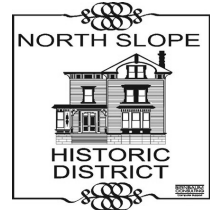




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Tacoma's North Slope Historic District

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Events in the North Slope!

Gardening and things in the North Slope

When should I plant this?
How do I prune ?

What grows well here in the Northwest?
With longer daylight hours upon us , we are out in our yards uncovering those sleepy beds and

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If you're a new comer to gardening or a rusty expert that needs to hone up on the latest tricks to gardening in the NW, you won't want to miss our

June 27th General meeting at Immuanuel Presbyterian Church

**Doors Open :6:30pm for refreshments
Program starts 7pm**

4th of July is Upon Us!!

And so is the annual North Slope Historic District parade. If you are interested in being involved, contact John Hunt at 272-2646 or john_hunt@aw.org



Be Part of the NSHD Garage Sale!

It's time to clean your closets and organize your attic in anticipation of the annual NSHD Garage Sale: Saturday, July 13, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Here's how it works: Maps listing participating homes are handed out the day of the sale; shoppers won't receive the maps until 9 a.m., so you won't have any early bird shoppers.

To Participate: Fill out the form below. **Attach \$8** cash or a check made out to NSHD. This fee helps cover the cost of advertising and flyers; any additional funds go toward North Slope beautification and safety projects. Contact Judy Martin with any questions.

NSHD Garage Sale 2013

Your name _____

Address _____

Where will you stage your sale? Circle one:
Parkway Alley

What one item would you like to feature in the map and advertising? (example: baby clothes, antiques, etc.)

Mail or drop off by 7/11 (**with \$8**) to Judy Martin at 515 N. M St.

Got an Idea For a North Slope Historic District Neighborhood Event?

Get in touch with board member Troy or Judy or Julie and share your thoughts. We are always looking for new and fun things to make happen in the neighborhood.



Trolley Tales – Folklore from Tacoma's North Slope

By: Karen May

The Tale of Two Families

Part II The Frank Allyn Family - More Connections

This tale of two families is beholden to Peter Herpst and Tom Oswald, the current owners. It is uncanny how the lives and interests of the succeeding owners intertwine.

The Alaska connection was clear in Part I, and further talents and relationships are shown in this brief tale of the Frank Allyn family of Part II.

Soon after the house at 401 N. K was built, it was owned by Judge Frank Allyn, Sr., who had recently arrived from Iowa state with his wife.

Frank S. Allyn, Sr. had practiced law for many years in Iowa, until 1887 when he came to Tacoma as a supreme court judge of the Washington territory. After the territory became Washington State, he was elected judge of the superior court of Pierce County for four years. Their only son, Frank, Jr., was in the bond and insurance business, and lived for awhile in the house across the street, at 402 N. K Street.

Peter recalls: "from the estate sale we attended at the house, we were able to buy several wonderful things including a scrapbook of clippings and programs assembled by Mrs. Allyn, and a family photo album brought from Iowa with the Allyns. (Mrs. Allyn's father, Judge Turner, had been appointed by Lincoln.)

Judge Allyn died in the house in 1909. Mrs. Allyn died here in 1926 at which time the house was sold to Herman Richter."

He continues:

"Mrs. Nellie Turner Allyn was involved in the Arts, once entertained Samuel Clemens aka Mark Twain at this house where he told a previously unpublished story which can be read in the Tacoma Daily Ledger article about the afternoon."

From *History of Tacoma Washington* by Herbert Hunt:

An event that has had incalculable influences for good was the formation October 16, 1890, at the home of Col. C. W. Griggs, 401 North Tacoma Avenue, of the Ladies' Musical Club, with Mrs. Frank Allyn, wife of Judge Allyn, as president; Mrs. Emily Ramsdell, vice president; Miss Heartie Griggs, now Mrs. George C. Wagner, treasurer; Mrs. Albert S. Brisbine, secretary. Mrs. Allyn had figured prominently in music ever since she had come to Tacoma from Keokuk, Iowa, in 1887, when her husband was appointed territorial judge by President Cleveland. One day Mrs. Allyn, Mrs. Brisbine and Mrs. Griggs met at the Tacoma Hotel and in the course of a conversation covering the musical condition of Tacoma resolved to form a Ladies' Musical Club and the gathering at the Griggs home was the result. It was one of the first women's musical clubs west of the Mississippi River, and probably the first one on the coast. Seattle and Bellingham women adopted the Tacoma plan when they organized in later years.

Peter observes: "James Wickersham, a friend of the Judge, named the town of Allyn after him, Wickersham later left Tacoma and lived in Juneau, Alaska (110 miles from my home town) where his home is now The Wickersham House Museum. An Alaska State Ferry was also named for Wickersham. I grew up knowing that name! Nearly a hundred years ago, Judge Allyn's wife was instrumental in starting the Orpheus Male Chorus, a group that I directed for several years. It's interesting how this house, Tacoma, and Alaska are linked. Maybe it was meant to be."

ALLYN SETTLED 1853

The town of Allyn is situated on North Bay at the head of Case Inlet and about 4 miles from Hood Canal. In the mid-1800's there was much logging in the area and finally in 1853 settlers gathered and built homes. Lumber was needed to build these homes and Joe Sherwood, a millwright from Vermont and giant of a man (standing 6 feet 7 inches tall) set to work building a mill in 1854. The creek on which he built his mill was Sherwood Creek which still bears his name. Joe Sherwood was killed in 1873 when a peavey handle broke and snapped his neck. Allyn was already shipping lumber, venison and huckleberries and as the little settlement grew it became well known in Tacoma and Olympia.

ALLYN PLATTED 1889

Many influential people had visited the area and were impressed with the location and beauty, and it was a very popular vacation spot. Through the prodding and pushing of many business people and land owners, John and Delilah Eberhart and their son, George, joined with James and Deborah Wickersham and platted the town of Allyn and papers were filed September 6th, 1889. Wickersham named the town of Allyn after his friend, Judge Frank Allyn of Tacoma who was very influential in the early development of Allyn. Wickersham, a Tacoma attorney and judge, was experienced at platting towns. He also platted a town on Hood Canal just south of Clifton (now Belfair) called Bergen.



early photo of 401 N. K with Mrs. Frank Allyn, Sr. at far left of house

Some Good Stuff From Your Neighbors in the Slope

New Police Reporting System

Bill Johnston

ATTENTION NORTH SLOPE CRIME-FIGHTERS! And those who are just sick and tired of the continual property crimes in our neighborhood.

The Tacoma Police now have the “hottest new crime-fighting partners, and they are as heartless as they are relentless” reports Kathleen Merryman in The Tacoma Weekly.

The PredPol predictive policing program feeds crime data into a computer program that “chews” that data, extracting every bit of time, place, method and information out of it. All this goes into a Google Map of hot spots of illegal activity. The map is updated every three hours for the computers in every police car.

Tacoma Police Crime Analysts want residents to let them know when they get burgled or prowled. They add that victims should file a report no matter what is taken, no matter if “stuff is small or large, the information is needed to feed the data base.

North Slope residents are reminded Tacoma has Community Liaison Officers in each police sector office. While emergency and crimes in progress should be reported to “911” the non-emergency number or a call to the Liaison Officer should be made to report any criminal activities even after they have taken place.

Using the PredPol program police in California have seen burglaries cut by as much as 27% in a year. Tacoma Police remind us “The better the data is coming into us the better the data is going out to the patrol officers.”

So North Slopers, report any criminal activities or any suspicious activities – no matter what – Call – Call – Call ! **And the phone numbers are: 911 for emergency, 798-4721 for non-emergencies.**

Liaison Officers can be emailed as well:
jterhaar@cityoftacoma.org covers our area.

Repair of Brick North 9th Street

Julie Turner

Several months ago a Puget Sound Energy crew dug a hole in North 9th Street near the alley by Immanuel Presbyterian. The hole was about 2' by 3' and the bricks taken out were piled to the side. As I walked by, I asked if the workers intended to put the bricks back. They said the City was deciding what to require, so they'd make a temporary asphalt repair.

But, the weeks went by, and the asphalt remained.

Imagine my surprise one morning in early May to drive out of my alley and see two men working on that hole. And, they were putting **bricks back in!** Seems that PSE, following new Tacoma Public Works street restoration policy, hired a masonry firm from Maple Valley to replace the bricks.



In the photo you see Alex Pole, on the left, and Steve Rhyner, on the right, as they filled in the concrete-lined hole with rows of bricks, matching the surrounding 100-year old ones.

The company doing the work is Pacific Northwest Masonry, from Maple Valley. Mr. Rhyner explained that they had had to bring bricks from their own stash because the City had none for them to use.

The Landmarks Commission recently approved the nomination of this brick street and the stone-block streets to the Tacoma Register. The streets nominated are North 9th (brick), and North 10th and 11th, (sandstone blocks.) These streets, between North K. and North G. Streets are apparently the last ones left in Tacoma with these paving methods, which date from the early 1900s.

The Tacoma Register nomination for these streets was written by NSHD Landmarks Ex-officio Commissioner, Marshall McClintock. You can read about how these streets came to be paved with brick and stone in his article in the previous issue of the Trolley Times, April 2013 issue.

If you stop by the alley near Immanuel, on North 9th, you have to look carefully to see the new repair on the uphill edge of the alley. It looks great!

What Do Our Historic Designations Mean?

The North Slope Historic District is on three registers of historic places - the Tacoma Register, the Washington State Heritage Register and the National Register.

The Tacoma Register of Historic Places falls under a city ordinance administered by the Landmarks Commission, and is focused on architectural preservation. The ordinance includes protections against exterior alterations which would intrude on architectural integrity. Guidelines for decisions are developed by Landmarks Commission and approved by the City Council. For information about the Tacoma Register contact the city's Historic Preservation Officer at 253-591-5220.

The Washington State and National Registries are official lists of places important to the history of our state and nation. The honors are given to neighborhoods and buildings worthy of preservation, and is honorary. These places raise awareness about historic and cultural values. There are no financial incentives available for the rehabilitation of listed properties, but being listed **may be** beneficial in securing state or federal grants.

For information about the Washington Register visit <http://www.dahp.wa.gov/washington-heritage-register>.

For information about the National Register visit <http://www.nps.gov/nr/>

Our zoning protects our historic neighborhood even more

The review by the Landmarks Commission, required by the Tacoma ordinance gives a measure of protection against demolition, but zoning is the ultimate guide in Tacoma's neighborhoods. In the past, the portion of the NSHD from No. M St. to No. I St. was zoned for apartments, so houses were purchased and torn down to build multi-units, regardless of historic value.

From the Archives

The following is from the archives of NSHD nomination to the National Register of Historic Places.

540 North Cushman

Home of Dix H. and Georgina Rowland, H.G. & Dix H. Rowland, attorneys. The house was estimated to cost \$3,000 and contained six rooms. The residence was "...finished throughout in slash-grain fir." Dix Rowland was born in Wellsboro, Pa., and graduated from Syracuse University with a law degree. He was involved with law firms in Syracuse directly after college. In 1902 he followed his brother Harry to Puyallup.

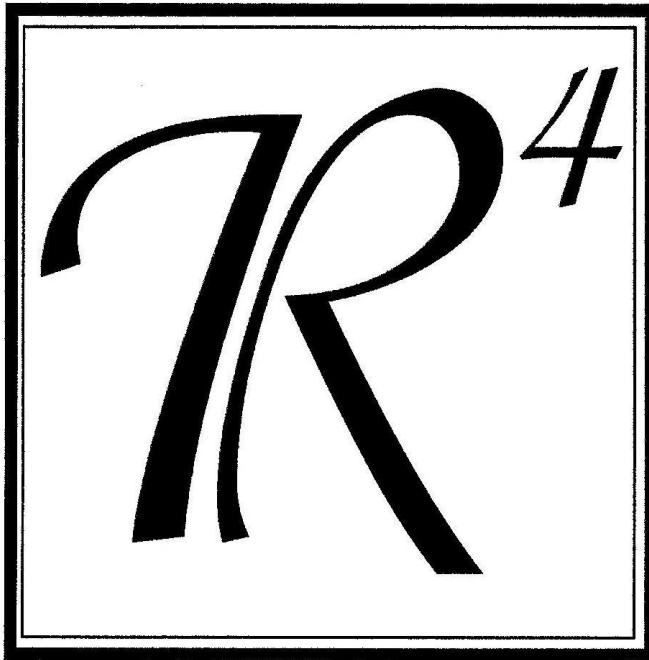
The brothers moved to Tacoma in 1903 and opened a law firm. Harry and Dix were both strong prohibitionists, and Harry, as the prosecuting attorney of Pierce county from 1900-1903 was primarily responsible for enforcing the closure of "saloons" on Sundays. Dix Rowland was for a time the special prosecutor for the City of Tacoma. He was heavily involved with the College of Puget Sound, as well.

Georgina Rowland was born in Bandon, Ireland. She arrived in Tacoma in 1903 and met and married Dix around that time. Georgina was one of the earliest UPS graduates, and shortly before her death in 1966 had earned the distinction of being the oldest living graduate of that University. S.L. Blair, contractor. 1907



520 North Cushman, 2013

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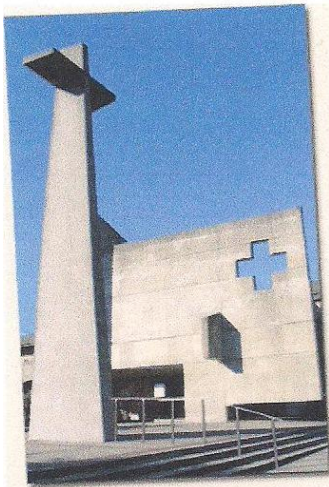
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Summer concerts will feature Dana Robinson, Assistant Professor of Organ Performance at the University of Illinois in Urbana, IL (June 21st), Joseph Adam, organist at St. James' Cathedral in Seattle (July 19th), and Susanna Valleau, Director of Music at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Renton (August 16th).

At Christ Church,

- ◆ We experience the mystery of God exciting our souls through music and the arts.
- ◆ We embrace our neighbors fully, inviting them into the joy of our community.
- ◆ We express our faith in liturgy, going forth from God's table to serve the world.

THE 2013 SEASON OF CREATION

On the four Sundays of August, we celebrate the Season of Creation. Around the world, churches are becoming acutely aware of the environmental crises. In response, we join with them in giving thanks for the beauty of creation and praying that we may be good stewards of creation's gifts. This year, we will celebrate the themes of ocean, flora & fauna, storm and cosmos.

WORSHIP WITH US!

Our Sunday Eucharists are at 8:00 and 10:30 a.m., and we offer a mid-week Eucharist on Wednesdays at 12:00 noon. Nursery care is offered at the 10:30 service on Sunday. Join us!

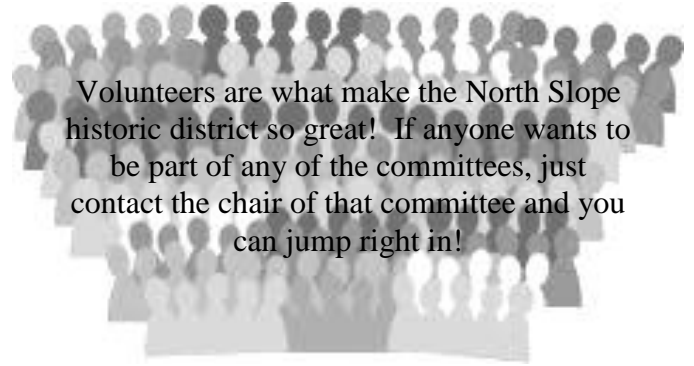
HELP WANTED FOR TROLLEY TIMES DELIVERY!

The North Slope Historic District Board recently decided to change to hand delivery of the Trolley Times, our District newsletter, from mailing it. Tough times make for tough calls, as we all know, and the Board is trying to save our dwindling funds. We hope some of you can help us get the Trolley to your doorstep four times a year.

Needed: People who can spare 30-45 minutes every three months to hand deliver the newsletter to 7 or 8 blocks in the North Slope. The newsletters cannot, by federal law, be put anywhere near a US Mailbox; that means not on, hanging from, under or inside!

Thus, the doorstep, under a mat, inside the screen, rolled up between doorknob and casing, is the place to put the newsletter. But nowhere near the mailbox!

If you would like to be of service to your neighborhood and can spare the time, please call Julie Turner at 253-383-2329, or email at juliejayturner@gmail.com



Volunteers are what make the North Slope historic district so great! If anyone wants to be part of any of the committees, just contact the chair of that committee and you can jump right in!

Protect Your Hands and Support The North Slope Historic District!

Before you go out and purchase utility gloves for
Working in your yard
Working on your house

Call Judy Martin for utility gloves at a fraction of the cost you will pay in the store and support the North Slope Historic District.

These gloves were a mis- print at the manufacture. The North Slope is offering these gloves for a donation of \$2.00 pr or \$20.00 for a 12 pair package

The gloves are available in Small/Medium or Large/ XL

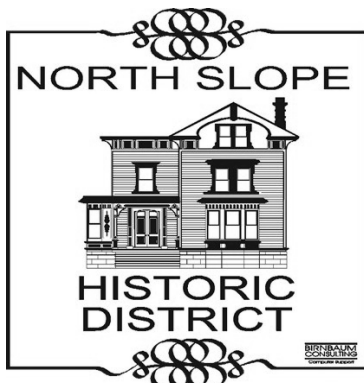
These gloves are great for any type of yard work, mowing, pruning, gardening, pulling berry vines, landscape projects, concrete work, roofing, painting, fence building , working on your car, washing recreational vehicles, hauling wood.

So call now and get your gloves before they are all gone.
Make your check out to: North Slope Historic District
Call Judy Martin 253 572 3059

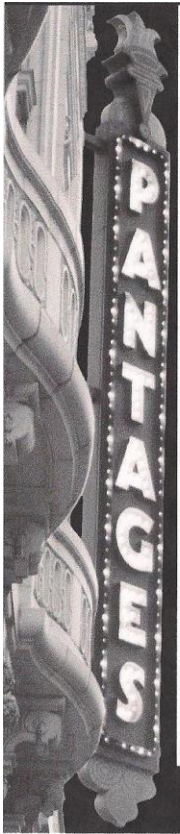
Gloves will also be available at the June 27th General Meeting on Gardening!

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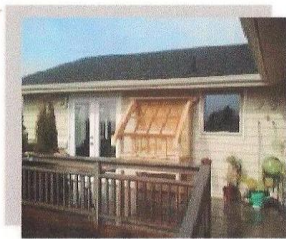
CHICAGO The Musical

Saturday, August 31, 2013 at 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, September 1, 2013 at 3:00 p.m.
Pantages Theater | Tickets start at \$59

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Free Neighborhood Clean-up Day

The North Slope Historic District, Inc. is working with Tacoma Community Based Services to clean-up the neighborhood again this year. This is an opportunity for residential Tacoma Solid Waste customers who own or rent a single-family home or duplex in the NSHD to dispose of unwanted items that don't fit in the green garbage bin or blue recycling bin for free.

Bring electronics, lawn equipment (empty liquids first), tires, carpet, furniture, exercise equipment, barbecues (no propane tanks), strollers, metals, etc. Goodwill or St. Vincent de Paul will likely be onsite to accept resalable items.

Do NOT bring items that fit in your green and blue trash bins, yard and food waste, materials from a business or apartment building, vehicles, motor cycles, RV's, campers, truck canopies, boats, trailers, riding lawnmowers/parts, animal carcasses, hazardous materials, liquids, dirt, etc.

Saturday, August 24th, 10am-2pm
Jason Lee Middle School parking lot, 602 N. Sprague Ave.

ID required: driver's license or recent TPU bill to prove residency in the NSHD

To volunteer for the event, contact Geoff Corso, corso1965@live.com or 572-5474. We particularly need volunteers with pickup trucks.

To get answers to questions, contact Allyson Griffith at agriffith@ci.tacoma.wa.us or 591-5119.

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