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## **HISTORICAL SOCIETY RETURNS TO DOWNTOWN TACOMA** *Tacoma Historical Society finds new home in historic Provident Building*

TACOMA, WA – After four years without an exhibit space, Tacoma Historical Society is returning to downtown Tacoma. At its new location in the Provident Building, 919 Pacific Ave, Tacoma Historical Society (THS) will once again present rotating exhibits promoting the history of the City of Tacoma and its people.

“To finally discover a suitable location in a historic building right in the center of downtown is a dream come true for the Tacoma Historical Society,” said Bill Baarsma, THS President and former Mayor of Tacoma. “THS can now present and share Tacoma's history through exhibits, a research facility and retail store. We are excited and thrilled to be part of the action in downtown.”

The grand opening will be held 5-7pm on Thursday, March 27<sup>th</sup>. The event is free and open to the public. A sneak-preview and open house for Tacoma Historical Society members will be held Sunday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2-4pm.

“This is a big deal for history in Tacoma,” said Baarsma. “We are excited to bring the stories of Tacoma’s past to visitors in a new downtown Tacoma location. We are confident that the new facility will have a long-lasting impact on our community.”

The debut exhibit “*Out of the Attic: Curiosities from the Collection of Tacoma Historical Society*” will showcase rare items rescued from oblivion by the society.

Tacoma Historical Society works to forge connections between past and present generations, fostering an appreciation of the past and a sense of place within our community’s history. The new location will allow THS to better serve the public and better care for its growing permanent collection of historic Tacoma artifacts, documents and photos. The new 3,100 square ft. facility provides a safe, stable environment for collection items, as well as increased community access to the activities and services offered by Tacoma Historical Society.

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*About Tacoma Historical Society: 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. [www.tacomahistory.org](http://www.tacomahistory.org)*