BUILDING STORIES VIDEO SHORTS:

Parkway Manor

The third release from our Building Stories 2023 video shorts is now live on YouTube! For almost a century, Parkway Manor has been a valuable neighbor contributing to the South Park Blocks. The apartment building opened in spring 1931 at the start of the Great Depression and offered “exclusive, but not expensive” housing, including weekly rentals to those unable to pay a month’s rent. Today, the Art Deco building faces demolition. Parkway Manor journeys through the past, present, and unfortunate future of this historic building. Click the image below to watch the video on YouTube!

This video was created by Portland’s Aedin Powell, of Aedin Powell Media, whose work highlights important issues from environmental advocacy to urban planning to indigenous rights. Aedin is the director and editor of Views from Burnside Bridge featured in our 2022 Building Stories event. The narration is voiced by Madeline Tran, local actor, singer and fight choreographer.

Click here to visit our YouTube channel and see all of the AHC’s past video productions

ADVOCACY NEWS

AHC comment on 2023-24 City budget

The Architectural Heritage Center has weighed in on the next fiscal year city budget by supporting the inclusion of $1.5 million to restore the David P. Thompson Elk Fountain. The City Council decided in 2022 to restore the fountain to its original location, size, shape, and materials, and now funding is
needed to make this restoration a reality. Read our organization’s letter to City Council.

You, too, can provide comment on allocating funding for the Elk Fountain restoration and other parts of the 2023-24 city budget. Sign up here to provide Zoom testimony at the budget hearing on May 11th, 6:30–8:30pm or submit written comments to Council by filling out the budget comment form or by emailing BudgetComment@portlandoregon.gov.

House Bill 3414 Jeopardizes Affordable Housing and Environmental Protections

Many are not aware of the Governor-sponsored HB 3414, which as currently proposed would allow developers to bypass local city codes put in place to protect both built and natural resources. This includes sidestepping regulations governing the alteration of landmark properties and new construction in designated districts, without demanding any increased density or level of affordability. HB 3414 would also weaken protections for tree canopy, wetlands, and other sensitive natural areas.

Please act quickly to voice your opinion on HB 3414. The House Rules Committee considered the bill Tuesday, May 9, but you can submit testimony until Thursday, May 11, 1pm. To learn more about HB 3414, read this Restore Oregon action alert as well as a letter to the Oregonian co-authored by Denyse McGriff, Oregon City mayor and President of the Bosco-Milligan Foundation, and two other mayors.

Click here to submit testimony
Read the restore Oregon Action Alert
Read the Letter to the Oregonian

BUSINESS MEMBERSHIP

BECOME AN AHC BUSINESS MEMBER

As a business member, you will be a part of our online Resource Guide, a popular feature of our website that receives hundreds of views per month. Membership also includes features in the AHC e-news (see below!) with over 6,500 subscribers, as well as employee discounts and benefits for AHC Gallery admissions, programs and events.

Membership gives you exposure to the AHC's community. Our members, subscribers and program participants are owners of period houses or commercial
buildings; enthusiasts of fine design, architecture, and craftsmanship; urban environmentalists looking to preserve the quality of our neighborhoods; the arts and culture community; historians and tourists interested in local heritage; and businesses serving the renovation market in the Portland area.

Click here to learn more about the benefits of our business membership!

PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

WALKING TOURS: Explore Portland's history on foot!

Registration for our walking tours is live! The Architectural Heritage Center presents walking tours of historic and architecturally significant neighborhoods and sites around Portland, Oregon.

Visit our Schedule + Registration page to see our tour offerings and register today!

Schedule and Registration

Thank you to our Walking Tour Sponsors!

AUTHOR TALK: Registration is open - June 26th, 6:30PM

“Frank Ingerson and George Dennison: A Love Story in Arts & Crafts, 1910-1966” with Richard D. Mohr

Frank Ingerson and George Dennison, known among their friends and in their community as “the Boys,” were important figures in the American Arts and Crafts Movement. In this talk, author Richard Mohr explores Ingerson and Dennison's life, love, and role in the American Arts and Crafts Movement.

Richard D. Mohr is an academically trained author with extensive journalistic experience and literary flair. Mohr’s most recent book, The Splendid Disarray of Beauty, (RIT Press, 2023) has been called “a stunning coffee table book” by the Museum of the American Arts & Crafts Movement.
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EVENT: LATIN A LA LEE at WILF’S

Here’s Manhattan with a twist of Latin as Linda Lee Michelet and her big band wing through hit songs of the Great White Way and beyond! With guest percussionist Catón Lyles.

This June 15 benefit concert organized for the Architectural Heritage Center takes place at the famous Wilf’s restaurant, located in the historic Union Station. This iconic building created in 1882 by McKim Mead & White, with its Romanesque revival architectural details, has been well maintained and cared for by generations of Portlanders including the teams of Arciform and Versatile Wood Products.

This show is part of the Wilf’s Third Thursday concert series; all ticket sales from this show will be donated to the Architectural Heritage Center. The previous concert sold out quickly, so get your tickets today!
This exhibit presents never-before-seen parts of our collection. View some longtime artifacts from our collections and some new acquisitions. Learn more about this exhibit.

This exhibit gives a glimpse at some new houses constructed in Southeast Portland during a boom period in the first half of the 1950s. Learn more about this exhibit.

This exhibit explores a variety of never-built Portland-area projects. Learn more about this exhibit.

**Exhibit Object Vote Winner: Condo Design Concept from the Unbuilt Exhibit**

Designed by Will Martin of the firm Martin, Soderstrom and Matteson, this multimillion-dollar complex with condominiums, restaurants, and a marina would have been built just south of the St. Johns Bridge and adjacent to Cathedral Park. Financing for the project fell apart after the Reagan administration withdrew the federal portion of the funding in 1981 and the project was canceled soon after.

Come visit the exhibit and see this beautiful illustration (and more!) in person.

Also on view is our permanent exhibit:

**TOURING THE Central Eastside**

**Architecture + History**

**Gallery Hours:**
- Thursday: 11am - 5pm
- Friday: 11am - 5pm
- Saturday: 11am - 5pm
AHC membership supports our year-round line-up of programs! Membership provides free or discounted admission to AHC exhibits and programs and also offers the benefit of free admission for up to four people to a different institution each month.

Click here to join or renew your membership.

RESOURCE GUIDE

Looking to restore your historic window? Want to remodel while retaining your home's character? Have any other variety of craft or restoration project?

Our Resource Guide features find products, services, and information for historic homes and spaces. These businesses are members of the Architectural Heritage Center and support our work.

Click Here to explore our free Resource Guide!

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