

# FUN FACTS! DID YOU KNOW...?

## • PUBLIC TOURS



Since January, we have had tour guests from 24 states and three countries, including Jordan, Mexico, and Sweden!

## • EVENTS



This year, The Historic Trust will host 99 weddings across all of our venues.  
That's a lot of cake!

## • PRESERVATION



Team member Adrian has been upgrading our carpentry shop to be able to build our own historic replica windows and doors.

We are always looking for volunteers to help us share history with the community. Please contact Tiffany Lounsbury at 360.992.1835 or [Tiffany.Lounsbury@TheHistoricTrust.org](mailto:Tiffany.Lounsbury@TheHistoricTrust.org)

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Dear Friends:

It is such a joy to look through this newsletter and see how much we have to share with you. From important preservation projects to brand-new events, to repeat events that are becoming community favorites, to a groundbreaking for the landmark project in the sidebar to your right. Not to mention all the vibrancy our commercial and residential tenants bring, and the exciting parties, meetings, and other events that rent these gorgeous spaces throughout the year.

To a casual observer, our work here at the Trust might seem like it's just taking care of a few buildings and putting on some events. But looking at so much of our work all together here, it's clear that the real product of our work is a stronger community. We care for, protect, preserve, and maintain these buildings and grounds, and we honor and share the stories that they carry. The primary way that we are able to do this, though, is by keeping them active—with tenants, with rentals, with activities, with community—so that they aren't just relics of the past, they are contributing parts of the stories and memories we are creating today. Take a closer look: every single building in these pictures is a historic building. But except for one picture-within-a-picture, there isn't a single historic photo in this newsletter. And that's because this site isn't preserved in amber—it's a living, breathing part of our lives today.

Thank you for being a part of this story and for your support as we make new memories and create new stories to tell future generations. None of this work would be possible without you—and it wouldn't be worth it without you, either.

Sincerely,

Temple Lentz  
President/CEO



SACRED HEART PLAZA AT ED LYNCH SQUARE RENDERING - WALKWAY LOOKING EAST

## BREAKING GROUND: CONSTRUCTION BEGINS

The construction phase of the new Sacred Heart Plaza at Ed Lynch Square launched with a groundbreaking ceremony on June 6 in front of Providence Academy. The landscape design takes inspiration from the site's overall history, including the Sacred Heart Garden designed by Mother Joseph of the Sacred Heart in c. 1875. We're excited to welcome everyone to this revitalized space when it is completed this fall! Generous donors led by the Ed & Dollie Lynch Fund at the Community Foundation for Southwest Washington helped make this \$2.4 million effort by The Historic Trust come to fruition.







## HONORING YOUNG LEADERS



NAOMI AND  
EDUARDO  
RECEIVING  
THEIR AWARDS  
ON FEB. 27,  
2025 AT THE  
ARTILLERY  
BARRACKS.

In February, we honored two new recipients of the 2025 General George C. Marshall Leadership Awards. Youth Award recipient Naomi Axelrod will be graduating in June from Columbia River High School. Public Award recipient Eduardo Torres is co-owner of Betancourt Torres & Associates, co-founder of Vamos Vancouver, and VP of LULAC Southwest Washington.

Thank you to the City of Vancouver and our title sponsor Davidson & Associates Insurance for their continued support of Clark County's young leaders. If you would you like to learn more about The Marshall Awards or how to nominate an outstanding young leader, visit our website at [TheHistoricTrust.org/marshall-awards](https://TheHistoricTrust.org/marshall-awards).

## EXPLORING HISTORIC SPACES

For the nationwide Preservation Month celebration in May, we launched a new event called Secret Spaces. On May 3, guests were welcomed into the Grant House, O. O. Howard House, and Marshall House to explore rooms and floors typically closed to the public. They were able to explore the Marshall House turret, enjoy a lecture from "President Grant," and see the original log walls of the Grant House log cabin. On May 31, guests were welcomed into the Post Hospital, free to roam all four floors, envisioning what life and medical treatment was like from 1904 to the 1940s. Based on the initial feedback, we are hoping to provide Secret Spaces again as a bi-annual or annual event.

*"As a neighbor just up the street for 45 years, it's been both interesting and a pleasure to see Officers Row be developed and preserved. A wonderful place to bring visitors and enjoy the park like atmosphere!" – Robert G.*



GUESTS EXPLORING THE GRANT HOUSE (LEFT) AND LISTENING TO A PRESENTATION AT THE HOWARD HOUSE (RIGHT) DURING THE THREE-HOUSE SECRET SPACES TOUR ON MAY 3.

## THE O.O. HOWARD HOUSE GETS A NEW ROOF

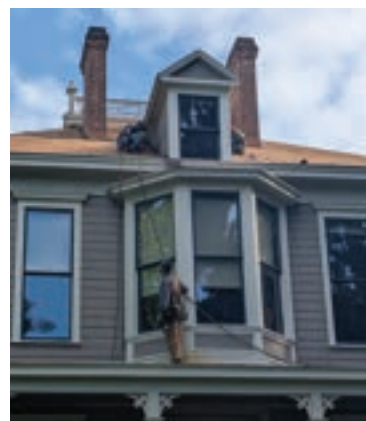
This spring, we installed a new roof and made some siding repairs at the General O.O. Howard House. This work was funded partially by a Heritage Capital Projects program administered by



WEST SIDE REPAIRS



WEST SIDE ROOFING



ROOFERS ON SOUTH SIDE

the Washington State Historical Society. Roof replacement might not seem like an "exciting" project, but something as fundamental as a roof is key to good preservation: if we don't take care of the roof, we'll see cascading other problems that will be much more difficult and expensive to solve. As stewards of these community resources, we rely on support from programs like Heritage Capital Projects and from knowledgeable and committed donors like you to help ensure these buildings remain in the community for generations to come.

## 2025 Summer Event Series

We are presenting a series of summer events you won't want to miss! Events will span the whole summer—June through September—and will provide entertainment for the whole family.

### JUNE

- 6/20 Culture & Heritage Series: **Summer Solstice**
- 6/21 Culture & Heritage Series: **Craft Day**
- 6/25 Trees of Officers Row Walking Tour
- 6/27 Summer Concert Series: **The Big Bossa Quartet**

### JULY

- 7/11 Summer Concert Series: **Huckle Buck Highway**
- 7/12 Culture & Heritage Series: **Day of Dance**
- 7/26 Family Series: **Family Fun Day**

### AUGUST

- 8/2 Family Series: **Pet Portraits presented by Quantum Fiber**
- 8/15 Summer Concert Series: **LaRhonda Steele**
- 8/16 Family Series: **Puppet Day**
- 8/23 Family Series: **Columbia Play Project**

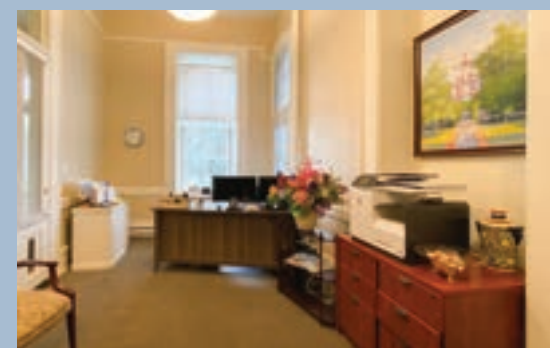
### SEPTEMBER

- 9/12 Summer Concert Series: **Exit 52**
- 9/20 Culture & Heritage Series: **Drum Day**

These events are free and open to the public. Portrait reservations are available online for Pet Portraits.

We are grateful to the partners and sponsors who make these events accessible to all: City of Vancouver, Riverview Bank, Quantum Fiber, Waste Connections, Port of Vancouver, Elmer's Restaurants, Odom Beverage/Ruzzo Hard Citrus, Occuscreen, The Columbian, and The Oregonian Media Group.

## SURROUND YOURSELF IN HISTORY



Contact [Leasing@TheHistoricTrust.org](mailto:Leasing@TheHistoricTrust.org) today!

Are you looking for a unique office space? We have a variety of spaces to meet your needs. Office rentals are currently available at Providence Academy, on Officers Row, and in the West Barracks. Units range from 150-3,145 sq. ft.

We have RESIDENTIAL units too!



BABY SHOWER AT THE RED CROSS BUILDING

## PLAN YOUR NEXT EVENT WITH THE HISTORIC TRUST

Summer is the perfect time to step outside and enjoy the beautiful Pacific Northwest weather. Whatever you are planning—birthday party, anniversary, company picnic, board meeting, retirement party, celebration of life, quinceañera, vow renewal—we are here to help provide the perfect backdrop. Call or email our Events team today for pricing and availability:

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QUINCEAÑERA IN THE PROVIDENCE ACADEMY BALLROOM



GERANIUM SALE AT THE MARSHALL HOUSE