

## **Northwest History Network Event – Saturday, August 13th**

### **A Walking Tour of the Historic Stokes & Zeller Architecture in the Buckman Neighborhood**

**NHN Associates and board members Tim Askin, Tibby O’Brien and Khris Soden will conduct a walking tour of the historic Buckman neighborhood with a focus on the area’s historic Stokes & Zeller architecture. Tour attendees will meet at Triumph Coffee (201 SE 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Portland, OR 97214) at 11:00 am on Saturday, August 13, 2016, for the approximately one hour long walking tour. The tour will end at Marthas Restaurant in Revolution Hall (the former Washington High School - 1300 SE Stark Street, Portland, OR 97214). The walking tour is free and open to NHN Associates and the general public. RSVP requested via email at [bryans1212@q.com](mailto:bryans1212@q.com), or by phone at 503-747-9652.**

Here are more details about the tour and its presenters:

The work of Richard L. Zeller and William R. Stokes (as W.R. Stokes & Co. and later Stokes & Zeller) is found throughout the city of Portland, but with the vast majority east of the Willamette River. Their known works span from Roseburg to Hood River and Klickitat County, Washington. It is found in extremely high concentrations, exceeding ten percent in residential sections of the Buckman neighborhood. The company was responsible for construction of a wide variety of buildings including single-family residences, duplexes and large apartment houses although very few of their larger apartment buildings appear to survive. Stylistically they covered the Queen Anne, Colonial Revival, Craftsman, and eclectic combinations of the three. Beginning in the 1880s they began purchasing lots and building on speculation. In many most instances they retained ownership of the buildings and rented them out. There are few newspaper records of them attempting to sell any property they built; however, they quite regularly built on commission for individual clients who generally wished to use the buildings as investment property as well.

Architectural Historians Tim Askin and Tibby O’Brien will introduce the work of Stokes & Zeller via a walking tour in the Buckman neighborhood where there is a high concentration of Stokes & Zeller work dating from the 1890s to circa 1910. A brief history of their work will be presented along with an overview of the area’s history presented by local historian, Khris Soden. The tour will allow one to appreciate Stokes & Zeller work of this period and allow one to recognize a few of their signature styles and types which can be found in great numbers on Portland’s east side, and fewer numbers on the west side.

Elizabeth “Tibby” O’Brien has worked in historic preservation for a number of years, most recently at Archaeological Investigations Northwest. Tim Askin has worked in historic preservation in the Northwest and is a specialist on the former City of East Portland. She and Tim Askin have studied the architecture of the neighborhood, and are happy to share what they have learned so far about one of the building teams who helped shape the community as we recognize it today. Khris Soden is an artist and the proprietor of the website [LovejoyPettygrove.com](http://LovejoyPettygrove.com).