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Northwest Seaport presents its **Maritime Heritage Hero Award** Flo Lentz of 4Culture, the cultural services agency for King County, on May 30, 2013.

Northwest Seaport Board members will present Flo Lentz with the **Maritime Heritage Hero Award** for being an instrumental facilitator of the Maritime Heritage Initiative, which led to the cooperation and integration of the various maritime heritage groups in the Northwest. Her tireless efforts to promote maritime heritage and to foster congeniality among the disparate groups was key to the Maritime Heritage Initiative. Through that, 4Culture worked to establish the Maritime Heritage Alliance, which includes The Center for Wooden Boats, Coastal Heritage Alliance, Historic Seattle, Northwest Seaport, The Steamer Virginia V Foundation, and the Museum of History Industry. There continue to be regular meetings to share news, coordinate on major grant-seeking efforts, and find ways to improve the climate for all of maritime heritage in Seattle.



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Additionally, Ms. Lentz represented 4Culture during the writing of the 2010 National Maritime Heritage Area feasibility study which was guided by the work of a steering committee members assembled by the Washington State Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation.

Committee members wrote that “residents in these maritime communities derive a great sense of

pride from their heritage, their connection to the sea, and their maritime treasures. That sense of pride is reflected in exceptional grassroots efforts to preserve, celebrate, and share that heritage.” Designation by Congress as a National Heritage Area would support both the preservation of heritage resources and appreciation of contemporary maritime culture. It would “draw national attention to this vital part of our nation’s history, and provide citizens from across the country an opportunity to discover both the traditional and contemporary contributions the Pacific Northwest makes to our national mosaic.” Our local heritage societies and organizations bring people to the water, teach the art and craft of vessel building, and remind us all of how “every aspect of Washington State’s culture is woven from our connections with the sea.”



Northwest Seaport is honored to present the **Maritime Heritage Hero Award** on Thursday, May 30, 2013 aboard the historic steamship *Virginia V*, dockside at the Historic Ships Wharf at Lake Union Park in Seattle. This ticketed event runs from 5:30 to 8:00 pm and includes hors d’oeuvres, wine and beer. Cost is \$45 per person. The number of participants is limited by the venue, so reserve your place early.

Maritime Heritage Hero Award

Thursday, May 30, 2013 | 5:30 – 8:00pm

\$45 per person, Brown Paper Tickets, <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/377615>

Aboard the historic steamer *Virginia V* Lake Union Park, Historic Ships Wharf, 860 Terry Ave N., Seattle, WA 98109

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About Northwest Seaport

Northwest Seaport, founded in 1964, preserves and interprets the maritime heritage of Puget Sound and the Pacific Northwest. At Seattle’s Lake Union Park Northwest Seaport museum ships, the tugboat *Arthur Foss*(1889) and the Lightship No. 83 *Swiftsure*(1904), provide a hands-on venues for family education, employment training programs and heritage restoration. Recent Northwest Seaport public events include Gold Rush Tugboats, onboard story time for toddlers, tugboat tours, maritime music, First Thursday Open Museum Ship, and overnight sleepover programs.