Union Club rehabilitated as co-working space
History

The Union Club was founded in 1888 by twenty-seven of Tacoma’s founding fathers. The club was designed to entertain visiting dignitaries as well as to have a place for special social celebrations for Tacoma’s elite. The Colonial Revival Clubhouse was built two years later, sited on a slope above a high bluff with sweeping views of Commencement Bay. In 1906, a three-story addition was designed to give women access to the Union Club. In 1936, the University Union Club was founded and remained in the building until 1985.
The building was sold in 1985 to David Smith, one of the club’s last members. Smith converted the club to a restaurant. The property was listed on the Tacoma Register of Historic Places by unanimous approval of City Council on July 21, 2009. The nomination was submitted by Historic Tacoma with the support and research efforts of neighborhood residents. By 2016, the Union Club was in a state of disrepair and was purchased by Amber and Eli Moreno.
With a passion for historic preservation, by Amber and Eli Moreno restored the building back to its original grandeur and have created a new, modern take on the Union Club.
The Union Club is now a coworking space contributing to Tacoma’s growing artistic and entrepreneurial communities. It combines a maker studio, event hall, and office coworking space, in a 15,000 square foot historic building in downtown Tacoma.
After a total rehabilitation cost of $314,000, the Union Club has been revived as a community asset. Their mission is to support and promote local art and technology, creating a gathering place for creatives and entrepreneurs.