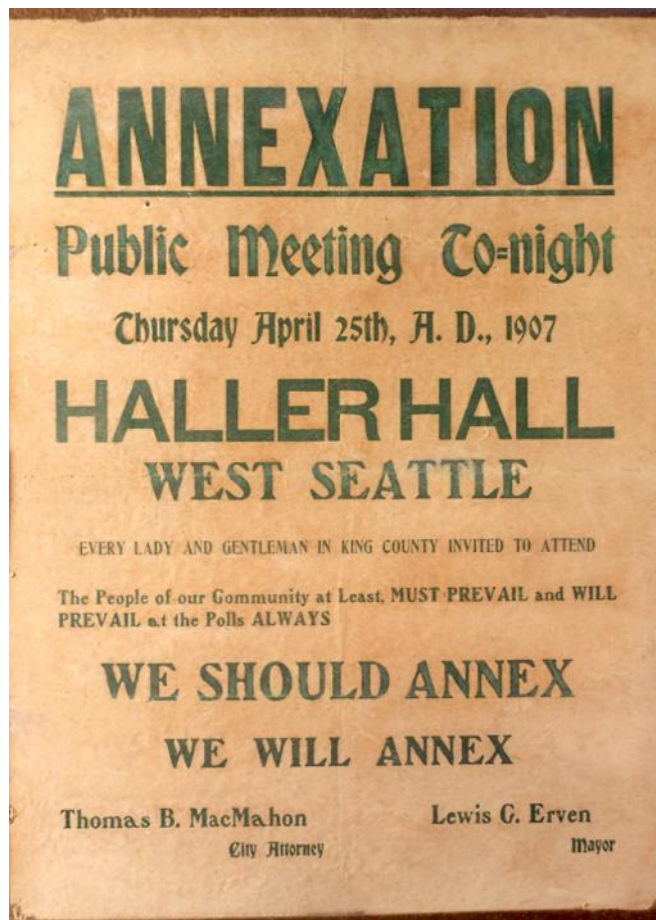


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on the sands of time...

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Centennial 1907-2007 West Seattle




Annexation Poster
(Gift of Janis Case and
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West Seattle was by far the largest one of six incorporated towns annexed to Seattle in 1907.

Over 16 square miles became a part of Seattle proper with the added benefit of the City of Seattle's improved electric power, water and transportation extending onto the peninsula. West Seattle first had the task of annexing the surrounding communities of Youngstown, Alki, Spring Hill and Riverside which it accomplished over the previous five

years. Of course, this did not occur without entertaining tales of feisty opposition and creative census counts. Visit the Log House Museum this summer and uncover these tales!

Opening June 28th will be the Luna Park interpretive panel, and July 28th showcases the Annexation of West Seattle. 

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How many passengers were carried in and out of Seattle in one year between 1907 - 1908 on "mosquito fleet" ships?

- a) 253,000
- b) 625,000
- c) 1,100,000

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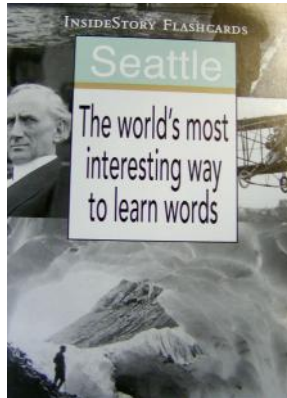
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New items in the Gift Shop

InsideStory Seattle Flashcards \$16.50

This set of flashcards is fun for more than just learning new words like "incommodious." Each definition uses examples from Seattle's history to explain the words, their origins, and uses. A useful coffee table item or a fun gift idea for locals and tourists alike!



A Memory Book Project of the SWSHS


Memories of Southwest Seattle Businesses \$18.95

This book has been out of stock for quite a while so we are pleased to have it back on our shelves. Reminisce about the drugstores, groceries, and restaurants that were popular from the 1930's-1960's.



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.

Volunteers visit History House

On Wednesday, May 2nd our volunteers visited History House in Fremont to view the current exhibit which features 34 unique museums of King County, including our own Log House Museum. **Ron Richardson**, SWSHS board member, vice-president of History House and the organizer of the current exhibit was tour guide. 

L to R: Ron Richardson, Cory Gooch, Tia Hallberg, Norma Templeman, Lane Townsend, Lois Elenich, Fran Civile, Carol Vincent, Connie Gunn, Dick Warren, Larry Carpenter.

Above: Don Kelstrom, Will Winter

(Photo by Andrea Mercado)




Museum Director's Report


It's almost summer...

School groups have been bouncing off the logs with all their spring energy. It is great to be this close to the beach, and all the history we are able to share with these students so close to our front door. The heritage trunks have also been in wide circulation to both private and public schools.

Working within the archives of the museum, we have several practicum students from the University of Washington. Their projects include cataloging, researching, website updates, building storage, and archive management using the map and art collection, civil rights open housing archives, research library, Luna Park and Annexation materials. The Log House Museum also relies on the many docents that keep the museum humming with activity. Last year alone, our volunteers put in over 6,000 hours – and this year we started out with four times as many volunteers! Our museum is truly a community driven and funded organization. Thank you.

On April 24th the Southwest Seattle Historical Society was the recipient of the Association of King County Heritage Organizations (AKCHO) Single Impact Event award. Being recognized for the November 2006 Dix Commemorative Cruise was an honor and a cooperative effort between SWSHS, the Bainbridge Island Historical Society and the Puget Sound Maritime Historical Society. The awards were presented by King County Councilman, **Dow Constantine**. **John Kelly** deserves special recognition as the one who got the whole ball rolling, kept it moving, and recreated for all of us the story of what happened November 18th, 1906. 

The 13th Annual West Seattle Garden Tour is happening on July 22, 2007. Spend a day visiting and enjoying some of West Seattle's signature residential gardens while benefiting the community. Each year the tour donates a portion of the proceeds to projects promoting horticultural education or to community gardens – and this year we are recipients! The Southwest Seattle Historical Society received a grant for signs plant identification, sprinkler maintenance and history of the museum's Northwest Native Garden. Attend the tour and your Log House Museum and other West Seattle community-based non-profit organizations benefit!

I will look forward to seeing you all at the Summer 4th Saturday Program Series, *Walking, Talking and Tunes: Three Ways to Share History*. (see page 7) 



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Receiving the AKCHO Award are: Loraine Scott, Bainbridge Island Historical Society; John Kelly, Historian; Andrea Mercado, and Dow Constantine

(Photo Courtesy Lorraine Scott, Bainbridge Island Historical Society)





Seattle Electric Company Streetcar #604 at Endolyne Station at 40th and Roxbury, circa 1907. Service to Fauntleroy started in February 1907, after months of work to prepare the roadbed and track. This point was known as Endolyne because the streetcar line stopped there – hence “End-of-line”.

(Courtesy Seattle Municipal Archives SC 24-13)



West Seattle Central School, showing the north addition built in 1908, on the right. Originally located at the present site of Lafayette School on California Avenue, the 1893 structure proved to be too small for the 400 students enrolled in 1907 at the time of West Seattle's annexation, resulting in the north addition. Seattle's big earthquake in April of 1949 damaged the building beyond repair – fortunately during spring vacation when the students were home. (SWSHS Scan Collection 23-77)

The Hainsworth family home (right) was built in 1907 when the Admiral neighborhood was an empty logged hilltop. Today this distinctive Tudor revival home stands shoulder to shoulder with its neighbors, the days of the English estate garden long gone.

(Gift of Chrystal Chamberlain
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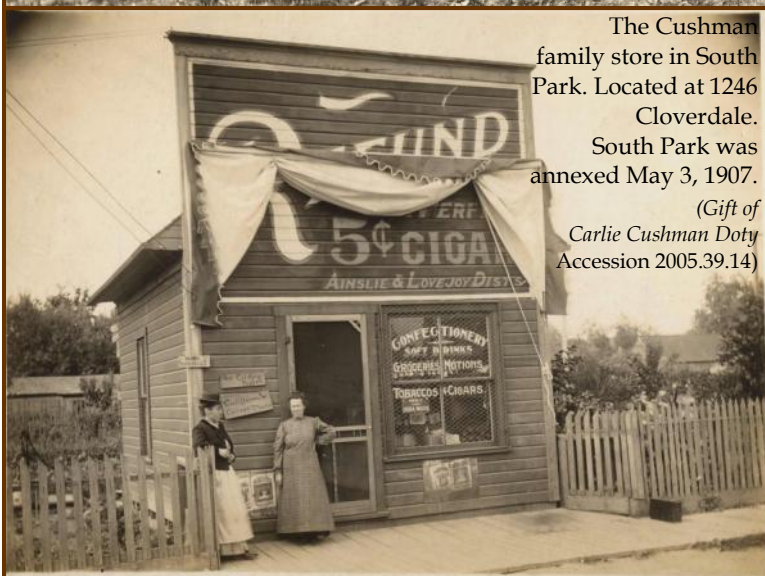
Images of West Seattle...

The South Park home (below) of Charles and Clara Cushman.

Their daughter Carlie and her husband Floyd Doty stand with their son Frank, age 3.

This home was located at 1236 Cloverdale Street, ca. 1907

(Gift of Carlie Cushman Doty, Accession 2005.39.71)



The Cushman family store in South Park. Located at 1246 Cloverdale. South Park was annexed May 3, 1907.

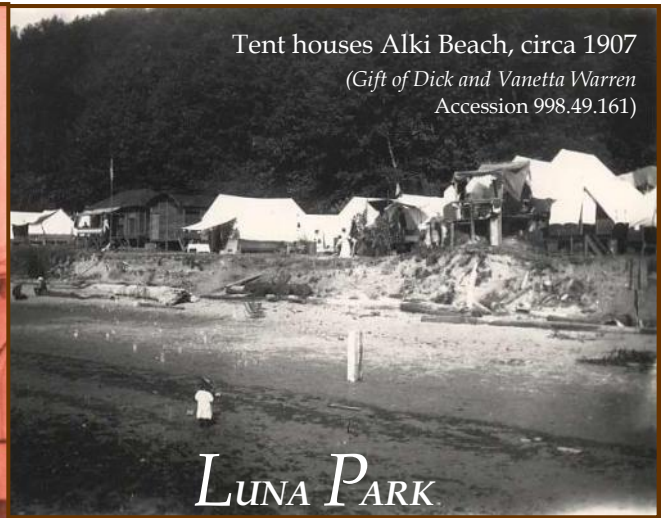
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The Summer Garden restaurant at Luna Park served a hungry crowd. (West Side Story Collection 2003.20.957)



Tent houses Alki Beach, circa 1907
(Gift of Dick and Vanetta Warren
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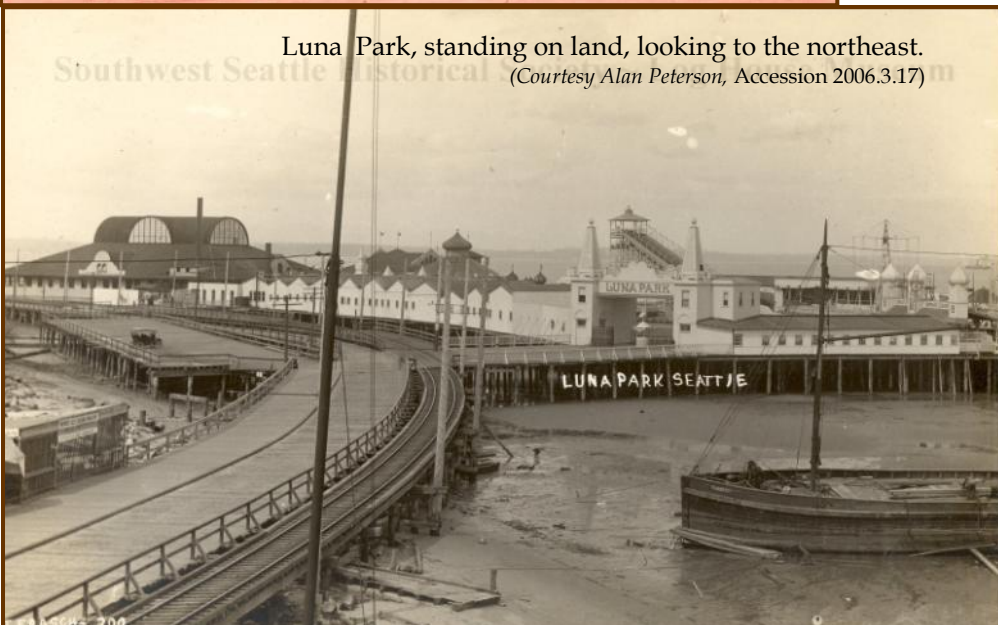


LUNA PARK

opened June 27, 1907 with a splash. Nicknamed the Coney Island of Puget Sound it stretched far over the water of Duwamish Head resting on deeply sunk pilings.

Visitors streamed across Elliott Bay by ferry to enjoy this new amusement park which fulfilled the title "Amusements" to a tee. The thrill of the rides included the wooden roller coaster, carousel and a giant water slide. Other amusements were the heated salt and fresh water natatorium, viewing the "Infant Electrobator" and later in the day, the liquid thrills found on the "longest bar on the bay".

Luna Park, standing on land, looking to the northeast.
(Courtesy Alan Peterson, Accession 2006.3.17)



Luna Park toward Duwamish Head Luna Park opened June 27th, 1907
(Courtesy Alan Peterson, Accession 2006.3.1)

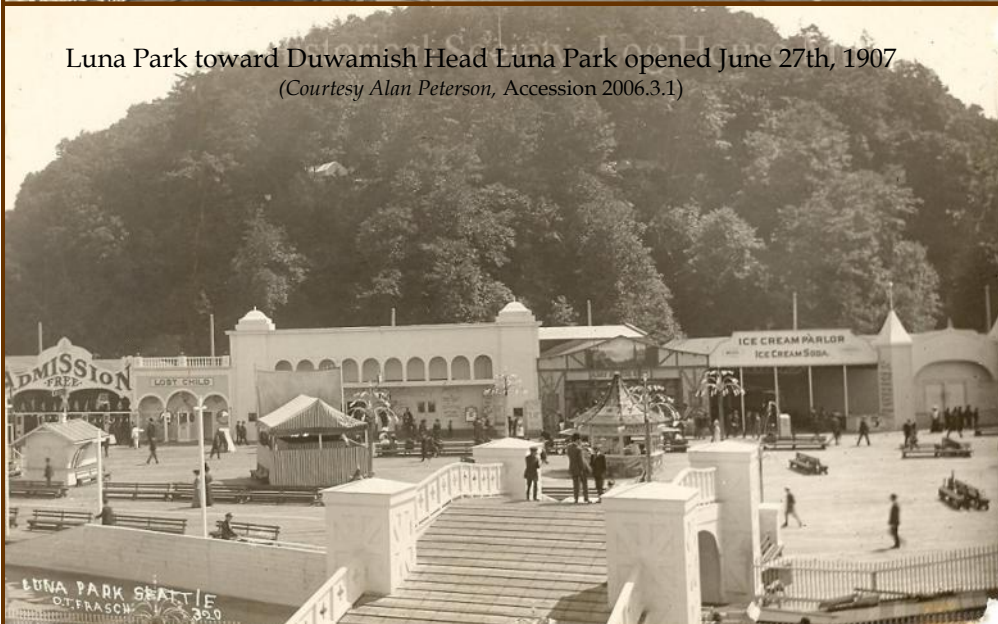
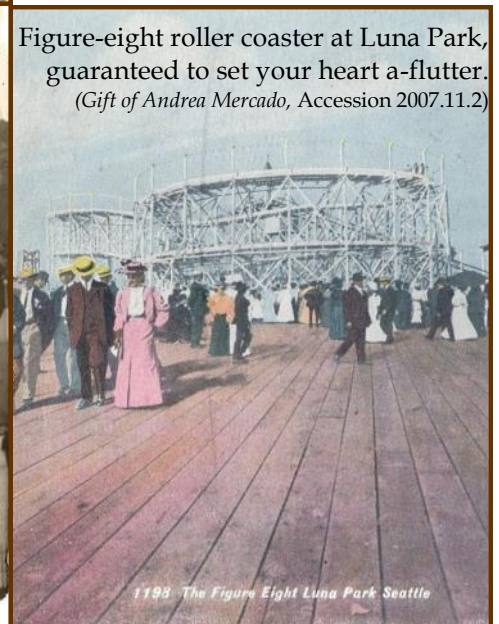


Figure-eight roller coaster at Luna Park, guaranteed to set your heart a-flutter.
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Thank you to the following businesses for donating or pledging items for the upcoming Dinner/Auction to Benefit the Log House Museum on Saturday, September 22, 2007

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Please thank these merchants when you patronize their businesses.

Planning for the Museum's 10th Anniversary



On Saturday April 7th, Marcy Johnsen, Joey Richesson, and Jane Conrad met with City Councilman Tom Rasmussen at the Alki Bakery to discuss some ideas for the museum's 10th Anniversary celebration. Tom also donated a personal walking tour of Alki Beach, conducted by him, as an item for our September auction. It was a great brainstorming session and we are very grateful for Tom's support and generosity!

4th Saturday Summer Program Series

Walking, Talking and Tunes: Three Ways to Share History

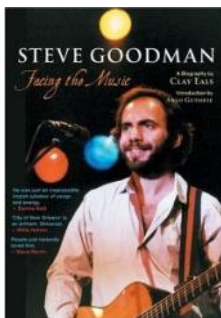


CLAY EALS

June 23rd
1:00pm

AT THE MUSEUM

Listen to **TUNES** with veteran Seattle journalist **Clay Eals**, author of the mammoth tome, *Steve Goodman: Facing the Music*. Eals will headline a combination reading and music event in the courtyard of the "Birthplace of Seattle" Log House Museum. Music will be provided by **Brad Chrisman**, former vice president and longtime member of the SWSHS.



JOE FOLLANSBEE

JULY 28TH
4:00PM

AT THE MUSEUM

TALK with **Joe Follansbee**, a freelance writer based in Seattle. He is the author of four books. His latest book is *Shipbuilders, Sea Captains, and Fishermen: The Story of the Schooner Wawona*.

He has also written numerous magazine articles on local maritime history, which have appeared in *Seattle Magazine*, *Seattle Business Monthly*, *Sea, Sea History*, and *Gastronomica*.



JUDY BENTLEY

AUGUST 25TH
10:30AM

AT COOPER SCHOOL

WALK with **Judy Bentley**, West Seattle author, educator and resident. Judy will lead us through a physical timeline beginning in 1906 of the community around the Youngstown Cooper School. She recently completed an oral history program of Cooper School in cooperation with the Delridge Neighborhood Development Association.



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Calendar

Saturday, June 23 1:00 pm

4th Saturday Summer Program Series
Log House Museum
Listen to **TUNES** with Clay Eals author
of *Steve Goodman: Facing the Music*
with music by Brad Chrisman

Sunday August 12 1:00 pm

Annual Garden Tea
to benefit the Log House Museum
Villa Heidelberg
Hosted by Judy Burbrink
Minimum donation \$25

Wednesday, July 4 Noon

Annual Membership July 4th Picnic
Log House Museum
Bring family and friends
Hamburgers and hot dogs provided
Special program: *West Side Story*
20th anniversary on July 1st

Saturday, August 25 10:30 am

4th Saturday Summer Program Series
WALK with Judy Bentley
Hear about Youngstown history
Beginning at the Cooper School

Sunday, July 22, 2007 9am - 5pm

Thirteenth Annual West Seattle Garden Tour
Tickets \$15 available at
NW Art and Frame & ArtsWest.
Proceeds benefit ArtsWest, SWSHS
and other West Seattle community-
based non-profit organizations.

Saturday, September 22 5:00 pm

Annual Dinner/Auction
to benefit the Log House Museum
Alki Masonic Hall

Saturday, November 3 6:30 pm

Museum's 10th Anniversary
Gala Benefit Dinner
Salty's on Alki

Saturday, July 28 4:00 pm

4th Saturday Summer Program Series
Log House Museum
TALK with Joe Follansbee author of
The Story of the Schooner Wawona

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New Members:**

Rhonda Porter
Ethelyn Abellanosa
Penny and David Miller

Answer

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and 120 tons of goods.

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