Virtual Third Friday
March 19, 2021
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Sunday Public Sail
June 2015

Friendship Sloop Amie
Wagner Floating Home, 2020 (Martin)

Boat Shop, CWB, 2020 (Martin)
City of Seattle Landmarks Program

400 + designations since 1973
Buildings, sites, vessels, street clocks
   No floating buildings yet designated

How to designate a landmark?
   Prepare a nomination report ✓
   Nomination hearing – Landmarks Preservation Board – April 21
   Designation hearing – Landmarks Preservation Board – TBD
   Agreements – City staff & property owner
   Designating Ordinance – City Council

Nominated property must:
   • Be at least 25 years old &
   • Meet at least 1 of 6 designation criteria &
   • Possess integrity
Maritime Business

Development would boost maritime firms on Lake Union

By smooth paving, a handsome new facility will be provided for Lake Union businesses. The new Lake Union Way will be the main thoroughfare.
Lake Union
View of Lake Union, looking northwest. Lumber mill at right center built in 1882, later known as the Western Mill. Photo: Seattle Public Library
Lake Union Dry Dock, view north toward Gas Plant. Photo: Paul Dorpat collection

Houseboat colony at south base of Aurora Bridge, 1931, Seattle Municipal Archives
Aerial Photograph of George Washington Memorial Bridge (Aurora Avenue), 1950, Seattle Public Library
The Wagners
Dick & Colleen Wagner with son Michael, ca. 1968, CWB Collection

Wagner floating home, 1970s, Wagner Family Collection
Old Leschi Boathouse, 1912, UW Special Collections

Seattle Post-Intelligencer, Nov. 18, 1970
Classic-boat lovers form club

Excerpt from Seattle Times, October 21, 1976

In general, the people at the meeting were younger, bearded, and dedicated to traditional boats. There were, however, several older people there, including Bill Durham, one of the nation’s leading authorities on hobbist steam power, and Dan Dygert, a crusty man with a barrel chest and red suspenders. Dygert’s knowledge of traditional designs and construction was vast and impressive.

Wooden-boat building is a fast-vanishing art. The apprentice programs that trained young craftsmen are gone. But interest is growing. At the Traditional Wooden Boat Society — or whatever its name is — the interest is intense.
John Gardner (1905-1995)

Boatbuilder
Maritime Historian
Father of the wooden boat revival on the East Coast
Center for Wooden Boats
Original Trustees

Richard Wagner, 2770 Westlake Ave. N., Seattle, WA 98109.
Colleen Wagner, same address.
Marty Loken, 515 W. Prospect, Seattle, WA 98119.
Pat Ford, P.O. Box 801, Bothell, WA 98011.
Robert Chapel, P.O. Box 10190, Bainbridge Island, WA 98110.

Purpose

• to obtain, preserve and disseminate knowledge of traditional small watercraft;
• to offer educational displays and services related to traditional wooden boats;
• to build, restore and preserve traditional small craft, particularly wooden boats unique to the NW region;
• to share information, small-boat plans, history and woodcraft skills
Wagner Family Collection, undated photos of The Old Boathouse
Homeless Little Wooden Boats

Dick Wagner, aboard his sailboat, the Sindbad, operated the Old Boathouse. He serves as director of the Center for Wooden Boats.

The sailboat Sindbad tows a portion of the Old Boathouse fleet of traditional wooden boats to foster homes.

Seattle Post-Intelligencer, June 15, 1980
On Course, 1980s

The Seattle Times, March 25, 1982
Words, drawings, patience and a sense of humor were the equipment we used to scale Mount Permit.  ~ Dick Wagner, 1983
Site Plan for Center for Wooden Boats, 1984, City of Seattle Dept. of Construction & Inspections

Sketches by Dick Wagner, early 1980s, CWB Collection
Aerial Image of Waterway 4, by Phil Webber, c. 1985, CWB Collection

CWB campus, c. 1987, CWB Collection
Boathouse, elevations by Keith Vaughan Assoc., 1988, City of Seattle Dept. of Construction & Inspections
Floating History Awaits Rescue

As the shape of the new South Lake Union Park emerges, the tall ship Wawona faces eviction unless she gets extensive repairs and passionate support from her friends and neighbors. Time is running out.

By Colleen Wagner

Houseboaters know what a unique treasure we enjoy, living in the very heart of Seattle on a lake that is constantly changing and which has so many charms. Almost hidden away at the south end of Lake Union is one of the most special of these charms, the schooner Wawona. You can’t miss the three tall masts towering above everything around her. Over one hundred and eight years old, she waits in quiet dignity to be saved.

Don’t Dawdle
Make a ship model

Classes for all ages and abilities are available at South Lake Union

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