

**OPERA HOUSE:**  
3,100 seats  
\$2,370,000.00  
remodelling  
14 conference areas

**ARENA:**  
4,243 → 5,742 seats  
15,500 sq. ft. exhibit  
remodelling 1964

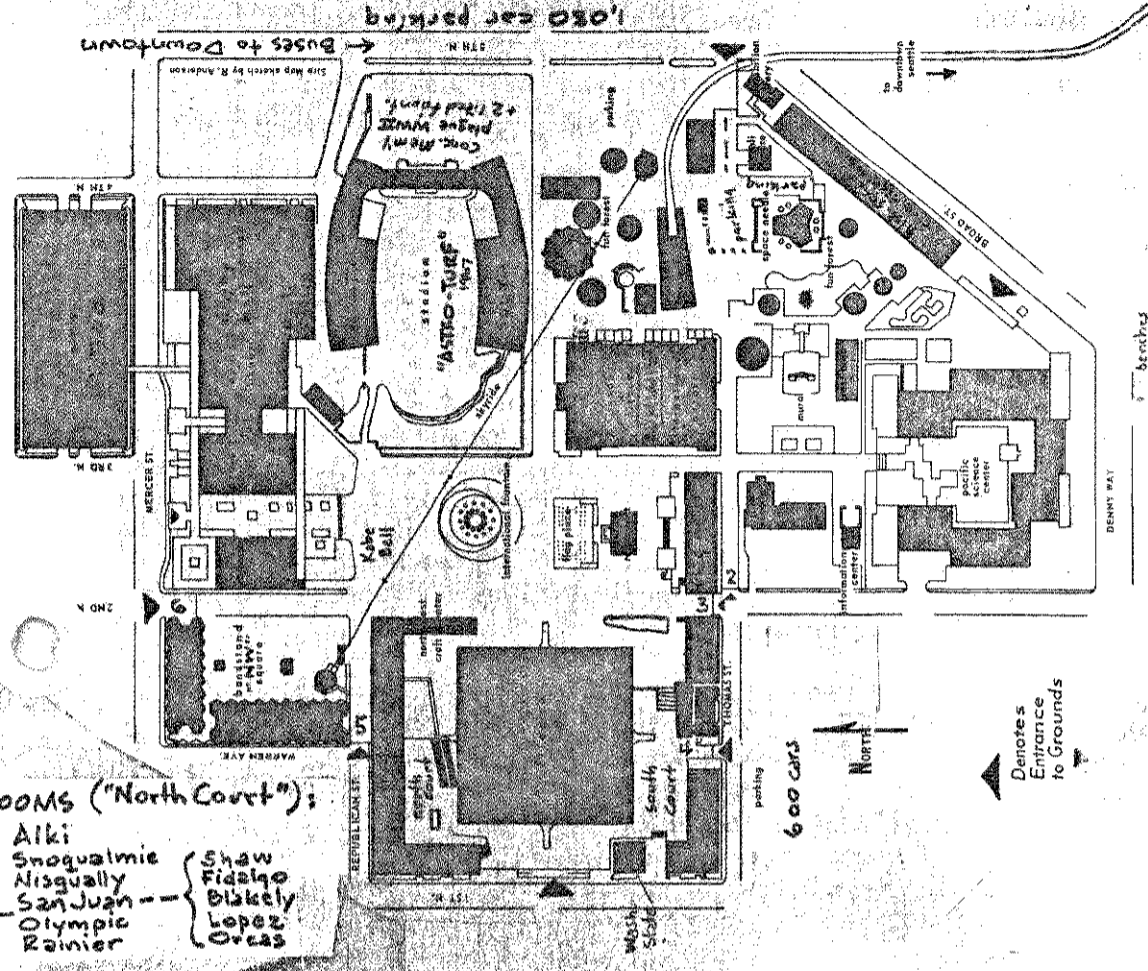
**PLAYHOUSE:**  
795 seats  
\$2,151,356.00

**EXHIBITION HALL:**  
40,000 sq. ft.  
3,800 dining space  
**DISPLAY HALL:**  
37,000 sq. ft.

**STADIUM:**  
11,500 seats  
\$1,400,000.00 = 1945

**SPACE NEEDLE:**  
\* 600' high 832 steps  
Elev. 725  
Smith Tower 500 ft.  
Vancouver Tank 41-530  
Eiffel Tower 1056 ft.  
Tokyo Tower 1089'  
14' ship restaurant rotates  
counter-deck 1 turn/hr.  
30 passenger elevators  
43 sec. trip  
3" sway 800 sq. ft.  
Design: Victor Steinbrueck  
Carillon: 538 bells: 14 ton  
by Schuimert, Inc., Rema  
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**MONORAIL:**  
1.3 mile ride = 2 min.  
Two 4-car trains  
each 200 seats + 250 stg.  
built Alweg, Germany  
Straddle pre-stressed  
hollow conc. beams  
25 ft. above street.  
\$3.5 million TOTAL  
City took over: 1965  
Mount. by Transit Syst.  
(parts from Germany)  
10 AM - 12 M



**SCIENCE CENTER:**  
Designs Minoru Yamasaki  
Marinore, Bein, Brady + Johnson  
Arches 100 ft. high  
Games Theatre - 6 projectors  
Spacearium 8,000 sq. ft. hemispherical screen  
Pools + fountains = 556,000 gals.  
**COLISEUM:**  
12,403 → 14,355 seats  
roof covers 3 1/2 acres  
11 stories high, 360 acres  
remodelling 1964  
TOTAL cost = \$6 million

**PLAZA PAVILION:**  
19,000 sq. ft.

**ROOMS ("North Court"):**  
Alki  
Snogualmie  
Nisqually  
San Juan  
Olympic  
Rainier  
Shaw  
Fidalgo  
Blakely  
Lopez  
Orcas



**SYMBOL OF THE WORLD'S FAIR (1962) 1100,000,000.00**  
"CENTURY 21 - Man-in-Space": America's Space Age.

- Highlights of Man's conquest of space:
- (1452-1514): Leonardo da Vinci designed flying machines.
  - 1890: Otto Lilienthal (Germany) first free-flight glider
  - 1901: Wright Bros. first flight
  - Space-age dawned 1957: Sputnik 1 - Russian satellite
  - 1961: first spaceman, Yuri Gagarin (Russian); Alan Shepard (American)
  - 1964: unmanned moon hit - Ranger 7 (American)
  - 1965: first venture out of spacecraft - Aleksei A. Leonov from Vostok 2 (Russian)
  - first rendezvous of manned spacecraft: Borman + Lovell; Schirra + Stafford (Gemini 7 + 6; American)
  - 1966: first "soft" landing on Moon + pictures (Luna 9: Russian); first spacecraft to land on another planet - Venus (Russian)
  - 1968: first manned orbit of Moon (Apollo 8) on Christmas; Borman, Lovell + Anders.
  - 7/20/69: EVOLUTION INTO SPACE: Moon Landing: Neil Armstrong, Edwin Aldrin and Michael Collins.

**SEATTLE ART MUSEUM Pavilion**  
MA 4-6550 Sat. Sun. Noon-9 PM  
Tue-Fri. 10 AM-5 PM  
7 PM-10 PM  
Mondays - Closed

SEE ALSO: PERMANENT ART LIST.  
(Horiuchi Mural: 17' x 60')

INFO: JU3-2900 EVENTS: JU2-2940  
74 Acres (23 city blks) 2,180' across x 1,930' wide

**FACTS & FIGURES**

**SEATTLE CENTER**

\* Sea-First Bank Bldg - 609' high

## SEATTLE CENTER - History

The vicinity of the present International Fountain and Memorial Stadium was the site for many years of ancient tribal ceremonies of the Indians and was known to them as "Potlatch Meadows". During "pioneer days" of the white man, it became the site for traveling carnivals and fairs, referred to as "the circus grounds".

In 1900 the City paid \$3,407 for delinquent taxes on many properties in the area accrued by the City due to defalcation of the ex-City Treasurer, Adolph Krug. Then in 1910, a portion of this property, now the site of the International Fountain, was transferred to the jurisdiction of the Park Commissioners for Park and Playground purposes, plus other property condemned to "square off" the area: developed as "Mercer Playground."

In 1927, the Civic Auditorium was erected to the south of the playground and the Civic Ballfield with wooden bleachers. In 1929, the Park Department was authorized to plant shrubs, etc., about the site. During 1938-39, the basement of the Auditorium (now the Display Hall) was used as a Recreation Center with WPA leaders under Park supervision. After a long, heated controversy, the City Council in 1945 decided to replace the rotted grandstand at Civic Field with the new Memorial High School Stadium. (Some of the Park Board favored Lower Woodland for this facility.)

In 1960, a 74-acre area that included the above facilities was condemned for the purpose of a World's Fair "Century 21" - 1962. The Civic Auditorium was rebuilt into the Opera House; the National Guard Armory was leased for the "Food Circus", and the "International Bazaar"; the International Fountain "plays on"; the Mercer Playground; the Space Needle; Yamasaki's outstanding Science Pavilion; Exhibition Hall; the Playhouse; "Kobe Bell"; and the Coliseum were constructed and a "Gayway" (amusement rides and shows) installed; landscape design by Lawrence Halprin, San Francisco.

After the fair, the entire 74 acres were remodeled for a Seattle Center, including retention of the amusement rides (replacing the "Playland" sold in 1961 for purposes of Bitter Lake PF; an earlier one was "Luna Park" at Duwamish Head in West Seattle, destroyed by fire in 1931). Landscaping of the Center was modified by Richard Haag, U.W. And discussion about the Memorial Stadium returned - to relocate it!

In 1964 maintenance of the landscaping (exclusive of street trees) became a Park Department responsibility. In 1967 the Space Needle (a privately owned property) plantings were included in the maintenance.

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