

# THE HISTORIC TRUST

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# A NEW SEASON FOR THE HISTORIC TRUST



*These are exciting times  
at The Historic Trust.  
I look forward to seeing  
you soon at one of our  
events and programs.  
Thank you again for  
your continued support.*

The Historic Trust celebrates history while inspiring tomorrow, preserving our cultural heritage at the very heart of Vancouver. This is something we can all take great pride in. Historic preservation is not only the preservation of the physical landscape, but it is also about building an understanding and awareness of history, and the knowledge it can provide us going forward.

I am honored to be joining the Historic Trust and to continue building on our strong success. As we move into our 22nd year of operations, The Historic Trust continues to flourish. The historic properties of Officers Row inspire visitors from across the nation. The Providence Academy rehabilitation is entering a new, exciting phase as we move forward with the continued renovation and restoration of the iconic structure. Our educational programming for the community continues to grow.

These are all things to celebrate as we continue to forge ahead. Thank you for support, it is incredibly important to this organization to ensure its success. I am pleased to report that this spring we will be working on a vision for the next 5-10 years for The Trust, incorporating our past and building innovative new programs for our future.



## DOOR DÉJÀ VU: Century-Old Entry Preserved

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION MATH STORY PROBLEM:** take nearly a century-worth of wear and tear, plus a much-appreciated \$15,000 grant, plus two months of expert craftsmanship, and what does that add up to? Rehabilitated doors from 1920 that rate a “10!”

While students at Providence Academy never had an arithmetic exercise like this, former scholars and teachers who enter today would notice few differences from when they crossed the threshold for the first time. The current entry, the third configuration of the Academy’s traditional main entrance, was constructed in c. 1920. Thanks to a generous grant from the Kinsman Foundation, The Historic Trust contracted with historic door expert, Tom Cox of Schommer and Sons Construction, who analyzed the structural problems of the fir and white oak veneer doors and surrounds and created solutions. For example, he repaired cracks between the vertical (stiles) and horizontal (rails) elements by injecting glue and clamping the parts together. Metal strapping applied at the tops and bottoms is not visible but further strengthens the bonds. The original hardware was re-conditioned and re-used as possible, and non-original pieces were replaced with ones which match the era

of the door. Careful sanding and repainting provide a refreshed appearance and will help protect the wood from the inevitable rain. The work was carried out in late summer and early fall.

The Historic Trust thanks the Kinsman Foundation for funding which establishes a new welcome where many feet have trodden before. Free docent-led Academy tours are available Monday through Friday between 10 am and 2 pm, and by ticketed registration at [www.historictrust.org](http://www.historictrust.org).

To help support ongoing rehabilitation efforts at Providence Academy, go to [thehistorictrust.org/donate](http://thehistorictrust.org/donate) or send a check to:

The Historic Trust, Attn: Judy Starr  
750 Anderson St., Vancouver WA 98661



# LET'S TAKE FLIGHT



The Historic Trust and Pearson Field Education Center (PFEC) had a very successful fundraiser September 28, 2019. The 5th Annual Let's Take Flight fundraiser was held at the PFEC hangar on historic Pearson Field. Over \$102,000 was raised via silent and live auctions, donations and generous sponsors for educational programming and camps.

Trust Board Member and PFEC Steering Committee Chair Paul Speer said, "It was an exciting night and we are grateful for the support and enthusiasm for the youth and families that

PFEC serves. We believe that youth benefit greatly from STEM curriculum, especially when they can experience those opportunities in a historic setting." Trust Board Member Mike Williams announced the promotion of Michelle Marra to Director of Pearson Field Education Center from Acting Director at the event. "We have a strategic plan in place for growth. Our continuation of creating curriculum that is innovative and inclusive of a range of ages will support the future leaders of our community."

**Thank you to all that attended, donated, gave, and volunteered.  
Thank you to our presenting sponsor, Columbia Credit Union,  
and to Pacific Office Automation, Boeing, and Waste Connections.**



# VANCOUVER CHAUTAUQUA



The Vancouver Chautauqua finished successfully with a broad scope of offerings for the six-day event in August. In its third year, the event continues to refine and define itself through dance, music and theatre performances, visual arts workshops, historic exhibitions, lectures, military and transportation displays. This summer a particularly exciting topic was covered in various ways. “The Centennial Celebration of Women’s Suffrage” included an exhibition on loan from Washington, D.C.’s “New Woman’s Party” museum, a special lecture from Tracey Kelly-Reilly of Clark College and an innovative re-creation of an era-specific play by Magenta Theater on “The Right to Vote”. The Historic Trust is already in the planning stages for The Vancouver Chautauqua 2020, and there may be smaller Chautauquas throughout the year to entice you. Stay tuned.



## BUFFALO SOLDIER DEDICATION

September 21, 2019, The Historic Trust, the NPS, and three generations of the Morehouse family gathered to honor the Buffalo Soldiers who served at Fort Vancouver. Mr. Wilson Keller, a 17-year-old Eagle Scout, initiated the memorial after listening to a Buffalo Soldier presentation from Greg Shine, author and historian. Mr. Keller said, “I was inspired by the Buffalo Soldiers’ sacrifices and bravery after a presentation I attended. I wanted others to share that inspiration. It’s so important to represent the entirety of our armed services history and the Buffalo Soldiers from the 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> Infantries who served honorably.”

Several entities and individuals assisted with the installation including the National Park Service

(NPS), The Historic Trust, The Buffalo Soldiers Moses Williams Chapter, the Community Military Appreciation Committee (CMAC), Eagle Scout Troop #648, as well as private and business donors. The ceremony was attended by public officials, the NPS, CMAC members, The Historic Trust staff, Troop #648 and Buffalo Soldier veterans.



# GIVE MORE 24!

## *was a soaring success!*



*This September, we focused on raising money for Pearson Field Education Center. Our main goal was to raise enough money to purchase new computers and flight simulators to continue inspiring today's youth through STEM education.*

To extend our reach, we partnered with Vancouver locals, including Heathen Brewing Feral Public House, and joined forces with Bagfest to co-host a charity corn hole tournament. Teams gathered in the outdoor patio under clear skies and competed for a good cause. Thank you to everyone who gave online, participated in the corn hole tournament or purchased raffle tickets. Because of you, we raised over \$5,000! Not only will this cover the cost of our new flight simulators, but extra funds will go towards scholarships for STEM summer camps, field trips for underserved youth and other teaching tools for our staff at Pearson Field Education Center.

**If you missed out on Give More 24!, you can still donate on our website!**

**Go to [thehistorictrust.org/donate](https://thehistorictrust.org/donate).**

## **A QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTION CAN SERVE AS A WORTHY TAX-PLANNING STRATEGY**

If you are age 70 1/2 or more, you are likely eligible to make a qualified charitable distribution to The Historic Trust from your required minimum distribution through your tax-deferred retirement account. If you take the required minimum distribution as income, instead of as a qualified charitable distribution, it will count as taxable income. Generally, a qualified charitable distribution is an otherwise taxable distribution from an IRA (other than an ongoing SEP or SIMPLE IRA) that is paid directly from the IRA to a qualified charity. Given that the new tax law eliminates many itemized deductions, qualified charitable distributions can serve as a worthy tax-planning strategy that you may want to review with your financial advisor. Please consider this opportunity to include The Historic Trust in your end of year contributions.

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# Event Space Availability

Event venues will be decked for the season and there are still dates available for your holiday events!

For details contact:

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## JUDY STARR DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT

Judy Starr, Director of Development, joined The Historic Trust staff in May, 2019. She has 25 years of experience working with nonprofit organizations and has raised millions of dollars during her career through her work with major gift donors, foundation grant writing, and corporate relations. She has served as a board member for Willamette Valley Development Officers and the Public Relations Society of Oregon. Judy spends much of her spare time paddling a dragon boat or an outrigger canoe on the Willamette River. She and her team have earned about 25 race medals over the past 18 years. “I am delighted to join the dynamic team at The Historic Trust and support the important work of preserving the heart and roots of our Vancouver community,” said Judy. She has three adult children and four grandchildren.

## GENERAL GEORGE C. MARSHALL LEADERSHIP NOMINATIONS OPEN NOVEMBER, 2019!

*Since 1989, The Historic Trust recognizes a local youth and adult leader in our community and awards them the General George C. Marshall Award!*

*General Marshall set a standard for service and leadership of the highest order. For his role in the "Marshall Plan" in 1952, he became the first professional soldier to be awarded the Nobel Prize.*

We have opened nominations for the Adult and Youth Leadership Awards.

- Please go to [thehistoritrust.org/marshall-awards/](http://thehistoritrust.org/marshall-awards/) to learn more.
- Nominations are due January 10, 2020.
- The Marshall Leadership Award Ceremony and Dinner is scheduled for March 19, 2020.
- Contact Sarah Hannon, Public Events Manager, with questions at [Sarah.Hannon@thehistoritrust.org](mailto:Sarah.Hannon@thehistoritrust.org).



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- NOV 9 - VETERANS PARADE
- DEC 3 - GIVING TUESDAY
- DEC 8 - HOLIDAY TEA AT THE MARSHALL HOUSE
- DEC 8 - SISTERS OF PROVIDENCE: "IN THEIR FOOTSTEPS"
- DEC 14 - SANTA AT THE MARSHALL HOUSE

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# THANK YOU

to our donors,  
sponsors, and volunteers.

*From everyone at The Historic Trust.*

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