



PRESERVATION NEWS



WHAT A RELIEF!

The Impact of Your Generosity

In response to the pandemic, and thanks to a generous matching gift from the Raynier Foundation, Historic Seattle launched the Emergency Rent Relief Fund in October 2020. So far, more than \$100,000 has been contributed to this fund.

Relief is being distributed in rounds in January, March, and May of 2021. In the first round, nearly \$37,000 of rent relief was provided to 8 individuals and organizations. In March, an additional \$44,000 was distributed, helping 10 individuals and organizations. 100% of applicants have received rent relief thus far. All remaining funds will be disbursed in May.

The impact of this fund can't be understood through these numbers, however. Stories like Cory's are what reflect the immense sense of relief felt by the people our generous donors have helped. Cory, a tenant living in one of our 47 units of affordable housing, says, "Rent relief has made it so I don't have to dig even further into my limited savings to get by for the next couple months and also not have to worry about getting behind on bills and the such. I can not put into words how grateful I am for the help in this time of need as it has been able to lift some of the weight from the worries I've had for the future off my shoulders."

Based on the ongoing need demonstrated by our tenants and anchor partners, we are raising additional funds for rent relief throughout the spring. All donations made to our spring mailing and GiveBIG will be directed to the Emergency Rent Relief Fund. Some of our tenants and anchor partners will be among the last able to return to regular business. As Black Power Unlimited, an anchor partner at Washington Hall, said, "With no community activity to support the rental programs, there has been no dependable income to sustain our space in Washington Hall. The Rent Relief Program has made it possible to 'ride out' the drought of programs and income."

On behalf of everyone this fund has helped and will help in the months ahead, we thank the generous donors who gave – and continue to give – the gift of rent relief.

Pictured top: Python mini camp at Washington Hall 2019. **Bottom:** Washington Hall's Pongo Poetry Project mentor Arlene Naganawa.

MAY WE ASK...

DID YOU KNOW THAT MAY IS PRESERVATION MONTH?

One of the best ways to celebrate comes with GiveBIG on May 4 & 5. As you make your contributions during our city's biggest time of community giving, we ask you to show your support of preservation with a gift to Historic Seattle.





ADVOCACY UPDATE

The wonderful volunteers that make up Seattle’s Landmarks Preservation Board have been quite busy these past few months. Since January, the Cayton-Revels House, Considine House, La Quinta Apartments, and Hahn Building have all been designated as new City of Seattle Landmarks.

What do these places have in common? Each was nominated by community members who want to see them protected! We hope you’ll draw inspiration from these success stories, research your favorite places, and perhaps even pull together your own landmark nomination.

While we’re thrilled about these newly recognized landmarks, there are still many places on our watchlist. To name a few: The Archdiocese of Seattle recently

Pictured from left to right: the Hahn Building (credit: Shree Ram Dahal); the Cayton-Revels House (courtesy of Taha Ebrahimi); the Considine House (courtesy of the Considine landmark nomination report); the La Quinta Apartments (credit: Jesse L. Young).

told us that they have no plans to demolish the Hofius House on First Hill. Save the Stone Cottage is hard at work with their plan to relocate the West Seattle – you guessed it – stone cottage temporarily to a Port of Seattle site until locating a permanent home. Controls & incentives negotiations are still delayed for The Showbox. And the former Third Church of Christ Scientist building in the University District is safe for now, after a planned sale fell through and a new church is using the space.

Historic Seattle will continue to help grassroots groups and passionate people work to save the places they care about. There is so much work to do and new issues arise all the time – please be sure to check our monthly eNews and social media regularly for updates and alert us to threats to places you love.



Awards photos left to right: Sticks & Stones Photography



CALL FOR PRESERVATION AWARD NOMINATIONS

Each year, Historic Seattle honors outstanding people in preservation with awards selected from nominations received in the following categories: Best Preservation Project, Preservation Champion, Community Investment, Preserving Neighborhood Character, Community Advocacy, and Outstanding Stewardship. The deadline for nominations is May 14. Please visit historicseattle.org for more information about categories and nomination rules. Later this spring, we’ll announce this year’s Benefit date and whether it will be held in person or virtually.

PROGRAMS

It’s still too soon to say when we can see you in person again. Until then, join us on Zoom or YouTube for these virtual programs:

- History Collective: Seattle’s Waterfront** | April 22
- World Art Deco Day** | April 28
- Building Dialogue: The Cayton-Revels House** | May 27

More information available at www.historicseattle.org



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