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## ABOUT MOHAI

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### MUSEUM OF HISTORY & INDUSTRY

From humble beginnings in 1911, MOHAI has grown into the largest private heritage organization in the State of Washington with a collection of over four million objects, documents, and photographs from the Puget Sound region's past. A portion of this collection (roughly 2% at any given time) is on display in the museum's galleries at the historic [Naval Reserve Armory](#) in [Lake Union Park](#). MOHAI uses these artifacts along with cutting edge, hands-on interactive experiences to make history come alive through the unforgettable stories of the men and women who built Seattle from wilderness to world city. In addition to museum exhibits, MOHAI hosts a variety of award-winning youth and adult public programs and consistently collaborates with community partners on local events and activities. MOHAI is accredited by [The Alliance of American Museums](#) and is a [Smithsonian Affiliate](#).

### HOURS

10 am–5 pm Daily, and until 8 pm Thursdays  
10 am–8 pm First Thursday of the month *free*

#### Extended Hours

10 am–8 pm Thursdays, July and August

Closed November 4, 2016, Thanksgiving and Christmas.

### ADMISSION

Adult	\$19.95
Senior (62 and older)	\$15.95
Students and military	\$13.95
Youth (14 and under with chaperone)	FREE with chaperone

### MEMBERSHIP

MOHAI membership guarantees free, unlimited admission to the museum for one year, as well as valuable discounts on events, workshops, and purchases at the gift shop and café. Membership rates are as follows:

Individual	\$60
Dual/Family	\$95
MOHAI Plus	\$150
Storyteller	\$250
Innovator	\$500

## UPCOMING EXHIBITS

### [\*Seattle on the Spot: The Photographs of Al Smith\*](#)

November 18, 2017-June 17, 2018

Al Smith's photography chronicled his life as an active, vital member of Seattle's African American community. With great warmth and intimacy he created thousands of remarkable photographs of life in the neighborhood where he was born and where he raised his family—the Central District. Smith's brilliantly expressive documentary photography continued until his passing in 2008.

A retrospective of Smith's work, *Seattle on the Spot: The Photographs of Al Smith* honors the collection of more than 40,000 photographs generously donated to MOHAI by the Smith family. This irreplaceable work serves as a unique example of capturing history through the lens, film and flashbulb.

Born in 1916, Al Smith received his first camera as a gift as a teenager. He fell in love with photography as he began to capture images of the Central District community where he was raised. After working as a steward on steamships, and sailing to Hawaii, Japan, China, and the Philippines, he returned to Seattle with a professional camera and began to explore his own city with the curiosity that had carried him around the Pacific. He brought his camera wherever he went, capturing friends and family, meeting and gatherings, and the vibrant social life, focusing on the Central District in the 1940s, 50s, and 60s.

*Seattle on the Spot* is a special glimpse into Seattle's African American community, the local jazz scene, as well as the life and the work of this unique artist. Smith's pictures give a peek into a vibrant part of Seattle's history and culture.

## CURRENT EXHIBITS

### [\*True Northwest: The Seattle Journey\*](#)

MOHAI's core exhibit aims to illuminate how history has shaped the unique culture of the Pacific Northwest by tracing Seattle's journey from wilderness to world city. On the second floor, visitors meander through a set of intimate spaces that provide a series of snapshots into Seattle's past. Alongside the artifacts and historic photos, the exhibit uses interactive media that allows visitors to dig deeper into the unique stories and issues.

### [\*Maritime Seattle\*](#)

Continuing MOHAI's 50+ year partnership with the Puget Sound Maritime Historical Society (PSMHS), this exhibit in the McCurdy Family Maritime Gallery explores our region's connection to water, beginning right at Lake Union. The exhibit uses images, models and artifacts to juxtapose historic activities with the modern ones visible on Lake Union through the gallery's north-facing windows.

### [\*Bezos Center for Innovation\*](#)

Explore how innovation shaped our region and changed the world. Through interactive exhibits, community and educational programs, and first-person insights from leading innovators, discover Seattle's role as a nexus of big ideas and new directions - and ignite the innovator within! Generously supported by Jeff and MacKenzie Bezos, this is the place to discover the past and future of creativity and invention in our region.

### [\*It's Raining Cats and Dogs\*](#)

Cats and dogs are a familiar presence in Seattle. It's no wonder that they officially outnumber human children in our city. It's Raining Cats and Dogs brings together rarely seen objects and images from MOHAI's collection taking a closer look at Puget Sound history through the stories of cats and dogs. Guaranteed fun for animal lovers of all ages—this exhibit shows the importance of these animals throughout history.

## ADDITIONAL FEATURES

### [SOUTH LAKE CAFÉ](#)

Located in MOHAI's northwest corner, the 700 square foot café boasts stunning views out to Lake Union and across Lake Union Park to the Space Needle. Focusing on local ingredients and a memorable experience, the Café offers a selection of sandwiches, salads, soups, and desserts. Espresso drinks, local wines, and beers round out the menu, making this the perfect choice for a quick refresher or a more leisurely meal. South Lake Café is catered by eatdrink with Eric Bauer, which captures the best of the flavors around Seattle. [MOHAI members receive a 10% discount!](#)

### [MOHAI STORE](#)

Located inside the Faye G. Allen Grand Atrium, the MOHAI store has a wide variety of products, including collectibles, toys, jewelry, home décor, cards, journals, art, and accessories. The retail store also features fiction and nonfiction titles about the history and culture of the Puget Sound region. Many products are locally sourced from producers, manufacturers, and suppliers throughout the Pacific Northwest. Additionally, store staff work closely with local artists to find unique pieces that complement the themes of MOHAI's permanent and temporary exhibits. [MOHAI members receive a 15% discount!](#)