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Historic Nuzum House ● 503 West Sumner, Spokane, WA

Designated a significant local historic landmark on the Spokane, Washington State and National Registers of Historic Places, the historic Nuzum House is well-preserved in excellent condition and well conveys building materials and construction practices used during the time the house was built in 1912-1914.

The home is a hallmark example of the Tudor Revival style, which in the late 1890s and early 1900s in Spokane borrowed and "revived" architectural elements and designs from 18th- and 19th-century English and European cottages, row-houses and baronial manor estates.



Stunning Nuzum House blossoming in summertime five years ago in Spokane's historic Cliff District

JUNE 13, 2017 MEETING

PLEASE JOIN SPA AT THE HISTORIC HISTORIC NUZUM HOUSE

503 WEST SUMNER AVENUE
SPOKANE'S SOUTH HILL
TUESDAY, JUNE 13 ● 5:30 p.m.

Members and guests are encouraged to bring a bottle of wine or an hors d'oeuvre to share.

THE EVENT IS COMPLIMENTARY.

The home was designed by Kirtland K. Cutter, one of Spokane's most celebrated architects (Glover Mansion, Finch Mansion, D. C. Corbin House and The MAC's Campbell House).

The historic Nuzum House is artfully distinguished among surrounding neighborhood homes and is unusually tall with three-and-a-half stories, multiple steeply pitched gables, red brick cladding, original multi-paned windows and contrasting dark half-timbered designs and crème-colored stucco infill.

Built in and on a huge basalt rock outcropping, the north-facing front door, daylight basement and garage are on the same level with Sumner Avenue at the first floor while the home's principal rooms (living room, dining room and kitchen) and south rear grounds/gardens are located at the level of the second floor.

Bedrooms are built on the third floor and a large ballroom (now the video center) occupies the fourth floor under overhanging gable eaves.

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SPA President
Ann Kienholz Jurcevic

Message from Our President

Happy Spring! I look forward to serving the board and membership as your new president.

WHAT DOES PRESERVATION MEAN TO ME? ●

Obviously, preservation has many facets. One affords us the ability to visit a site and see more than remnants of what once was ~ to see part of the story, so the fact that there IS a story is evident. Knowing and telling the story gives value to an otherwise sterile space ~ and, it connects us to our heritage.

MY ROOTS & BROWNE'S ADDITION ● My roots are in Spokane. My father lived on Spokane's West Riverside Avenue as a boy and many of his relatives lived in the grand homes in Browne's Addition before they were divided into apartments. I cherish memories of visiting and playing on their big stairwells that provided a way to get from one floor to another within the same residence. Now they provide the way to many residences in the same house!

Browne's Addition also is special to me because my dad worked as a stock boy at the Elk Drugstore (now The Elk Public House), and it's there where he heard the declaration of World War II over the store's radio. These are the stories! Whenever I see the building, I imagine his experience and how what followed changed history.

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LEWIS & CLARK HIGH SCHOOL ●

When Lewis & Clark was renovated, I felt reassured that my father's and grandfather's school and heritage would remain standing to tell its story and their stories, providing concession after my father's Washington Grade School was demolished.

SPOKANE CIVIL SERVANTS ●

My parents were civil servants. My father, a University of Washington architecture student, became a draftsman and ultimately retired from the Spokane City Engineers. My mother worked for the CFO at The Crescent Department Store, was executive secretary to City Planning and retired as a Spokane Police stenographer.

I joined my mother for lunch and school shopping "under the clock" at The Crescent, rode the gated elevator in the old City Hall (when it was still City Hall) and shopped in Montgomery Ward before it became the new City Hall.

Each building has its rich history and stories, and each provides

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Vintage image of first resident Mrs. Richard Nuzum (Jessie) with her children in the garden of their home

The interior of the home is richly appointed with solid oak floors, and imported Honduras mahogany and tiger-sawn oak woodwork, hand-polished to a deep rich patina. Original home furnishings include Sheffield silver chandeliers, a Turkish lantern from Constantinople, opalescent glass-and-brass doorknobs, porcelain bathtubs and washbasins, and hexagonally patterned ceramic tile floors.

The first residents of the property were Jessie (picture with her children above) and Richard Nuzum, a prominent Spokane attorney who helped found the law firm Turner Nuzum & Nuzum with his brother Nolton Nuzum and colleague George Turner, a former Washington State senator.

For nearly five decades, Richard and Jessie Nuzum lived in the Nuzum House where they raised a family, were socially active in Spokane society and hosted numerous gala parties and garden soirees.

From 1946 to 1988, subsequent owners of the Nuzum House included physicians Drs. Francis and Harriet Judy; Dr. Francis VanVeen and his wife

Patricia (they raised 16 children in the house!); real estate agent/agency owner Larry Vaughn and his wife Billie; lawyer Michael Hagan and his wife Erna; and David and Tina Canning.

Present homeowners and preservation award winners Paul and Janet Mann purchased the Nuzum House property in 1988.

Recognized as Spokane civic leaders and historic preservationists

extraordinaire, the Manns have opened the Nuzum House for numerous historic home & garden tours, many SPA board and members' meetings, SPA holiday celebrations, historic home music concerts and various city-wide events.

As community benefactors, the Manns founded and managed the Children's Ark of Spokane, offering care, education and service to infants and families within the local foster care system.

Of particular interest is Janet Mann's family. In the early 1900s, Janet's great-grandfather was well-known Spokane pioneer Charles W. Clarke, the man responsible for platting and developing the resurveyed Cliff Park Addition ~ the architecturally prominent residential neighborhood in which the Nuzum House is located.

SPA extends a heartfelt thank you to Paul & Janet Mann for opening their home to countless numbers of people through their residency of more than 29 years. Because of the Mann's careful restoration and impeccable maintenance, the Nuzum House remains one of the most historically significant and finest homes in Spokane.

● LINDA YEOMANS
Spokane Preservation Consultant & Historian



Another view of the of the handsome Tudor-Revival mansion, this time embellished with autumn colors

ADVOCACY ● BROWNE'S ADDITION

BROWNE'S ADDITION DEMOLITION MORATORIUM

MEGAN DUVALL (City County Historic Preservation Officer), **LORI KINNEAR** (City Council Member) and **RICK BIGGERSTAFF** (Chair, Browne's Addition Neighborhood Council) attended the last SPA Board meeting on May 4th to update the board on what's going on in Browne's Addition. At the conclusion of the discussion, SPA Board Members expressed support of their efforts and offered to help however possible.

- **MEGAN DUVALL** began the discussion by saying that the neighborhood council was concerned about ongoing demolition of historic properties and seeks more protection. Megan advised them that if the neighborhood became a local historic district with incentives to historic property owners, they could have some protection through design review. Demolition can't be stopped, but restoration of historic properties can be made more attractive through incentives. Design guidelines also allow for more appropriate and compatible new construction. Megan has submitted a grant application to the state to help develop the historic district and the design guidelines.
- **LORI KINNEAR** said that real-estate speculators want to put up multi-family buildings in Browne's Addition. Lori was able to convince the City Council to vote on a moratorium on all demolition in Browne's Addition for a six-month period in order to give time to develop the historic district and design guidelines. It was a unanimous vote by the council. Lori is also working on strengthening the existing demolition ordinance. The challenge is to not infringe on personal property rights. She and her steering committee have begun a draft of the revised ordinance and it will soon be given to stakeholders to review. The demolition moratorium ends around the first of October.
- **RICK BIGGERSTAFF** said they made a list of on-site property owners. They conducted a survey of 30% of those owners and they were unanimously in favor of the historic district. Education is important because many didn't understand the benefits of the district without explanation. Rick said they can't keep the developers out but hope to persuade them to save more history and to do more compatible new construction. He said the district and the guidelines would force a constructive conversation with the developers.

● EXCERPT • May SPA Board Meeting Minutes



Other preserved historic Browne's Addition "beauties" - The MAC's Campbell House, the Finch House, the Patrick Clark Mansion and the Reid House



Above photo - City engineers' drafting room at Spokane's old City Hall
Right photo - (L-R) Darren D. Johnson and Delbert F. Kienholz reviewing Mr. Kienholz's Stevens Street expansion model



connections to the people and places that matter to us.

FAMILY HOMESTEAD ● My great-grandparents homesteaded in Medical Lake (Spokane County). The site now is barren ~ time erased its stories. There is no evidence of their homestead except a roadway there which bears the Fancher name, relatives of the Fancher Party who came West in the mid 1800s.

PRESERVATION ADVOCACY ● By definition, heritage is what one inherits. As advocates, we create defenses against the natural effects of time, both in documenting our stories and in preserving their evidence, so we have a heritage to inherit.

As preservation advocates, we have insight. When we convey our insights, we hope they are met with sentiments other than, "but why should this matter to me?" Among our advocates, we are met with, "of course it matters." But, we have to reach outside our membership, continue to bring together others like ourselves, and educate and answer "why" to those who don't see what we see. Through our contribution of time, ideas, awareness and resources, each of us contributes to cultivating new passion and appreciation.

We can share our insight with others, even when they may not have their own stories here, they've yet to uncover them, or maybe they are building a brand new story.

Thank you for all you do to learn the stories of others and your own, to share them and for preserving stories for those who follow.

● ANN KIENHOLZ JURCEVICH • President, SPA



Year after year a number of SPA volunteers take on the challenge of producing our Annual Gala to raise funds for our Heritage Grants program and to help us in other ways to meet our goals. They work primarily behind the scenes and get minimal if any recognition for their efforts. In this June issue of the *Update* we want to acknowledge some of them.

It's Gala night! You enter Barrister Winery and turn to the right where you see a bank of computers. Waiting to take your credit card are **Shaun and Alycia Skidmore, Wendy Repovich and Sheri Peters**. (Now that's a leap of faith, but you do what's expected of you because you've come to support SPA!)

After the initial step of registering, our guests walk into the room and see a PowerPoint presentation looping across the screen above the tables where everyone will be seated during the Gala. This compilation of photographs has been faithfully created by **Kelly Lordan**, otherwise known as our "Doing It" chair. Kelly also puts together the PowerPoint presentation of the Live Auction items and mans the projector during it.

Larry Grossman is the guy who obtains those tickets and passes to places such as 49 Degrees North, The Spokane Symphony Orchestra, the Civic Theater and sporting events just to name a few. Larry is able to obtain these donations due to his tireless volunteer work throughout both Spokane and Coeur d'Alene.

Jeanette Brenner and Joanne Stewart have done the décor for years bringing a joyful and colorful ambiance to each of our annual events. Give them a color scheme and they will always come through!

More recently the team of **Rohn and Patti Hahn and Marjorie Bender** have collected all of the items that make up the Silent Auction ~ gathering them together in tasteful and appealing packages. The combinations they come up with never ceases to amaze!

Sarah Hancock, the newest team member, visits local bakeries after the holidays are over to make up our fabulous "Dessert Dash."

Last, though certainly not least are **Lori Nicol and Dave Shockley** who are the movers and shakers of the Loud Auction.

Because of these volunteers, our generous sponsors, the great location at Barrister Winery, the very professional auctioneer, Austin Booker, and a very generous group of attendees this years 'Sparkle & Spend' Gala Auction fund-raiser was the most fun, successful and profitable event in SPA's history.

Thank You **EVERYONE!**

● ROYNANE LISK • Communications Chair

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Barrister Winery, the setting for this year's wonderful, successful benefit



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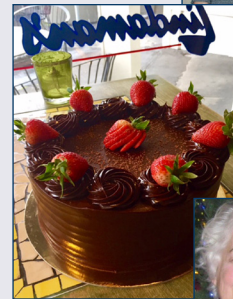
"Sparkle & Spend" friendly registrars (L-R) Wendy Repovich, Sheri Peters and Alycia Skidmore

Larry Grossman with his wife Shirley



Dave Shockley and Jeanette Brenner

Happy party goes (L-R) Suzanne Markham, Heather Moltke, Tyler Tornabene, Louie Flores and Gillian Cranahahn



Sarah Hancock and the Lindaman's cake



JoAnn Stewart with Carolyn Santantonio



ACTION FROM THE BOARD ● PINTS FOR PRESERVATION PUB CRAWL

This year, due to the lack of a full-time chair for the event and the need to have a larger committee, 2017's summer pub crawl has been cancelled. We plan to begin earlier and make it a great event for 2018. Interested committee members (or chairs) should contact our Development Chair Tresa Schmautz at tshmautz@gmail.com.



Dear Friends,

Our name says it all: Spokane Preservation Advocates. We love Spokane and we work hard to preserve it, but advocacy has always been at the heart of SPA. Since 1997 we have fought to save places that matter in our community. We have often been successful, but at times, volunteer voices alone have not been enough. This year we have resolved to do more.

In recognition of our 20th Anniversary we have launched **20 for 20**, a bold plan to raise **\$20,000** for an Advocacy Fund. The fund could pay for legal assistance, technical expertise, advertising or similar actions that would enhance our voice in the community. The commitment of our volunteers is unquestioned. Our next task is to provide financial resources to back that commitment.

Several years ago, when the Jensen-Byrd Building was threatened with demolition, our Board spent \$10,000 to hire an attorney to fight the demolition. We were successful and the building still stands. There was no money in the budget for this expenditure, but it was clear we had no choice. Had we not taken the risk, Spokane would certainly have lost another reminder of our heritage. In establishing the Advocacy Fund, we prepare for the future. We position ourselves to advocate forcefully from a position of strength rather than reacting in a crisis mode with inadequate resources.

We began the **20 for 20** Campaign at our recent gala, "Sparkle and Spend." We hoped to raise \$6,000 to \$7,000 from the raise-the-paddle event which would have given us a good start toward our ambitious goal. To our great delight, we raised over \$13,000. Clearly, the concept touched a chord with the members present that evening. Last week, as you may have heard, the Friends of the Davenport disbanded and donated \$5,000 to **20 for 20**.

Now, with more than \$18,000 in hand, a goal that once seemed distant is within sight. Many of our members were unable to attend the gala and are thus unaware of this new initiative. Knowing how many of you have dedicated yourselves to advocacy for many years, we now ask, will you help SPA attain ~ or even surpass ~ this goal? We have achieved much for a young organization, but we still have much to do. Please consider a donation to SPA **20 for 20** to ensure that we continue to advocate effectively for the places that matter in Spokane.

To contribute, send your check payable to Spokane Preservation Advocates (SPA) to the address below. Please indicate **20 for 20** on your donation. Or you may visit our website to donate online.

(SPA is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, and your donations are deductible to the fullest extent of the law.)

Thank you for supporting SPA.

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GIFT FROM THE FRIENDS OF THE DAVENPORT



You may have seen a very large article

in the *Spokesman Review* recently about the Friends of the Davenport disbanding after 30 years. They faithfully hung together through the difficult years trying to find a buyer/developer to restore the hotel. They also held an annual holiday party in the decorated hotel lobby to show the faithful public that the building was in good repair.

Well after over 15 years of successful operation after the renovation by Walt and Karen Worthy, the group decided to disband.

The Friends of the Davenport is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and any monies remaining when that type of a group disbands must be given to another 501(c)(3) group.

The Friends Board met for a final meeting luncheon at the Historic Davenport to discuss the dispersal of their funds.

It was the Friends Board's decision to give \$5,000 of their remaining funds to Spokane Preservation Advocates to go to the **20 for 20** Advocacy Fund for emergency advocacy issues. The remainder of their funds went to the MAC to digitize their collection of artifacts from the Davenport Hotel so they can display them on line.

This very thoughtful gift added to the over \$1,300 dollars raised for the Advocacy Fund at this year's "Sparkle & Spend Gala" brings our total to over \$1,800.

SPA gives many thanks to the members of the Friends of the Davenport Board for their years of work and for this generous gift.

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- STUDENT \$10
- INDIVIDUAL \$30
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