

## Honoring our History

Seabeck Conference Center has roots from the 19<sup>th</sup> century, when Seabeck flourished as a mill town and shipyard, until a fire in 1886 ended the town's promise as an industrial center. By the early 1900s, prominent Seattleites Laurence Colman and Arn Allen realized that Seabeck was an ideal place for summer conferences attended by YMCA and YWCA groups. In 1914, the town and surrounding land were purchased by Laurence and his brother, George. The old buildings were restored, and the present day Conference Center was founded. In 1936, the Colman family created a nonprofit corporation and deeded the 90 acres that now comprise the Seabeck Conference Center. Today, the Center is a primary contributor to the economic health of the Seabeck community and surrounding area. While the Center focuses on the future and providing the best possible experience for guests, its unique history informs a shared sense of community stewardship.

*The Centennial Campaign: The Next 100 Years of Service* is an invitation to the thousands of individuals whose lives have been enriched by their Seabeck experiences. We know the campaign's success will be the result of community effort, reflecting the shared values that make the Seabeck Conference Center a treasured place. Join us in realizing Seabeck's future by becoming a part of the Centennial Campaign.

For nearly 100 years, Seabeck Conference Center has provided a nurturing place for families, individuals, and nonprofit groups from around the Puget Sound and beyond. The campus comprises spectacular natural beauty and the resources to support a range of activities promoting learning, fellowship, and renewal. The Center serves nearly 10,000 visitors each year and has become a touchstone in the lives of many generations. Visitors describe crossing the bridge over the old mill pond to enter the campus as a passage from the cares and stresses of modern life into a place of peace and connection. The view across the canal to the snow-capped Olympic Mountains, the towering conifers that fill the hillside, and the gnarled but resilient apple trees are all part of a guest's experience in this very special place.

*Seabeck is a constant in an ever changing world. ~ Seabeck Participant*