



TACOMA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Preserving, Presenting, and
Promoting Tacoma's
History

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2012 was a strong year financially for Tacoma Historical Society, but we think the coming year can be even better. Please help us continue our forward momentum by contributing to our 2013 Annual Fund Drive. Our goal is to raise \$7400 through this campaign, exceeding last year by 10%.

We also ask you to check the membership expiration date on your mailing label. If your date is upcoming or past, please consider renewing at this time. You'll want your membership to be current so you can receive discounted admission to our upcoming Historic Homes of Tacoma Tour.

The home tour and the Destiny Dinner have become successful annual events. In addition, last year we were the recipient of the proceeds of the Tacoma Craft Beer Festival. We received a Pierce County preservation grant for archival supplies, plus we have several grant requests pending with local foundations.

Building on that success, we are now poised to move forward with our plans to move our Society to a new location. We have explored multiple facilities and are currently negotiating the details of a lease in a historic landmark building in downtown Tacoma.

We are aware that this move will dramatically affect our Society. Our monthly rent will more than double, plus we face the costs of moving our collection and acquiring fixtures for the new location. Yet we know these challenges will be offset by the opportunity to once again create exhibits, increase retail revenues, and offer research materials to students and adults. Most importantly, our goal is to provide a stable environment for our collection of Tacoma artifacts, documents and images.

Please help us by sending your check today with the enclosed reply forms – one for membership, one for the 2013 Annual Fund Drive. We are grateful for your past contributions; we know that together we can do even better. You are the key to our success as we move forward. Your continuing assistance will help make 2013 another groundbreaking-year for Tacoma Historical Society!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill Baarsma". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Bill Baarsma, President