

## PRESERVATION NEWS

### *A Note from Kji, Executive Director*

As we protect and invest in historic properties—from the Garden House to Good Arts to all our advocacy and programming efforts in partnership with others—our work is never done. We're thankful to have supporters like you by our side, especially as we look forward to our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

That's right, we're turning the big 5-0 next year! For the past five decades, Historic Seattle has worked in and with community to preserve meaningful places. As we reflect on where we've been and explore where we're going, we look forward to honoring and celebrating this milestone with you, our passionate and dedicated community.

Stay tuned for 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration programming, announcements, and happenings! **Cheers to 50 years!**

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM THE HISTORIC SEATTLE STAFF!**

### *PROGRAMS: Something for Everyone*

2022 brought the return of in-person programs to Historic Seattle alongside continued virtual education programming available for free on our YouTube channel.

From preservation advocacy workshops to highlighting the community's effort to save The People's Wall in the Central District, there was something for everyone. **Stay tuned for 2023 program announcements!**

### *A RECORD-BREAKING CELEBRATION*

For the first time in three years, we gathered for our annual **Preservation Celebration**, honoring our 2022 award winners at Washington Hall.

Thanks to our sponsors, donors, and community members, we raised a record-breaking \$88,603 to save meaningful places that foster lively communities!

Congratulations to the winners: **Frye Hotel & Bremer Apartments** (Outstanding Stewardship), **The Soul Pole** (Preserving Neighborhood Character), **University National Bank** (Community Investment), **Dr. James W. Washington, Jr. & Mrs. Janie Rogella Washington Foundation** (Community Advocacy; includes a \$3,000 prize), **Lorne McConachie** (Beth Chave Award for Preservation Champion), **Queen Anne Exchange** (Best Preservation Project).

*Visit our website to view the gala journal, learn more about the winners, and watch their acceptance videos.*

Photos: Our Preservation Celebration featured a performance by Daniel Pak and Chava Mirel (credit: Danielle Quenell)



## IT'S GIVING SEASON!

Learn about ways to help save meaningful places that foster lively communities at

**[historicseattle.org/ways-to-give](https://historicseattle.org/ways-to-give)**

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## ALL ABOUT ADVOCACY: *Highs & Lows*

2022 has been another active year for advocacy as development pressure continues to threaten historic places:

- We were thrilled with the landmark designation of the **Panama Hotel** in January—the nomination was submitted by Historic Seattle with support from Jan Johnson, the property owner and longtime steward.
- We continue efforts to save **The Showbox** and nearby **Hahn building** across from Pike Place Market. Both landmarks are still in controls and incentives negotiations.
- Three modern resources were designated as landmarks—**Freeway Park**, the **Steinhart Theriault & Anderson office building** in Eastlake, and the smaller **Elephant Car Wash** neon sign.
- Historic Seattle and community partners “heartbombed” **URMs** (unreinforced masonry buildings) to draw attention to this public safety/preservation issue and encourage continued action from the Mayor and City Council. Our combined efforts resulted in Seattle City Council (on Valentine’s Day!) unanimously “pledging its adoration for our architectural and cultural past while reimagining the future with safe, seismically upgraded masonry buildings.”
- Belltown lost two important buildings—the landmarked **Wayne Apartments** (no controls were placed) and the **former IBEW hall** (owned by Churchome) were demolished.

**We take the good with the bad at Historic Seattle. There is strength in numbers—your voice is important so please continue advocating with us!**

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## KEEPIN’ IT REAL ESTATE: *Two Exciting Updates*

After purchasing Beacon Hill’s **Garden House** at the end of 2021, we embarked on a journey with community partners, Rolluda Architects, and RISE LWP (Historic Seattle’s DEIA consultant).

The goal: To determine how best to reactivate the site for community use, a longtime focus that was threatened during a brief period of private ownership until Historic Seattle’s purchase.

After community outreach and events to envision the future use of the property and engage prospective tenants, we are getting close! Stay tuned for more details.

In June, Historic Seattle finalized a deal to become managing partners of Pioneer Square’s **Good Arts Building**, ensuring the long-term preservation of the building and its continued mission as a hub for creative enterprises.

The Good Arts Building currently houses ’57 Biscayne Artist Studios, Bad Bishop Bar, Saké Nomi, Beneath the Streets Tours, Lolo’s Hair, Cherry Street Coffee House, and Open Books Poem Emporium.

Historic Seattle assumes building management responsibilities as part of the partnership agreement. We welcomed donors and community members to an open house in October. We look forward to the continued vitality of the building and enterprises within, which highlight how economic viability can be achieved when historic properties are saved and used by two constituencies critical to the vibrancy of Seattle: artists and small businesses.

*Thank you for being on this journey with us. Read more about the Garden House and Good Arts Building on our website.*



**Images (Left, top to bottom):** Freeway Park, smaller Elephant Car Wash sign, and former IBEW hall.

**Images (Right, top to bottom):** The Garden House and The Good Arts Building were both recently added to our property portfolio.