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Old Alcohol Plant Hotel, Restaurant & Events

TAKE A STEP BACK IN TIME AT THIS CHARMING VENUE

Located near the water's edge of Puget Sound in Port Hadlock, Washington, the remodeled 1911 Classen Chemical Company's Alcohol Plant reopened in 2016 as a hotel, nonprofit housing establishment, restaurant and event center. Revitalized after decades of transitional history, the Old Alcohol Plant features a historic setting with modern amenities. The elegant hotel rooms boast jetted tubs and fireplaces, the restaurant menu items satisfy a multitude of diners and the art exhibits that change throughout the year allow returning guests something new to admire on each visit.

Sweeping views of Puget Sound grace the dining room and patio where visitors can enjoy meals. The hotel offers several event spaces. The 1,488-square-foot Sky View Ballroom accommodates 216 guests for cocktails or 95 for banquet seating, and the Bay View Room, with its 1,200 square feet, holds 174 without seats and 76 for dining. Additional seating space for 40 is available on the adjoining patio.

The 1,386-square-foot Lobby Lounge highlights rotating works of art and boasts moveable furniture to accommodate 202 guests for a cocktail

party or 88 for a banquet. The Gallery has 777-square-feet, and the conference room and studio can host an additional 12 to 50 people for breakout sessions. The venue has ample guest parking, onsite catering, free Wi-Fi, and audio-visual equipment available for rent.

The patio bordering the restaurant provides spectacular views of the Port Hadlock Marina, and the adjacent lawn is perfect for picnics. Guests staying on a Friday or Saturday night can enjoy local live music, and the city of Port Townsend is just a 15-minute drive away offering great dining options, quaint stores, parks, beaches and an assortment of adult beverage tasting venues serving wine, cider, beer and distilled liquors.

Charles H. Adams, the father of famous photographer Ansel Adams, began construction of the Alcohol Plant in 1909 and opened it in 1911. The plant received its raw materials and sawdust supplies used for making alcohol from the Washington Mill Company, which was once owned by Charles's father William J. Adams. Artwork by Ansel Adams adorns the lobby of the hotel.

The economy in Port Hadlock shifted in the late 1800s and early 1900s. A proposed railroad boosted the economy, but when decision makers chose to reroute it on the east side of Puget Sound many businesses in the area struggled. Ownership of the Alcohol Plant during the last century changed hands many times with intermittent decades of abandonment and disrepair.

Current owners, Gary and Susan Keister, purchased the property and the neighboring Tower Building in 2014 and reopened it in 2016 after extensive remodeling. The Keisters joined with nonprofit Bayside Housing & Services in hopes of improving the quality of life for certain community members in need. By opening the second floor in the Tower Building to qualified veterans and senior citizens, the Keisters assist people in transitioning from temporary to permanent housing.

Escape metropolitan Seattle and enjoy an event at this historical and distinctive venue situated just 40 minutes from the Kingston Ferry Terminal. BY TRACY BEARD

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