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Seattle at 150

Events and exhibits celebrating the City of Seattle's Sesquicentennial are in full swing!



After nearly a year in the works, we're thrilled that the *Seattle at 150* book is in production and will be available to the public on November 1st. Produced in cooperation with HistoryLink, the book explores the history of Seattle through stories of objects held in the archives.

Seattle at 150 exhibit at the SMT Gallery. Shown here is a Seattle Sewerage map from 1890.



Selected images from the book, as well as other highlights from SMA's collections, are on display now through the end of December at the Seattle Municipal Tower Gallery on the Level 3 Concourse. The gallery is open and free to the public.

Over the past few months you may have seen us at community events like Seattle Parks and Recreation's Big Day of Play, SDOT's Parking Day, and Councilmember Juarez' Live in D5 event. We've enjoyed sharing our pop-up displays, playing some on-the-spot Seattle history trivia, and handing out lots of free #Seattle150 swag.



Photo archivist Julie Irick at SMA's parklet in the U District on Parking Day.

More events are planned, including a Seattle History Trivia Night at the Fremont Dock Bar and Grill on October 24th. For a complete list of upcoming events and other updates, visit the [Seattle at 150](#) page on our website.



Celebrate Archives Month!

October is Archives Month, and this year's theme set by the Washington State Archives Month Committee is "Celebrate Washington's Heritage." Archives around the state will be offering events celebrating archives work and highlighting how our collections document the diverse heritage of our communities.

For Archives Month this year, SMA will be hosting an Archives Fair in the Bertha Knight Landes Room at City Hall from 10am-2pm on October 30th.



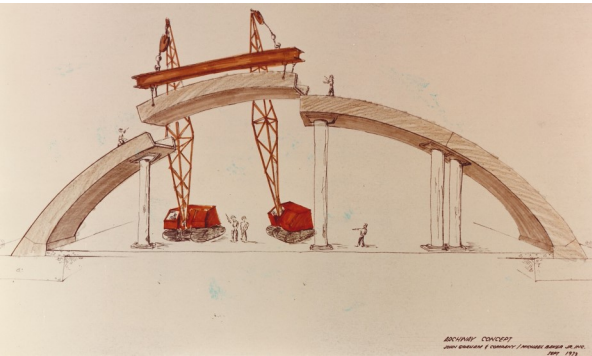
Visitors can view display booths from several different archives in the Seattle area, chat with archivists from a variety of institutions, and get a preview of the *Seattle at 150* book. At noon, UW professor Jeffrey Shulman will discuss local archives in the context of making his recent documentary film, [On the Brink](#).

Newly Processed Collections

Recently processed records at SMA include the **Interstate 90 Development Records (4403-05)** covering the years 1970-1972 and including newspaper articles, complaints and inquiries, photos, and correspondence relating to the proposed I-90 freeway route. Correspondence containing complaints mainly pertain to concerns about air pollution, pedestrian and bike access to Mt. Baker, and the effect on nearby schools.



Valley Automotive Service at 1543 Rainier Ave. Nov. 27, 1972. Series 4403-05, Box 1, Folder 7, SMA.



“Archway Concept” Sept. 1972. Series 4403-05, Box 1, Folder 7, SMA.

Also processed are correspondence and project planning materials from the **Discovery Park Advisory Council (5809-05)**, particularly relating to the West Point Treatment Facility expansion and construction. Meeting records documenting plans for the Discovery Park Interpretive Center are also prominently featured.



Hand-drawn draft floorplan of the Discovery Park Interpretive Center, 1994. Series 5809-05, Box 1, Folder 17, SMA.

(newly processed, cont.)

Other newly processed records include **Minutes and Agendas (9365-01)** and **Subject Files (9365-02)** from the Office of Professional Accountability Review Board, documenting that office’s work ensuring Seattle police abide by the laws, ethics, and policies governing their actions. In addition, the Legislative Department’s **Communications Director’s Records (4600-09)** are now available, covering 2000-2009 and including correspondence, notes, talking points, and media plans.

Early city volumes and registers newly described include: **Electrical Permits (2004-04)** consisting of one volume showing permits issued in 1914; an **Index to Local Improvements (1804-10)** with LID districts from 1890-1911 arranged by street name; a **License Application Log (1807-01)** arranged chronologically from 1954-1967; and two series from the Office of the Treasurer, **Warrant Registers (8003-08)** consisting of six volumes covering 1890-1955, and a **Register of Garnishments (8003-07)** logbook covering 1964-1986.

No. Dist.	STREET IMPROVED	FROM	TO	Nature of Imp.	Under Ord. No.
1584	Fourth Avenue Northeast	45th North	Pacific Place	Sewer	16875
1619	North	McGraw	Newell	G&C	17201
1649	South	Jackson	Atlantic	Grade	17451
1700	North	Seattle Boulevard	Holgate Street	Fill	18008
1725	West	W Galer	Newell	CW	18241
1731	North	Newton	W Prospect	P&V &C	18310
1741	South	Washington	Westlake	Sewers	18342
1605	Fourth Avenue Northwest	West 53th	West 65th	CW	17167
1754	Northeast	E Green Lake Bvd	East 65th	C Walk	18654
1738	North	McGraw	Newell	W Main	18637
1789	West	West Galer	West Garfield	Pavg	18638
1861	Northeast	East 65th	woodlawn	Hydrant	19421
1870	"	Washington	Madison	VB Pvg	19516
1870	South	Washington	"	"	"
1838	West	West McGraw	West Smith	G&C	19596
1901	North	Boston	Galer	Pavg	19651
1914	Fourth Avenue	Seheca	Madison	VB Pavg	19769
1953	Fourth Avenue	Wall	Clay	Pav G	20315
1964	Northeast	East 60th	East 65th	G&C	20369
1970	West	West Howe	W Dravis	Sewer	20375
1975	West	W Garfield	W Crockett	Pavg	20380
1983	Northeast	East 45th	East 50th	G&C	20388

Page 4 of Index to Local Improvements Register, showing entries for Fourth Ave. Record Series 1804-10, SMA.

Interns & Volunteers

SMA is a busy place these days! We have several new faces, including two new work-study students: Harper Cottingham from SPU and Haley Beedle from UW. We also had several new volunteers start working with us over the summer. Annalise Nicholson, Mike Cardinal, and Siri Alderson are all up and running on projects ranging from scanning to processing to cataloging. We are very glad to have them on board!

We said farewell to our wonderful summer volunteer Elizabeth Thompson as the school year began, but are welcoming Staci Crouch and Kelli Yakabu back after their summer adventures. Meanwhile Jen Zook is continuing her work on our moving image collection, Carla Ginnis has been diligently cataloging maps and published documents, and Andrew Wagster has described a large number of previously hidden collections in order to make them accessible.

We are grateful for the contributions of all our students and volunteers – they truly make a difference in helping us share our collections with the public.

Introducing Seattle Segments

Seattle Segments is a new series of online exhibits available to view on SMA's website. The series explores pieces of Seattle's history through the context and interconnectedness of records held in the archives. Excerpts from moving images and audio recordings are woven together with photographs and textual records, providing opportunities for a deeper exploration into topics than what is possible through one format alone.

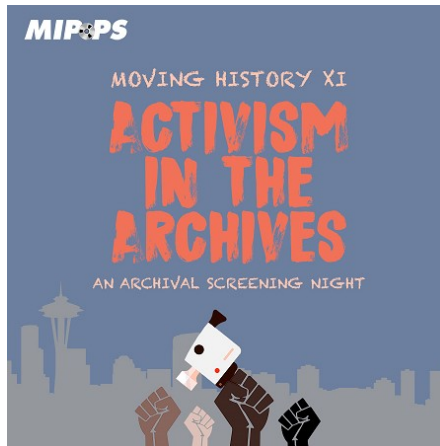
Currently available are segments exploring the West Seattle Bridge, houseboats in Seattle, and urban renewal's Yesler-Atlantic "T" project. Resources for additional research are listed for each topic.

Find [Seattle Segments](#) under "Exhibits & Education" on our website, and also on [SMA's YouTube Channel](#).



Moving History Night

Join us for another installment of [Moving History](#), the archival screening night presented by Moving Image Preservation of Puget Sound (MIPoPS). This edition will explore the endless varieties of activism present in local archives. SMA will present an introduction before the screening, and following will be a Q&A session with MIPoPS staff and participating institution representatives.

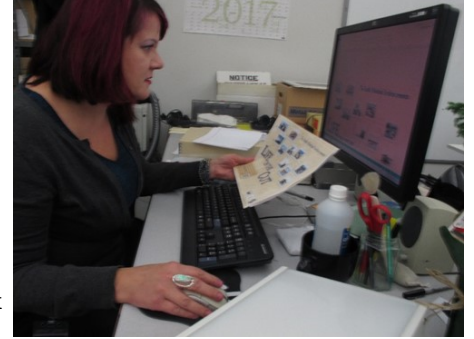


In recognition of the 20th Anniversary of the WTO Protests, this screening will include footage of activists in action from the Independent Media Center collection (recently digitized at MIPoPS), some of which appeared in the documentary film *This is What Democracy Looks Like*.

The screening will take place at the Northwest Film Forum on Sunday, November 10th, from 5:00-6:30.

In Memoriam: Jennifer Woodfield

Jen Woodfield worked at SMA from 2015 through 2018. Jen's experience, education, and enthusiasm for history and archives allowed her to move quickly from being a volunteer in the photo archives to being hired as a grant funded project archivist for [Making the Cut](#), a regional celebration of the centennial of the Lake Union Ship Canal. Following the success of that project, Jen was hired temporarily to process photos of the [Boundary Dam](#) ahead of the 50th anniversary of that facility. Her article for the [Fall 2017 Gazette](#) discussed the project through highlights in the collection. Her work will have a lasting impact on researchers in the Archives.



Jen was a meticulous archivist who valued the process of providing access to historic records. From cataloging and indexing to digitizing, Jen could be relied upon to work diligently and she took her role in the preservation of records seriously.

Jen passed away in July after a yearlong battle with pancreatic cancer. Jen had a great sense of humor. She enjoyed traveling with her husband, and, among



many other interests, she enjoyed researching the history of her home in Fremont. She was a friend and colleague, and she is missed.

New! Moving Images in Digital Collections

In addition to photos, maps, and selected textual records, SMA's [Digital Collections site](#) now contains cataloged film and video records. Users can browse or search for over 3,300 moving image records (and counting!), and use a variety of options to filter and sort results. Videos available in digital format can be streamed on the site.

Providing open access to archival records is a top priority here at SMA, and we are always looking for ways to make searching easier for our users. Eventually audio records will also be included in the Digital Collection site, making it even more convenient to find and access multiple kinds of records in one place.

YouTube and Flickr News

Recently posted to [SMA's Flickr site](#) is this circa 1910 photo of an unknown location, along with our request asking for help identifying the street. Flickr users have commented on seeing similar homes on Capitol Hill, but so far we still don't know the location. Let us know if you recognize it!



Item 5861, Engineering Department Photographic Negatives (Series 2613-07), SMA.

One of the more popular videos recently posted to [SMA's YouTube channel](#) shows unedited footage of Pike Place Market, including buildings, people, traffic, and storefronts, originally shot on October 27, 1998.



Still from *Pike Place Market Buildings and Scenes* (October 27, 1998).
Item 2118, Friends of Pike Place Market Videotape (Series 1628-04), SMA.

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20 Years Ago: WTO Protests in Seattle

The World Trade Organization (WTO) conference in Seattle began on November 30, 1999 and inspired one of the largest political protests ever seen in this city. Protesters focused on issues including workers' rights, sustainable economies, and environmental and social issues.

Publicized worldwide, the City of Seattle was criticized for mishandling the protests and for being unprepared. Months of analysis followed WTO, exploring issues surrounding the rights of free speech and assembly, abuse by law enforcement officers, and mistreatment of individuals taken into custody.

Records in the archives document the aftermath and analysis of the protests, including records from the Seattle City Council WTO Accountability Review Committee. Over 13,500 documents assembled by the staff of the committee are cataloged and searchable on our website, and more than half have now been digitized and may be viewed online in our Digital Collections site.

Check out our online [Guide to the WTO Protests in Seattle](#) to see digitized documents and photos, as well as a list of resources about the protests.

WTO protestors,
Nov. 29, 1999.
[Item 175645](#),
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Facilities
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ImageBank
Digital
Photographs
(Series 0207-01),
SMA.



WTO protestors
on 7th Avenue,
Nov. 29, 1999.
[Item 177008](#),
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Facilities
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Photographs
(Series 0207-01),
SMA.

Upcoming Events

- Oct 16 [History Café](#) at MOHAI, Seattle Storytellers Guild, 6:30-8:30pm
- Oct 24 [Seattle History Trivia](#), Fremont Dock Bar and Grill, 7:30 & 8:30pm
- Oct 24 [Pacific Northwest Historians Guild](#) with author Kevin Ticen, SPU Ames Library, 7pm.
- Oct 30 [Archives Fair](#) at City Hall, 10am-2pm
- Nov 10 [Moving History](#), Northwest Film Forum, 5-6:30pm