



TACOMA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

***Tacoma and Business -  
A Sound Partnership  
from the Beginning***

You work in

**TACOMA**

You're proud of the number of  
years your business has been in

**TACOMA**

You've grown to know and love  
the quirky history of

**TACOMA**

Now is the time  
for your business  
to **become a member of**  
**TACOMA HISTORICAL  
SOCIETY**

[www.tacomahistory.org](http://www.tacomahistory.org)

**Mission**

Tacoma Historical Society is a volunteer-supported 501(c)(3) charitable, nonprofit corporation, and is dedicated to the preservation, promotion and presentation of the history of the City of Tacoma and its people.

- We believe a community and its neighborhoods are enriched and strengthened by awareness of their unique cultural, political and social history. We strive to increase the level of this awareness for all persons who live in, visit or are curious about Tacoma.
- We actively collect, document and preserve artifacts related to Tacoma's past from the period immediately preceding the location of the Delin Mill on Tacoma's waterfront in 1852 up to the significant events of the present day.
- We encourage scholarship related to Tacoma's history so that a significant legacy will be available to future generations.
- We disseminate information about Tacoma's history and present programs and displays of historical personages, places and events so that all interested persons can develop their understanding and appreciation of this city and its people.
- We partner with and support community and cultural organizations' efforts which further the growth of historical interest in and awareness of Tacoma's heritage.

**Tacoma Historical Society  
PO Box 1865  
Tacoma, WA 98401**

***Yes, we want to help preserve Tacoma History!***

Please indicate your membership commitment level: \_\_\_\_\_ (see adjacent page for level options)

Business Name (print) \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ In business since: \_\_\_\_\_

Website \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Email \_\_\_\_\_

Method of Payment:  Check (Make Check payable to: **Tacoma Historical Society**)

Visa \_ MC \_ Disc \_ Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name on Card (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: Tacoma Historical Society, ATTN: Membership, P.O. Box 1865, Tacoma WA 98401

## Tacoma and Business— A Sound Partnership From the Beginning

Tacoma's earliest settlers had their eye on prosperity. They created a vibrant city booming with commerce and charming neighborhoods. Today, Tacoma businesses carry on the tradition and the challenge.

Tacoma Historical Society collects and tells the stories of the City of Tacoma and its people. True to its mission, the society has played a leadership role in efforts to preserve the city's history through such activities as:

- Providing monthly programs featuring the work of local historians
- Presenting the annual Historic Homes of Tacoma Tour
- Providing fiscal sponsorship for such projects as the Top of the Ocean, Allen C. Mason, and World War II Memorial Monuments
- Hosting our annual “Destiny” dinner and auction each fall.

## History of

### Tacoma Historical Society

The Society was formally established and incorporated in 1990. When Washington State Historical Society was planning to build a new facility, Tacoma historians and history buffs realized that Tacoma-centric artifacts would not figure prominently in plans for the new museum. They subsequently formed the Society to offer the community a repository that would help Tacoma tell its story to visitors and future generations.

The Society focused mainly on educational opportunities during its early years, via monthly forums. 1993 brought the first "Historic Homes of Tacoma" tour as an annual fundraiser for a future museum of Tacoma history. In 2006 the Society took a big step in that direction by opening an Exhibit Center at 747 Broadway, featuring a gift shop and the Allen C. Mason Exhibit Area. The first annual "Destiny" dinner and auction was held in 2007 and the following year the Society hired its first director.



Postcard image from the Cristel Collection

Current Exhibit (through January 2, 2010):  
*“From Ruins to Renaissance:  
The Architecture of Downtown Tacoma”*

## BENEFITS OF BUSINESS MEMBERSHIP

### Event Sponsor - \$8000

All the benefits below PLUS:

A 4-volume limited-edition set of “Tacoma: Its History and Builders” by Herbert Hunt;  
A total of 8 tickets to Historic Homes of Tacoma Tour; acknowledgement (with logo) on THS website and “City of Destiny” newsletter; logo on all event promotional materials and company name prominently displayed at the event.

### Exhibit Sponsor - \$4000

All the benefits below PLUS:

2 tickets to the “Destiny” Dinner & Auction (including recognition); logo on all exhibit promotional materials; Acknowledgement (with logo) on THS website and in the “City of Destiny” newsletter.

### Event Co-Sponsor - \$2000

All the benefits below PLUS:

A total of 4 tickets to Historic Homes of Tacoma Tour, company name displayed at the event; Acknowledgement on THS website.

### Exhibit Co-Sponsor - \$1000

All the benefits below PLUS:

Private event at Exhibit Center or speaker provided for “Tacoma history” program at venue of your choice; Business name displayed at the Exhibit Center.

### Society Supporter - \$500

All the benefits below PLUS:

2 tickets to Historic Homes of Tacoma Tour; Acknowledgement in the “City of Destiny” newsletter and Annual Report.

### Basic Membership - \$150

Certificate suitable for framing; quarterly “City of Destiny” newsletter; advance notice of all Society events; Business name listed in Annual Report.

To discuss higher giving levels or endowments, call (253) 472-3738 or email [info@tacomahistory.org](mailto:info@tacomahistory.org)