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Photo from Washington State Archives

THIS 1928 brick Tudor-style home at 4853 Beach Drive S.W. is one of several sites new to the "Homes with History" tour this year. (The address has changed since this King County Assessor's photo was taken in 1937.)

Home tour this Saturday features three new sites, four old favorites

Our society's log house will serve as headquarters

If you've seen one of our society's home tours, you haven't seen 'em all.

That might be the slogan for our society's annual spring to-do, always held on the Saturday before Mother's Day, rain or shine.

This year's tour, on Saturday, May 13, marks the seventh year in a row for the "Homes with History" tour, and like the ones held in previous years, it features a welcome

mix of old friends and tasty surprises.

Board member MICHAEL PRIHODA and society President MERRILEE HAGEN, co-chairs of this year's tour, have come up with a slate of seven sites -- four from previous years' tours, and three new to the tour.

"The total number of homes is down from the usual 10," says Hagen, "but this will allow tour-goers to linger longer at each site and not feel that they have to rush around to see them all. Overall, having seven sites

This year's seven

Here are the sites on this year's tour:

- Birthplace of Seattle Log House Museum, 3003 61st Ave. S.W.
- 4853 Beach Drive S.W.
- Villa Heidelberg, 4845 45th Ave. S.W.
- Italian Villa, 4022 32nd Ave. S.W.
- Hainsworth House, 2657 37th Ave. S.W.
- 2130 42nd Ave. S.W.
- 1615 44th Ave. S.W.

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The invaluable sponsors

Our society extends a big thank-you to the following major sponsors of this year's tour:

■ West Seattle Herald/White Center News

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BUILT IN 1912, this north Admiral-area shingled Craftsman-style home is one of three new sites on this year's "Homes with History" tour. It is site #7.

Tour donation remains \$5; hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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creates a more relaxed atmosphere for the tour, and we trust that everyone who comes will enjoy exploring these treasures that show how well our history can be preserved and passed on to future generations."

The details of the tour remain the same as in years past. It will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and volunteer hosts at each site will help guide tour-goers through each home.

Cost for the tour remains a \$5 donation for all except babes-in-arms. Proceeds go to society projects, including the Birthplace of Seattle Log House Museum.

Tickets can be purchased at several West Seattle businesses prior to the day of the

tour, and at the Log House Museum at 3003 61st Ave. S.W. on the day of the tour.

The Log House Museum will serve as headquarters for the tour throughout the day, and it also will be the site of an opening ceremony at 9 a.m. that will feature welcomes by these distinguished members of our society:

■ **JERRY BROCKEY**, vice chancellor, Seattle Community College District.

■ **GREG NICKELS**, King County Council member.

■ **ELLIOTT COUDEN**, our society's founder and member of the Executive Board.

For full details on the tour, be sure to pull out and save the "Homes with History" section to be published in the Wednesday, May 10, edition of the West Seattle Herald and White Center News.

Anyone wanting more information about the tour can call Hagen at 935-3442.

You can buy advance tickets at several local businesses

You can obtain tickets for the tour in advance at these businesses:

- Hart's Cards and Gifts, 4311 S.W. Admiral Way.
- Northwest Art and Frame, 4733 California Ave. S.W.
- Olsen's Valu-Rite Drugs, 6501 California Ave. S.W.
- The Original Bakery, 45th Avenue and Fauntleroy Way Southwest.
- Real-estate agencies: Cayce & Gain, 3221 California Ave. S.W., and ERA/Bianchi-Zaar, 4448 California Ave. S.W.

A guide to this year's sites

Here are brief descriptions of the seven sites on the 1995 "Homes with History" tour.

Site One: The Birthplace of Seattle Log House Museum, 3003 61st Ave. S.W. The carriage house and maid's quarters for the building now known as the Alki Homestead Restaurant a half block to the north, this two-story turn-of-the-century structure was acquired by our society over the past year for conversion to a museum that will open in November 1996. Metro mitigation funds, city and county grants and private contributions made the acquisition possible, but many more financial needs remain before the museum opens. Come see this well-preserved treasure of West Seattle history!

Site Two: 4853 Beach Drive S.W. Set at water's edge, this 1928 brick Tudor-style home has breathtaking views. Recently restored to splendor, the vintage style has been enhanced with updated kitchen and baths. An elegant blue stone walkway leads to the wide, covered brick entry porch, and arched windows and an original rustic door hint at the delights within. Detailed covework with European influence is found inside, along with dark stained oak hardwood Swedish floors and French limestone fireplace.

Site Three: Villa Heidelberg, 4845 45th Ave. S.W. This bed-and-breakfast was not on the tour last year because it was undergoing a major kitchen remodel. Family quarters were refinished with wainscoating

and pressed tin on the walls, new paint and Swedish floor finish. The living room is refurbished with mission-style oak furniture and new Oriental carpets.

Site Four: Italian Villa, 4022 32nd Ave. S.W. This popular site on the 1993 tour features refurbishing and improved landscaping back to its original glory.

Site Five: Hainsworth House, 2657 37th Ave. S.W. This 1907 bed-and-breakfast has been a fixture on the tour since its beginning in 1989.

Site Six: 2130 42nd Ave. S.W. The gables of this house combine stucco and applied boards for an Elizabethian Cottage "rustic half-timbered" Tudor effect. The extra large front porch of this 1906 "workingman's house" leads to an interior with nine-foot-high ceilings on both floors, large bay windows, French doors, plaster walls and formal and servant stairways to the second floor.

Site Seven: 1615 44th Ave. S.W. Built in 1912, this shingled Craftsman-style home has an open porch and a living room flowing into a large, formal dining room. High ceilings, crown molding, oak hardwood floors and craftsman touches, such as a railing along the upper hall, grace this home.

For full details on these sites, see the "Homes with History" section of the May 10 West Seattle Herald/White Center News.

This year's committee members

Here are the names of those who served on the planning committee for this year's tour:

- *Michael Prihoda, co-chair*
- *Merrilee Hagen, co-chair*
- *Carol Vincent, volunteer coordinator*
- *Kelley MacKenzie, co-sponsors*
- *Carol Munoz, media coordinator*



THIS CRAFTSMAN-style home at 2130 42nd Ave. S.W., site #6 on this year's "Homes with History" tour, was built in 1906. It is one of three new sites to the tour.

Log House receives county grant to create history kits for schools

Lesson plans will interpret the history of Alki from the Denny Party landing in 1851 to the death of Chief Seattle in 1869.

The King County Cultural and Education fund has awarded \$9,150 to our society to create history kits for use in West Seattle elementary and middle schools.

Research, design and creation of three foot-locker-sized kits will be directed by **KENNETH G. WATSON**, Northwest history expert. Each kit will include reproduction artifacts, historical photos, a reader's theater script and a bibliography of resources to be available at the Log House museum.

A teacher's guide with texts, graphics and lesson plans interpreting the history of Alki from the time of the Denny Party landing in 1851 to the death of Chief Seattle in 1869

also will be included.

The theater script, by award-winning children's author **COLLEEN DUMAS**, will be from the perspective of a young Duwamish child and one of the Denny daughters. Dumas is head history teacher at Alki Elementary School.

Our society has created an education committee to assist with the kits and other related efforts. To become part of the committee, call **MERRILEE HAGEN**, president, at 935-3442, or **ARLENE WADE**, vice-president, at 937-7494.

Come to Admiral Theatre May 30 for AKCHO, county awards ceremonies

'It's a great opportunity to meet some wonderful people from all over the county who are involved in the same kind of satisfying historic preservation activities as we are.'

Merrilee Hagen

The Association of King County Historical Organizations, to which our society belongs, and the King County historic and arts programs will hold their annual award ceremonies on Tuesday, May 30, in West Seattle.

The site will be the Admiral Theatre, for which our society spearheaded a successful city landmark effort in 1989-92.

The ceremonies will be held during the monthly AKCHO meeting, which begins at 9 a.m. and ends at 1 p.m. There is no admission charge.

Our society is the host for the meeting, so members who would like to help with preparations for the event are invited to call

MERRILEE HAGEN, president, at 935-3442.

Hagen encourages members of our society to attend the meeting and ceremonies.

"Not only is this a good chance to showcase our society to the rest of the area's historical organizations," she says, "but it's also a great opportunity to meet some wonderful people from all over the county who are involved in the same kind of satisfying historic preservation activities as we are."

Assisting with refreshments for this event are the Admiral Bakery and Admiral Thriftway. Our society thanks these local businesses for their support!

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