary's theme of "Connecting the past, the present and the future" is a mission that has kept members, volunteers, staff, and visitors from all over the world coming to the Log House Museum to seek, preserve, and be a part of Seattle's history.

The many donations that make up the Museum collection, including photographs, letters, clothing, books, the countless artifacts as well as the stories that are attached to each are preserved and displayed at the Museum where students, seniors, community members and tourists are able to view them and learn about our local history. The success of the Museum's education program alone is testimony that preserving and telling our history enriches the lives of the community. Just read a few of the comments the fourth grade students make after a tour. It will bring a smile to your face every time!

So we celebrate with a fantastic Gala fundraising event that will be held at Salty's on Alki November 3, 2007. Social hour begins at 6:30 pm. followed by dinner and

program. The keynote speaker for the evening will be life-long West Seattleite, State Senator **Joe McDermott**. Come celebrate and reunite with old friends and make new ones! During the evening's celebration there will be an "Ask" for donations to ensure that the programs of the Museum are off to a great start for the next 10 years and there will be a small Silent Auction. Intrigued? Good! See you all there! The suggested donation for the Gala evening with dinner and program is \$150 per person. Supporting the Museum helps ensure the continuing preservation of and education about our community history! Please call the Museum to RSVP: 206-938-5293. 📞

— by Marcy Johnsen



Keynote Speaker
State Senator
Joe McDermott

Annual Membership Meeting Nov 17

All members please join us for the annual Membership Meeting of the Southwest Seattle Historical Society which will be held Saturday, November 17th at the Alki Homestead Restaurant at 10 am. Refreshments will be served followed by a short business meeting and election of officers and trustees for 2008. A program presented by **Andrea Mercado** museum

director will be on the topic of the Log House Museum. The museum will be open afterward for everyone to see the new work that has been done on the museum and view the exhibit on the City of Seattle's expansive annexation in 1907 of West Seattle, South Park, Columbia City and Ballard. 📞

— by Joan Mraz

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Audrey Zemke
Fundraising Chair

Merrilee Hagen
Former President

Your Skills are Needed at the Log House

The museum is on the look-out for a few job-specific volunteers.

- 1) We need an **Architect** to complete a historical survey of an early West Seattle Craftsman home. This job entails less than 12 hours of work, organizing already completed research into a coherent 'architecturally accurate syntax' paper that will be presented to Historic Seattle.
- 2) Three individuals with an interest or background in architecture/construction/maintenance to be on a **Maintenance Advisory Committee**. This committee would meet every other month for 1-2 hours to review the museum physical structure and systems and recommend needed maintenance on the building.

Please contact **Andrea Mercado** at 938-5293 or amercado@loghousemuseum.org for more information.

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Calendar

10th Anniversary Gala Benefit Dinner

Saturday, November 3

Salty's on Alki

Social Hour

6:30 pm

Dinner

7:30 pm

Founders' Day

Log House Museum 10th Anniversary

Unveiling of the original Lady Liberty

Tuesday, November 13

10 am

Log House Museum

Annual Membership Meeting,

Election and Program

Saturday, November 17

10 am

Alki Homestead Restaurant

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