

# Preservation News

## The Newsletter of Historic Seattle

### Bridging Education & Advocacy

**AT THE END OF DECEMBER**, Historic Seattle said farewell to longtime Program Director Larry Kreisman. His retirement marks the culmination of a 40-year career in historic preservation, including 20 years at our organization. If you have been to even one of Larry's programs, you are familiar with the passion he brings in connecting people to places that matter. His work has touched countless people and we are deeply grateful to Larry for all that he has accomplished and given to our cause over his extraordinary career.

With Larry's retirement comes a change that you'll notice at our programs going forward. We would like to introduce you to our new Program Manager, Liz Johnson. Liz began working alongside Larry at the end of November and will kick off a 6 month event program beginning with a February 1 Members Meeting at the Museum of Flight. You should have received your program guide in the mail recently and we hope to see you at many of these exciting events.

In summer 2018, we'll release a schedule for the second half of the year and look forward to creating new events to bridge our education and advocacy efforts. Please send us your ideas for new programming: [lizj@historicseattle.org](mailto:lizj@historicseattle.org).



*Come meet our new Program Manager Liz Johnson as we kick off our 2018 Education Programs February 1 at The Museum of Flight.*

### UPCOMING PROGRAMS

February 1	Members Meeting   The Museum of Flight
February 24	Digging Deeper   Wing Luke Museum Library
March 3	Lecture & Tour   Mid-Century Modern: Precedents and Regional Influences with Self-Guided Tours of Cascadia Art Museum
March 24	Lecture   Arts and Crafts Lighting: Beautiful, Useful, Inevitable
March 25	Everything Arts and Crafts   Tour of Private Collection

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## Letter from Executive Director Kji Kelly

**FOR A PRESERVATION ORGANIZATION, HISTORIC SEATTLE IS PRETTY YOUNG.** We're entering only our 44<sup>th</sup> year, and - as I look around our cityscape dotted with cranes - I wonder what Seattle would look like if preservation had been a priority to our residents before the 1970s.

Yet in those 44 years, the people on our team - staff, governance, generous donors - have achieved so much. This year, we intend to set forth on a path that will carry us to our landmark 50<sup>th</sup> year with the introduction of a new strategic plan. During our planning process, I want to hear what you think is most important. We know we need to focus on acquiring more historic properties; building financial support for ongoing maintenance, programming, and advocacy work; attracting a younger audience; and being more proactive with

our advocacy efforts. But our work thus far has only been possible because of a team approach, which we believe will remain key to future success.

At our February Members Meeting, we'll discuss the plan more. I hope you'll be there to meet our new Program Manager Liz Johnson and share your ideas.

I greatly appreciate all that you do for Historic Seattle. With 2017 in the rearview mirror, I want to thank you for the successful year you enabled us to build. From the final decisive Nuclear Reactor Building victory over the University of Washington to the National Trust's Driehaus Award for Washington Hall, it was a year of achievement made possible by the work you've helped us carry out for years. In the field of preservation, it's never easy, cheap, or fast. It sometimes can feel like

we're talking about the same place or the same problem forever. But, then, there's a breakthrough moment that makes it all worth it.

**You are the key to those moments...your support, your involvement, your energy and enthusiasm. Thank you for all that you give and all that you do to help Historic Seattle shape a livable city that values and protects its collective history.**

2018 will be a kickoff to many bigger things to come, and I am grateful to have you on our team as we move to the future of protecting our past.

## Preservation in Action Goes Countywide

**PRESERVATION HAS ALWAYS BEEN AN ACTION WORD AT HISTORIC SEATTLE**, and now we are able to take that hands-on approach beyond the city and out into the entirety of King County. In partnership with King County's Historic Preservation Program, 4Culture, and the Washington Trust for Historic Preservation, Historic Seattle has launched the Preservation Action Fund, which enables us to purchase, restore, and sell properties throughout the county. If you know of an endangered place (outside Seattle's city limits), please notify us: [kjik@historicseattle.org](mailto:kjik@historicseattle.org). We're not giving up on our city; we're just working to do more in our region to protect places that matter!



Representatives from Washington Hall's project team traveled to Chicago in November to accept the National Trust for Historic Preservation's Driehaus Award at the Trust's annual conference. The Hall project was honored for its restoration and subsequent community use by anchor partners 206Zulu, Voices Rising, and Hidmo.  
Photo by David Keith

**The Arctic Club has concluded its centennial year of celebrations, which generously benefited Historic Seattle through a yearlong series of monthly happy hour events that raised \$750 to support our mission. Thank you to the Arctic Club team and to all of you who came out to enjoy these events throughout 2017!**

## Lasting Inspiration

**WE EXTEND A HUGE THANKS TO DANIELS REAL ESTATE** for hosting the reopening celebration of the former First United Methodist Church, (now called The Sanctuary) which raised \$24,000 to support preservation organizations including Historic Seattle. This project, honored earlier this year with the Exemplary Stewardship award at our Preservation Awards Benefit, is a true labor of love - a 20+ year fight by preservationists to protect the building, including a 10-year restoration that cost approximately \$40 million. The project, the details, and the party can be summed up in one word: inspired.

