



## Newsletter May, 2009

### Meeting at Duwamish Longhouse

The May meeting will take place in the longhouse of the Duwamish tribe with James Rasmussen, director, as our speaker. The date is Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup> ; the time 6pm. Please note this is not our usual location or our usual time. And because we'll look around the site, expect to spend some time outside. You will find directions to the longhouse below.

The recently built longhouse is the most visible part of the Duwamish people's program to make sure their tribe, now about 600 members, and its traditions of oratory, song, dance and ceremony survive and Chief Si'ahl' remembered. His name is, of course, preserved more or less in the name of the largest city of the northwest. Sadly the federal government did not feel his people deserved recognition with the result that the history of the Duwamish (Dkh<sup>w</sup>Duw'Absh) has been different from those of other First Peoples of the northwest.

The longhouse sits near the mouth of the river not far from the landing site of early immigrants. It is also near the ancient Duwamish village hah-AH-poos, on the National Register of Historic Places. For millennia before there was a city called Seattle, the tribe's ancestors lived off the river in natural surroundings near by. The building itself is a traditional cedar post and beam structure in the Puget Salish longhouse style. The last original longhouse was destroyed by fire more than a hundred years ago to force the Duwamish off the land. Today's longhouse - as in ancient times - is a site where tribal business is conducted and cultural and educational events take place. It is also a museum to display selected artifacts from adjacent ancient villages.

The longhouse is located at 4705 W. Marginal Way SW  
Seattle, WA 98106

For directions and a map go to [Map It](#)

No Reminder will be sent for the May meeting.



*“This we know; The earth does not belong to man; man belongs to the earth. This we know, all things are connected like the blood which unites one family. All things are connected”*

*--Chief Si'ahl*

## April Meeting

We wish to thank Richard Engeman for coming to Seattle to talk about what an independent scholar does in the new economic environment and also to discuss the tribulations at the Oregon Historical Society which suddenly closed its research facility. In the course of his comments he mentioned several websites. One was the

Northwest History Network. Website: <http://www.northwesthistory.org/> and

Blog: <http://northwesthistorynetwork.blogspot.com/>

Also noted was the Facebook page, "Save the Oregon Historical Society Research Library & Staff!:

<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=66575438392>

Richard has a blog at <http://theoregoncompanion.blogspot.com/> and a Facebook page: Google *richard engeman facebook* to find it.

## MOHAI Exhibit

The museum will begin a long running show on the Arts & Crafts Movement in the Pacific Northwest on May 30.

## Renewing Membership

Many people receive Guild Newsletters, both members and non-members. To join or renew your membership, please go to our website: / <http://www.pnwhistorians.org>  
Please let us know if you change your email address.

Summer, 2009

The Guild does not hold meetings or events during the summer. Our schedule is roughly that of the academic calendar and the Guild will “phoenix” in the fall for the 2009/2010 season, beginning in September.

### Guild Board, 2008-09

The Board is composed of four regular members and a Treasurer.

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Regarding the Duwamish Longhouse event, please contact Judy Bentley. Paul Spitzer will be unanavailable until June.

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