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TAX CREDIT EXTENDED & EXPANDED! President Obama signed legislation on November 6th extending the first time home buyers' \$8,000 tax credit thru April 30, 2010. There is no question that this plan led in part to the improving housing market over the past six months and with that in mind, the new legislation has expanded the pool of qualifying tax payers to include existing homeowners who've been in their homes at least 5 years when moving up or down in value. For that group the tax credit is \$6,500. The idea is to keep the economy churning and turning which is at the core root of our prosperous economy. Right on, Mr. President.

Our Seattle Neighborhoods:

SEATTLE'S 1909 ALASKA-YUKON-PACIFIC EXPOSITION PART II

In our last newsletter, we wrote about the beginning of planning for Seattle's 1909 Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition. As you might recall, the story of the Exposition begins with the 1897 discovery of gold in Yukon Territory. From the day the first miners returned to Seattle from the Yukon on the steamer Portland with their treasure of two tons of gold, Seattle was no longer a little timber town. Civic leaders decided to hold a fair to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the arrival of that first shipment of gold and the resulting growth of Seattle propelling it into becoming an important port and progressive city.

The official emblem of the fair was designed by Adelaide Hanscom of Seattle and is shown in the image on this page. There are three female figures in the emblem—the one on the left holds a ship and represents the Orient, the lady in the center holds gold nuggets and symbolizes Alaska and the figure on the right holds a railroad engine and symbolizes commerce between Seattle and the rest of the United States.

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*Emblem of the
Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition*
University of Washington Libraries, Special
Collections, Nowell x236

***Thinking of buying a home? Thinking of selling? Doing Both? Have some questions about the market?
Please give us a call. We would love to be your realtors. Blair and Jan 206-853-1011.***

COMMUNITY NEWS

MUSEUM OF HISTORY AND INDUSTRY

2700 24th Avenue East
206-324-1126

PHOTOGRAPHING THE FAIR Photos from The Alaska-Yukon- Pacific Exposition



through December 31

Step back 100 years and visit Seattle's first World's Fair through the eyes of the photographers of the time.

THE BURKE MUSEUM

Of Natural History and Culture
On The University of Washington Campus
206 543 5590

CRUISIN' THE FOSSIL FREEWAY

December 19, 2009—May 31, 2010
The Burke Museum is partnering with celebrated artist Ray Troll and Seattle-born paleontologist Kirk Johnson to present a look at the abundance of fossils in our midst and how and why fossils shed light on Earth's past.



SAND POINT HOUSING

Donations of good, usable household items (no clothes or electronics please) are always needed and welcomed in the **Resource Room** for residents of **Sand Point Housing**. Call Kira Zylstra, Sand Point Housing Liaison for Solid Ground,
206-517-5499
to make arrangements for drop off.



SEATTLE MUSICAL THEATRE

Located in Magnusson Park
206 363 2809



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Our yard sale signs are yours for the asking. Just call and we'll deliver. They have ample space for an address or details to draw folks to your big sale. Save a tree or telephone pole, use Blair & Jan's yard sale signs.

206 853 1011

P.S. Thanks to those of you who used our signs this year. We hope they helped guide lots of buyers your way.

WEBSITES YOU MIGHT LIKE

Neighborhood Service Centers
<http://seattle.gov/neighborhoods/nsc>

Seattle Public Library
www.spl.org

Seattle Public Schools
<http://www.seattleschools.org>

Interested in Seattle area history?
Try:

www.historicseattle.org

www.historyhouse.org

www.historylink.org

www.seattlehistory.org (Museum Of History and Industry— MOHAI)

www.shorelinehistoricalmuseum.org

www.blairjanpaul.com

We have been working on our website in an effort to make it a more valuable resource. Please take a look at it and let us know what you think. We are now including both our listings and sales.



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THANK YOU
FOR YOUR
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**Our Seattle Neighborhoods:
SEATTLE'S ALASKA-YUKON-PACIFIC
EXPOSITION—Part II (continued)**

Fund raising for the fair included selling land bordering Lake Union, which raised \$1 million, and a one day fund-raising campaign held by local businessmen which netted \$500,000. When the end of the fund raising period was nearing, with more money still needed, James Wood, an editor of The Seattle Times and a fair trustee, published the names of donors to the fair AND the names of those who hadn't yet come forward with their financial support, on the front page of the paper. Talk about incentive to support a cause!

The eyes and ears of the world were focused on Seattle when the gate was opened for the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition on June 1, 1909. After a 21 gun salute, President William Howard Taft, in Washington, D.C., pressed a telegraph key made with nuggets from the gold rush, which triggered a gong on the U. of W. campus and a whistle from a Russian gunboat. (President Taft later visited the fair in person, and both the telegraph key and the whistle were also used to open Seattle's 1961 Century 21 World's Fair.) James J. Hill, who built Seattle's first transcontinental rail link in 1893, directed the raising of a giant American flag with other businesses in town and boats on Lake Union and Elliott Bay following suit by sounding their whistles and raising flags. Over 90,000 people visited the fair on opening day. Total attendance by the time the fair closed on October 16th was 3,740,551. Admission was 50 cents for adults and 25 cents for children.

The highly respected Olmstead Brothers designed the site (which was on the newly relocated University of Washington campus) and planned the landscaping for the fairgrounds. Thanks to their skill, the U. of W. still enjoys a campus equal to any in its beauty. The Olmsteads also designed the Seattle Park System landscaping plan .

There was an Eskimo village, an "Igorotte Village" populated by Philippine natives, Native American crafts and exhibitions from Hawaii, Canada, Sweden and Japan. The states of Utah, New York and Oregon also had exhibits.

Many of the impressive buildings built for the fair were demolished directly after the fair and the years since 1909 have seen the demolition of most of those remaining.

Only two of the original campus buildings are in use today. These include the Washington Women's Building which was renamed Imogen Cunningham Hall in 1983* and the Fine Arts Building which holds the School of Architecture. Perhaps the most talked about building was the 320' long Forestry Building which was supported by 124 logs from Douglas Fir trees, each weighing about 50,000 pounds. After the fair, the Forestry Building housed the Washington State Museum as well as, unfortunately, wood-chewing beetles which forced it's demolition in 1931. The HUB now stands on that site.



The "Arctic Circle" was a feature of the fair and consisted of seven buildings housing various exhibits surrounding the Cascades and Geyser Basin. The Geyser Basin later became Frosh Pond and now is Drumheller Fountain. Rainier Vista, looking over the fountain and at Mt. Rainier, remains a spectacular viewpoint.

We hope you had a chance to take advantage during this past year of the many opportunities offered to learn about the fair and about Seattle during those early days of the last century. KCTS Channel 9 recently aired its fascinating documentary entitled *Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition: Seattle's Forgotten World's Fair* which is narrated by Tom Skerrit. If you missed it, we highly recommend watching for it to be shown again. HistoryLink, an invaluable source of information about Seattle's history, has published a book by Alan J. Stein, Paula Becker and the HistoryLink staff entitled "*Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition: Washington's First World's Fair*" which is available to order on their website: www.historylink.org. A must for Seattle history libraries.

If we missed seeing you at AYP Exposition celebrations this past year, perhaps we will see you at events now being planned for 2012 to celebrate the Century 21 World's Fair held in Seattle in 1962. I actually worked at that one!

Janet Paul

**Cunningham Hall was moved one block in September of 2009 to a new home at the northwest corner of the campus.*

**"It's Not Easy Being Green"
...But It's Getting Easier**

Seattle's Department of Planning and Development now has expedited permit processing for applicants applying for new residential building permits under Seattle's Residential Code (SRC) for those choosing the option of entering the **Green Q**. The newly created Green Q will support Seattle's leadership role in climate change initiatives and further City Green Building's efforts to make sustainable design standard practice.

Benefits of this new program include priority intake appointments, fifty percent faster initial plan review for projects designed to the Seattle Residential Code, application and review assistance from staff trained in green building strategies and public recognition.

DPD staff will screen applications for those interested in becoming part of this program to make sure they meet their minimum standards.



NEIGHBORHOOD STATISTICS FROM LAST QUARTER

The following statistics were reported by the Northwest Multiple Listing Service for the 3rd quarter in 2008 and the 3rd quarter in 2009 for four popular neighborhood's in Seattle's north end.

	<i>Neighborhood</i>	<i>#Sold</i>	<i>Avg. Sq. Feet</i>	<i>Avg. \$/Sq. Ft.</i>	<i>Days on Mkt.</i>	<i>Avg. Orig. Price</i>	<i>Avg. Sold Price</i>
'09	Bryant/Ravenna	48	2,198	\$254.53	51	\$557,504	\$542,204
'08	"	52	2,260	\$268.05	47	\$605,459	\$574,995
'09	Wedgwood	41	2,043	\$238.69	54	\$475,561	\$460,704
'08	"	29	2,011	\$265.46	52	\$528,507	\$506,499
'09	Hawthorne Hills	18	2,557	\$270.37	75	\$760,794	\$693,893
'08	& View Ridge	22	2,779	\$272.94	40	\$804,766	\$768,114
'09	Laurelhurst.	26	3,250	\$337.78	106	\$1,212,306	\$1,086,500
'08	& Windermere	13	2,665	\$368.80	57	\$1,049,296	\$1,008,369

NORTH SEATTLE IS, ONCE AGAIN, A HOT MARKET PLACE—

These two homes are examples of the benefit of careful preparation for market and effective staging. They both sold for over asking in a very few days this fall with multiple offers.



MAPLE LEAF CHARM: 533 NE 86th Street—New paint inside and out, refinished hardwood floors, beautifully staged. Asking \$354,000. (Sold for \$380,000)



VIEW RIDGE SOPHISTICATION: 7021 50th Avenue NE—New paint inside, gleaming refinished hardwood floors, excellent staging. Asking \$698,000. (Sold for \$735,000)

WE CURRENTLY HAVE ON THE MARKET:



VIEW RIDGE ELEGANCE 7002 58TH Avenue NE

Four bedrooms, 2.75 bath brick and cedar home. New paint inside and out. Large family/rec room on lower level. Mountain and peek-a-boo lake view. **Asking \$598,000.**



VICTORIAN CHARMER IN RAVENNA 6530 24th Avenue NE

1985 Victorian remodel of a 1910 farm house featuring 9'+ ceilings and classic spaces for formal entertaining and dining. 4+bedrooms, 3.5 baths. **Asking \$585,000.** (Sold/pending)