

## Celebrating 30 Years of Tours with Nancy Day

To celebrate the 30 year anniversary of the SAF architectural walking tours program we are sharing profiles of some of our beloved tour guides. Nancy Day, one of the co-chairs of the SAF tours committee has been volunteering at SAF since 2016.

### What was the first tour you developed and gave?

I first trained on the Art Deco tour. Later I did the SLU Tour. Currently I lead Art Deco, the Ballard tour, and I'm excited to lead a new tour in 2020 — "Stone to Steel: Seattle Style from Then 'til Now", which I put together partly from other tours and partly from things I've learned while auditing Architecture classes as the U.W. It's a chronological look at Seattle's examples of major architectural styles in vogue from 1889 through today.

### Favorite part of being a tour guide

I have too many great memories to name one. I love meeting our tour participants who share my excitement about our built environment. They often point out details to me that I haven't noticed, or give me backstory on buildings from their own family histories or experience working in the buildings or neighborhood. I enjoy being a Seattle ambassador for our out-of-town visitors, and I get great ideas from them about places to visit, buildings to see, and tours to take when I travel.

### Favorite Seattle Building

I'm a big fan of the Exchange Building, an Art Deco gem built on the brink of the stock market crash in 1929. I love the beautiful detailing and history surrounding the building. I'm also amazed by the block it's on (Second Ave. between Columbia and Marion streets) which is a compact illustration of drastically changing architectural styles from the 1920's to the 1950's, with three landmark buildings.

### Words of wisdom for SAF volunteers

Every guide has his or her own particular passions and interests. For example, I love to intertwine history and stories with architecture. I think it's important for guides to follow their interests when giving tours; when they're excited, their participants will be excited.

Thank you Nancy for your passion for architecture and for all that you do for SAF!

## Upcoming Design in Depth Webinar: Growth for Communities, Not as Commodities

Zoom Webinar  
June 16, 5:30 - 7:00 PM

What if we could build a new Seattle neighborhood from scratch? Students at the University of Washington College of Built Environments addressed this question in their group Studio as they imagined innovative concepts for the future of the Interbay neighborhood north of the Magnolia Bridge. Come join the Seattle Architecture Foundation for a discussion with Rick Mohler, UW Associate Professor, and the students who participated in the studio to discuss their vision of what a new Seattle neighborhood might look like.

Photo: Maura Witzel, Ashley Shook, Jason Yan, and Kasia Cassidy

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## Stories In Stone Virtual Tour with Author David B. Williams

June 10, 5:30 - 6:30 PM  
Via Zoom

Most people do not think of looking for geology from the sidewalks they travel, but for the intrepid geologist any good rock can tell a fascinating story. On this virtual walk, which incorporates illustrations and photographs, you will explore a range of rocks equal to any assembled by plate tectonics, from 3.5-billion-year-old gneiss to 120,000 years old travertine, fossils the size of cinnamon rolls, and rock used by the Romans to build the Colosseum. In this tour local author David B. Williams will discuss history, transportation, and architecture to give you a new way to appreciate urban geology. Plus, you'll even be able to "visit" a couple of quarries and see where the stone originates.

Photo: 155 million year old ammonite from the Grand Hyatt Hotel

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## Stay Tuned for Tours

We plan to resume in-person tours while following local health and safety guidelines and with added social distancing measures as soon as we are able.



## Design at Your Desk

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic the Seattle Architecture Foundation (SAF) has created "Design at your Desk," a series of design challenges for youth of all ages and abilities. Draw a picture, make a model, and share your design with us on social media with the hashtag #SAFcreates.

If you enjoy these programs please consider [making a donation](#) to SAF so that we may continue providing public programming.

[Design At Your Desk](#)



## Summer Programming for Youth

SAF partners with local organizations to offer summer programming for youth. Our classes focus on the architectural process, guiding students from initial conception to final model. Programs can range from one week to four depending on the host.

Current partner: [Coyote Central](#).

[For more detailed information visit our website.](#)

## Your Support Is Needed

Lost revenue due to cancelled programs and events over the past few months and uncertainty of what's ahead puts SAF and other small non-profits in a tough spot. If you are in a position to make a financial contribution at this time we thank you in advance.

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### Community Events

[Virtual Civic Cocktail](#)

June 3, 6:00 PM

*Presented by Town Hall Seattle & Seattle CityClub*

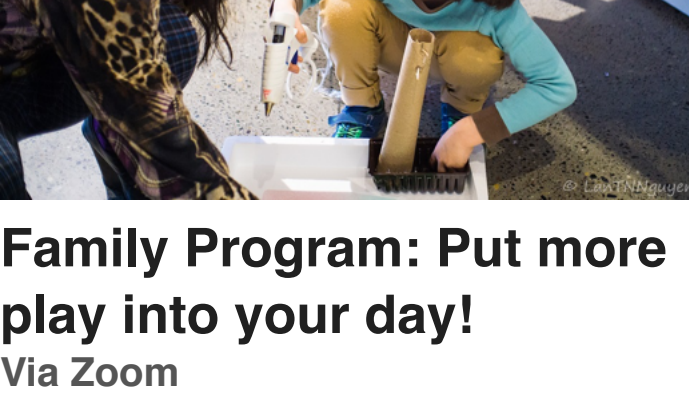
A lively and conversational look at big events and important issues facing the Puget Sound region featuring Mayor Jenny Durkan and Washington Policy Center Vice President of Research Paul Guppy.

[Seattle Design Festival Call for Proposals](#)

Submit by June 15

*Presented by Design in Public*

The Seattle Design Festival is still taking place August 15-23 but while the traditional physical experiences have been canceled, the festival will now feature digital programming, virtual installations and exhibitions, as well as remote experiences. Submit your proposal today!



## Family Program: Put more play into your day!

Via Zoom  
June 6, 10:00 - 12:00 pm

Turning interstitial spaces (bus stop, waiting spaces) into playful spaces!

Have you ever had to wait for a long time at a bus stop or in line at the store or the airport? Was it boring? Put more play in your day by transforming these "waiting spaces" into playful places.

With the COVID-19 pandemic we are currently unable to resume our Family Workshops in their usual format instead, we are using Zoom, we will host a meeting where SAF can share our presentation to get young architects inspired and then after an hour or so of build time reconvene to share what everyone has created.

[Free RSVP](#)



## New Curriculum Available Online

Every year SAF teaches hundreds of youth about architecture, design, and how it affects our community. While working from home we miss the friendly faces and bright minds of our students. To keep access to architecture education alive, we've updated multiple lessons from our Places + Spaces curricula. Developed for grades K-6, these deep dives explore the concepts of creating communities and how people shape spaces.

[Planning Communities](#)  
[People & Design](#)  
[Shapes in Space Scavenger Hunt](#)

Photo: Andrea Grimaldo

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### Upcoming SAF Events

**June 6** [Family Program: Put more play into your day!](#)

**June 10** [Stories In Stone, virtual tour with David B. Williams](#)

**June 13** [Youth Program: As-build Environments in Tinkercad](#)

**June 16** [Proactive Practices: Growth for Communities, Not as Commodities](#)

[SAF Calendar](#)

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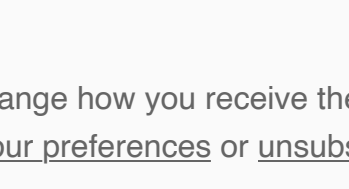
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