



# IT'S TIME TO SAVE THE STONE COTTAGE

The stone-studded cottage at 1123 Harbor Ave SW has been a beloved and legendary landmark for 90 years. Help us save this piece of West Seattle history.

## HIGHLIGHTS

**15,000** stones carried from the beach near Alki Lighthouse decorate the façade

**Heart Stone** beside the front door welcomed strangers for 90 years

**January 2021** demo date

**\$110,000** fundraising goal

**\$40,000** already pledged

**Phase I** move off-site by Jan 2021

**Phase II** secure new location

**Phase III** reassemble on new site and careful restoration

**Fiscal Sponsor** Southwest Seattle Historical Society

**Experts Include** architects, historians, writers, documentarians, preservationists, community advocates & people passionate about our history

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## OUR MISSION

The mission of the Save The Stone Cottage LLC is to preserve and protect a local historic building: the stone cottage at 1123 Harbor Ave SW. The stone-studded cottage has been a **beloved and legendary landmark** for 90 years and our goal is to move it to a new site, preserving the history of our city for generations to come.

## STONE COTTAGE STORY

The Stone Cottage was built by Eva Falk during the Great Depression. Eva and her children came up with its **unique façade of more than 15,000 beach stones**, carried from the beach near the Alki Lighthouse, and each stone was thoughtfully placed by hand on the exterior of the building. As the decades passed, Eva welcomed all manner of strangers to the Stone Cottage, turning them into friends. Eva died in 1997 at age 92.



The Stone Cottage is now crammed between condos and townhouses, standing in the way of development. The owner of the property has agreed to allow the house to be moved before construction begins.

This project is in conjunction with the **Southwest Seattle Historical Society** in its ongoing effort to preserve the history of our great city. This is a complicated project, but we are determined to save this amazing piece of West Seattle history.

If the Stone Cottage isn't moved, demolition is expected to begin in January 2021, and we will lose a piece of our history.

## SEEKING \$110,000 IN DONATIONS

Save The Stone Cottage LLC has developed a three-phased plan and has until January 2021 to move the house off the site. We are actively scouting locations and have planned the logistics of physically moving the 90-year-old stone house.

**Phase I (by Jan 2021):** Move to new location (or into storage should a new location not be found before January). Budget of \$110,000 includes the move and 2 years of storage.

**Phase II:** Secure a new location, possibly in a park or on school grounds (due to COVID19, talks with the City of Seattle are on hold. We are open to creative ideas!).

**Phase III:** Move the Stone Cottage to its new home, including all site prep (pouring a foundation, installing utilities and careful restoration).



**“Even the rocks thrill with memories of past events,”** said Chief Seattle, the namesake of our city. **“The very dust beneath your feet responds more lovingly to our footsteps ... the soil is rich with the life of our kindred ... because it is the ashes of our ancestors.”**

## OUR TEAM

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