

CELEBRATING PRESERVATION:

Naomi's Note

Our 2021 Preservation Celebration Benefit was a testament to the power of place, even though we found ourselves on Zoom. The 2021 & 2020 Preservation Award winners recognized at this year's event have worked tirelessly to save meaningful places that foster lively communities.

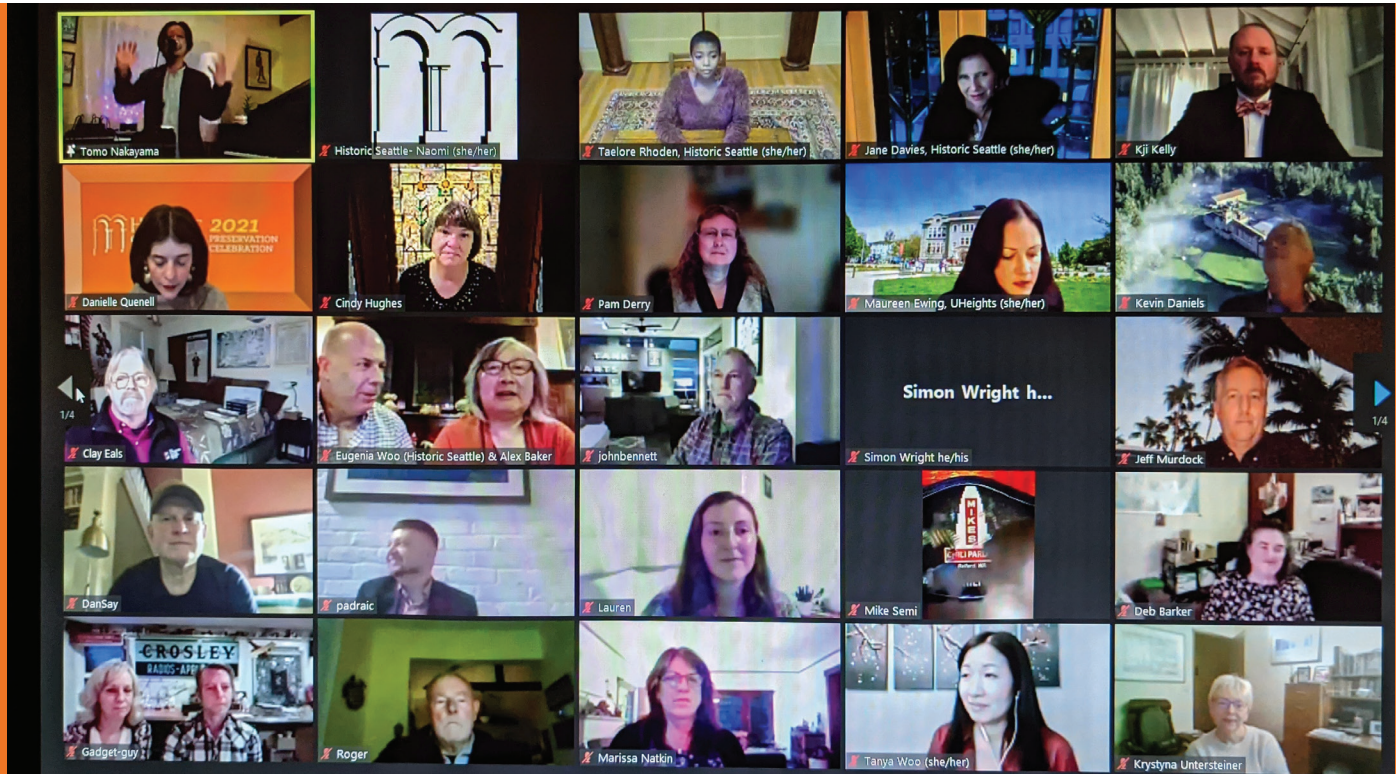
We deeply appreciate our generous sponsors, donors, and community partners who made this event possible and raised more than \$45,000. Thank you for your support of our mission!

If you missed the event, don't worry – the recording is available on our YouTube channel and the digital journal, with features on each award winner, is posted on our website.



Naomi West
Director of Philanthropy & Engagement

Pictured below: The 2021 Historic Seattle Preservation Celebration was produced as a virtual event.



HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM THE HS TEAM

Thanks for all you have done this year to help us meet our mission of saving meaningful places to foster lively communities! We are looking forward to the year ahead.



Jane Davies
Director of Finance & Administration



Danielle Quenell
Office Administrator



Matt Murray
Good Shepherd Center
Building Operations Manager



Tara Macdonald
Good Shepherd Center Lead Gardener

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KEEPIN' IT REAL ESTATE: An Update From David & Simon

After 18+ months of Zoom meetings and milestones, the power of place has never been more clear to our team. So we're thrilled to tell you about a few historic properties we're currently working to buy: the Garden House on Beacon Hill and the Good Arts Building in Pioneer Square!

Ownership of historic places is a key part of our work, and one of the best ways to ensure community use in perpetuity. We currently own nine historic properties around the city – from the Good Shepherd Center and Washington Hall, to the Cadillac Hotel and affordable housing buildings. The Garden House and Good Arts Building are in perfect alignment with our mission of saving meaningful places to foster lively communities.

Both deals are expected to close by the end of the year, pending due diligence. We're currently raising \$25,000 to fund our due diligence work in the meantime – you can support this effort by donating online at historicseattle.org/give

We'll be able to share more about these deals in early 2022 & look forward to hosting programs at both properties.



David McClain, Asset & Property Manager, and
Simon Wright, Facilities Maintenance Manager

Pictured upper left: The Garden House on Beacon Hill.
Lower left: The Good Arts Building in Pioneer Square.

2022 PROGRAMS: A Note from Taelore

As we look to 2022, I am so excited to plan for returning to in-person programming and to launch several series, starting with recognizing our 2020 and 2021 Preservation Award winners in a tour series. We'll also continue to offer free lectures and other programming on Zoom and our YouTube channel. Until further notice, proof of COVID-19 vaccination will be required for all in-person programming. Please keep an eye on our eNews for announcements about program dates and new series throughout the year ahead. I can't wait to see you next year!



Taelore Rhoden
Community Events Manager

Pictured right: Apple tasting in October 2021 at The Good Shepherd Center, Wallingford.



LOOKING BACK & LOOKING FORWARD:

A Letter from Kji



With the new year just a few weeks away, I want to thank you for all you have done over the past couple of years to help us make it through the pandemic with our community and our team intact.

From the Emergency Rent Relief Fund, which provided more than \$161,000 to our tenants and anchor partners who needed support, to virtual programming, I have been so proud to see how our donors, board members, and staff have stepped up to the challenges created by the pandemic.

In the new year, I look forward to seeing you in person again, to working to save even more places, and to building on our DEIA (diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility) efforts that will welcome many more people into our community.

Thank you for being part of this work through your involvement and generous support.



Kji Kelly
Executive Director

Pictured left: Historic Seattle staff and leadership gather to inspect the Garden House

ALL ABOUT ADVOCACY:

Jeff & Eugenia Fill You In

Landmarks Preservation Board meetings may still be virtual, but they seem busier than ever these days. Here’s a short summary of recent and upcoming advocacy activity – sign up for our eNews for more substantial regular updates!

- The Panama Hotel was nominated for landmark status at the Dec. 1 LPB meeting; Historic Seattle submitted this nomination with support from the National Trust for Historic Preservation and Jan Johnson, the property owner.
- Historic buildings owned by religious entities are more threatened than ever as development pressure continues and property values rise, as shown by plans to demolish the former IBEW hall by Churchome in Belltown and First Presbyterian Church in First Hill. A Washington State Supreme Court ruling exempts properties owned by religious entities from landmark regulations.
- The UW has been voluntarily nominating several properties, including the Faculty Club and Wallace Hall. Both were nominated in November and will be considered for designation later this month. We support landmark status for both and encourage you to do the same.
- The Showbox controls and incentives date was extended to February 2. We’ll update you on whether this date will hold, or be extended yet again, in January.

Remember, advocating is a verb. It’s up to you to take action to save meaningful places that foster lively communities.



Eugenia Woo, Director of Preservation Services, and **Jeff Murdock**, Preservation Advocacy Manager

Pictured left: The Panama Hotel in the Chinatown International District.
Center and right: University Christian Church before and after demolition.



40 YEARS OF PLACES:

Cindy’s Parting Words

Looking back over my 40 years with Historic Seattle, I find myself focusing on various sets of memories, from the many executive directors with whom I have worked (five in total), to the volunteer governance that I have supported (some of whose tenure with the organization goes back almost as far as mine), to the many properties acquired and restored by our real estate arm. Somehow, it is the many and varied places where I have worked that rise to the surface when I reflect. Most who know the organization cannot picture us as being anywhere else than the Dearborn House, but there was much that went before.

I first joined the staff of HS when their offices were located on the 12th floor of the Smith Tower in Pioneer Square, at a time when our IBM Selectric typewriters represented the most advanced office technology of the day. My most recent workplace was my upstairs home office on Queen Anne Hill, working remotely during a global pandemic. In between? There were stints in several Pioneer Square properties, both owned and rented, in the historic Dearborn House on First Hill when it was donated to us in the late 90s, as well as the Good Shepherd Center in Wallingford. All of these locations represented the organization recovering, growing, responding to opportunities, pivoting, and making the most of the unique set of powers it holds as a public development authority.

Through all these years and locations, I have been motivated and inspired by the mission of the organization. I always felt that I was part of a group accomplishing the valuable work of preserving places in Seattle that are important to all our residents. I look forward to watching this crucial and timely work continue even as I move onto my next chapter.

Cindy Hughes, Council Assistant & GSC Rental Coordinator

2021 PRESERVATION AWARD



Preserving Historic Seattle



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CINDY HUGHES

Pictured right: Historic Seattle presented Cindy with the 2021 Preserving Historic Seattle Award at our Preservation Celebration in October, recognizing her remarkable 40-year career