



I want to thank you on behalf of the board of directors, our staff and volunteers for your generous financial support through the past challenging year. We sustained through many difficulties because of your long-time and faithful belief in our mission.

The good news is that Now WE'RE BACK! That's right, The Trust is coming back even stronger with a new and ambitious strategic plan to help strengthen our role and economic impact in the region. How can we do that, you might wonder.

The Trust is striving to create a more diversified destination location to reinforce the link between downtown Vancouver, the Waterfront and our historic district. By encouraging expanded tourism, we anticipate supporting increased economic stability and recovery for the hospitality industry, while also providing an additional layer of opportunity for the incubator businesses located at Providence Academy.

We are actively expanding our partnerships, adding a new fundraising event, Salute to our Heroes, in October, in conjunction with introduction of a cultural series available in person and via live streaming. We are looking to add more eateries, some retail shops on the Row and much more. Look for a food cart pod coming this fall.

As I said, WE'RE BACK, and we want you to be part of our future, a part of our new direction as we plan to restore and strengthen our community's understanding and passion for our shared cultural heritage. Your continued financial support will help the Trust achieve these goals.



Stacey Graham  
Interim President/CEO

## WHAT'S THIS NEW STRATEGIC PLAN ALL ABOUT?

It's about Building on the Past to Create an even Better Future. It's about expanding our definition of heritage to include history, culture, the arts, and diversity.

It means expanding programs to include people of all ages; lifelong learners; seekers of knowledge and understanding; lovers of the stories of our past; visitors who are hungry to discover the secrets of the Northwest; and everyone who just wants to visit, walk, talk, eat, drink and create new experiences.

How will we incorporate history, culture, the arts, and education throughout all of our programs?

- Create experiences for people of all ages from STEM aviation programs for our youth to live music performances representing many genres.
- From thought leader lectures live and livestream to a documentary series, highlighting stories you have never heard of.
- Establish opportunities for dialogue among community members to explore new and differing ideas, while also bringing national and regional exhibits focused on cultural heritage to our community.
- Adding curated retail opportunities on Officers Row and creating new food experiences at Providence Academy and on the Historic site while working closely with the National Park Service to give visitors even more reasons to visit and stay.

Our goal is to create an environment where we can learn from both the noble and maybe not-so noble aspects of our community's history, inspiring a stronger and better future for all.

ON THE COVER: Pick up your favorite beverage and pastry at Bluum Coffee Truck, located near the roundabout, on Officers Row, Monday through Friday.



THANK YOU to our fall event sponsors,



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## BRINGING LIGHT TO PROVIDENCE ACADEMY

Providence Academy designer, Mother Joseph of the Sacred Heart, made certain that her 1873 building plan allowed for a lot of light to enter the building in an era before electricity. The many large arched windows do just that. Those of the main entry are the most formal. Instead of the flattened brick arches of the majority of the windows, those surrounding the front door are topped by brick hood moulds. The decorative hoods, which also help channel rain away from the façade, are further embellished with keystones and scrollwork. Stop by and see for yourself Wednesday through Friday 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.



## FLYING HIGH AT SUMMER CAMP

Pearson Field Education Center (PFEC) adapted its summer camp program to the ever-changing health environment. Gratefully, as we adapted, so did our partners. When restrictions prevented some onsite tours, Insitu and the NASA Space Grant Consortium came to PFEC. NOAA meteorologists joined camp as virtual guest speakers. The City of Vancouver loaned an empty hangar so campers could fly drones indoors for a day. Atlantic Aviation, Flight Craft, Life Port, Horizon Airlines, Cascadia Technical Academy and Clark County Radio Control Society made site tours possible for campers. Aero Maintenance Flight School kept up their annual tradition of providing campers with a discovery flight with a certified flight instructor. This year they flew flights for 36 campers. The Trust is grateful for our amazing partners who share in our passion for introducing youth to the aviation community. If you have a future aviator in your family, registration for the 2022 camp season will open Dec. 15, just in time for holiday gifting! Please contact Michelle Marra at [michelle.marra@thehistorictrust.org](mailto:michelle.marra@thehistorictrust.org) for more information.







## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Special Saturday Back to School Essentials**, on September 18, 2021, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. will help students prepare for the new school year. Families will learn five simple tasks to maintain home computer cyber security. Please contact Michelle Marra at [michelle.marra@thehistorictrust.org](mailto:michelle.marra@thehistorictrust.org) for more information.

**Special Saturday: Hands-On History**, October 16th, 2021, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. provides the perfect day for families to explore the “Fighting for the Right to Fight” exhibit. Kids of all ages can sit behind the wheel of a Willys Jeep, learn the meaning of military ribbons, try on a WWII aviator’s jacket, and even shoot a rivet like Rosie.



**Fighting for the Right to Fight: African American Experiences in World War II** exhibit, October 1, 2021 through January 15, 2022. Purchase your ticket in advance for the unique traveling exhibit produced by the National WWII Museum that will be on display at the Artillery Barracks, located at 600 Hatheway Road, in Vancouver. For more information please visit [thehistorictrust.org](http://thehistorictrust.org) or Icontact Judy Starr at [judy.starr@thehistorictrust.org](mailto:judy.starr@thehistorictrust.org)

**“Saluting Our Heroes,”** October 23, 2021, is a USO-themed auction fundraiser for The Historic Trust. Fun with friends is a given, but the event also includes admission to the “Fighting for the Right to Fight” exhibit, lively 1940s style music and decor, great food and beverages, exciting auction, and raffle opportunities.



**Special Saturday: Women in Aviation's Girls in Aviation Day** featured Sponsor Comcast is for girls and boys of all ages. This October 9, 2021 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. you're invited to join the Great Pearson Airport Scavenger Hunt, where you'll learn about the science and history of aviation and aviation career fields as you explore Pearson Airport. Those who complete the scavenger hunt will be entered into a raffle to win prizes including a discovery flight and a scholarship to attend summer camp at PFEC next summer. Please contact Michelle Marra at [michelle.marra@thehistorictrust.org](mailto:michelle.marra@thehistorictrust.org) for more information.

**The Lough Legacy Veterans Day Parade**, November 6, 2021, will begin at 11:00 a.m. at E. Reserve and Evergreen Boulevard in Vancouver. A ceremony in partnership with the Community Military Appreciation Committee (CMAC) will precede the parade at 9:30 a.m. Please contact Amy VanCamp at [vancamp@thehistorictrust.org](mailto:vancamp@thehistorictrust.org) for more information.

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## BUSY PRESERVATION TEAM

Outdoor work on Officers Row naturally picks up the pace during the summer months. Projects in 2021 have included repairs to the front entry of the Howard House, shown here. Preservation Crew member Adrian Borcean replaced some worn wooden tongue-in-groove boards in kind with new ones he prepped on site, including priming and painting each surface to prevent the entry of moisture.

Other summer projects included “TLC” for the Heritage Rose Garden and other landscaping work, gutter repairs at the Red Cross Building and Post Hospital, and painting. Two buildings on Evergreen Avenue were re-roofed and two duplexes received renovated kitchens and bathrooms.



**The O. O. Howard House** was constructed 1878-1879 as a new residence for Vancouver Barracks’ commanding officer. The building was commissioned by General Oliver Otis Howard (1830-1909), Commander of the U.S. Army’s Department of the Columbia from 1874 to 1880. He and his family were the first residents. At the time of construction, the home was deemed “undoubtedly the finest dwelling north of the Columbia,” by the local Vancouver Independent newspaper. The former residence is now adaptively re-used for offices and event rentals.

## BECOME A VOLUNTEER

Are you passionate about history, preservation or culture and want to share that passion with others? Historic Trust volunteers do just that. There are plenty of ways you can get involved, including guiding tours at our historic sites, greeting guests at an exhibit, and helping with community celebrations such as Vancouver’s Firework Spectacular or the Lough Legacy Veterans Day Parade.

For more information visit [thehistorictrust.org/volunteer](https://thehistorictrust.org/volunteer) or contact us at 360-992-1818.



### BOB HOLCOMB

Volunteer Appreciation

Bob joined The Historic Trust 11 years ago as a volunteer in marketing, social media, photography and more. Look for Bob at almost all of the Trust’s activities and events. He is our very own “uber” volunteer – a good-natured smiling guy behind the camera documenting THT’s everyday happenings and current events.





## WE'VE GOT UNIQUE OFFICE SPACE RENTAL

Looking for new office space for your growing small business? **Providence Academy** offers unique spaces ranging from 150 sq. feet for a single person to 1500 sq. ft., meeting the needs of your entire team. Close to I-5 and downtown Vancouver, the Academy is conveniently located whether you're living locally or commuting. Surround yourself with history in a building constructed in 1873 under the expert leadership of Sister of Providence Mother Joseph. Please contact Julie Kummer at [julie.kummer@thehistorictrust.org](mailto:julie.kummer@thehistorictrust.org) for more information.



## CHECK OUT EVENT RENTAL VENUES

Look no farther for beautiful, unique venues in which to host your special gatherings. We offer a variety of rental spaces for family gatherings, weddings, staff retreats, formal events, business meetings and retreats, receptions or fundraising events. With the holiday season quickly approaching, plan your event with us. Our beautiful historical venues make your event unforgettable! Questions? Contact Julie Kummer at: [julie.kummer@thehistorictrust.org](mailto:julie.kummer@thehistorictrust.org) or 360.694.3271 or Erin Longfellow at: [erin.longfellow@thehistorictrust.org](mailto:erin.longfellow@thehistorictrust.org) at 360.693.3103.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR TODAY!

GIVE  
MORE 24!

On September 23, 2021 your Give More 24 donation will underwrite complimentary entry to the "Fighting for the Right to Fight" exhibit for low income families, youth, and military veterans. This exhibit supports The Historic Trust's efforts to provide an in-depth historic perspective on the racial segregation and discrimination that were part of daily life for many in the United States and those serving overseas during WWII.

It's time to start planning for your next corporate event and holiday gathering.

Did you know we have seven distinctive venues and experienced staff to help your team to customize and manage your special events. We can even include a private tour of the "Fighting for the Right to Fight" traveling exhibit. for you and your guests to share in the African American experience during WWII.

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Michelle Farmin

## MEET OUR NEW TEAM MEMBERS

Welcome **Erin Jaso Longfellow** to our venue and event facilities rental management team. Erin's extensive experience in the hospitality industry and event and meeting planning makes her perfect **Events Facilities Manager**.

**Michelle Farmin** is our new **Director of Finance**. She brings 35 years of experience in government and non-profit accounting to her role at the Trust. She and her husband recently relocated to Vancouver from Alaska, along with their two cats. She is a welcome addition to the team.



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A FALL NEWSLETTER

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