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2009 Most Endangered Historic Properties Announcement to Feature Seattle Post-Intelligencer Globe

Seattle, Washington: The Washington Trust for Historic Preservation is pleased to host a press event on Tuesday, May 26th, at 1:00 p.m. to announce its annual list of the state's Most Endangered Historic Properties. The press conference will be held in Seattle's Olympic Sculpture Park near the Alaskan Way entrance to the park. This vantage point offers unobstructed views of the 18-ton Post-Intelligencer Globe that sits, spinning, atop the P-I building at 101 Elliot Avenue W. The globe, included in this year's Most Endangered List, was originally built by Pacific Car and Foundry and Electrical Products Consolidated (still in business today as PACCAR) and installed in its first location at Sixth Avenue and Wall Street in 1948. Relocated to its current site in 1986, the Globe continues to remind passers-by that "It's in the P-I." Directions and parking information for the press event can be found below.

Since initiating its Most Endangered Historic Properties List in 1992, the Washington Trust has identified over 100 historically significant resources experiencing a wide range of pressures. Inclusion in our annual list is intended to raise awareness of the challenges and opportunities facing historic resources across the state and to encourage collaboration with all stakeholders to develop preservation strategies. In numerous instances, Most Endangered status has worked to facilitate solutions that promote the historic significance of sites while retaining important resources as viable, functional components of our neighborhoods and communities. Thirteen resources are highlighted in the 2009 List.

The Washington Trust for Historic Preservation, a nonprofit organization, promotes the preservation of historic places in Washington State through advocacy, education, collaboration, and stewardship. Founded in 1976, the Washington Trust addresses its mission through the annual Most Endangered Historic Properties List, educational tours of its landmark headquarters, the Stimson-Green Mansion in Seattle, conferences and training workshops, a quarterly members' newsletter, a small grants fund, and action on legislation and public policy. Visit the Trust website at www.wa-trust.org for more information.

All wishing to attend the press event should enter the Olympic Sculpture Park at the Alaskan Way entrance (the intersection of Broad Street and Alaskan Way), visibly marked by the large fountain and sculpture entitled *Father and Son*. From here, walk approximately 50 yards north on the pathway running along the waterfront. The press event will take place near a steel sculpture entitled *Schubert Sonata* and will begin promptly a 1:00 p.m. Please allow ample time (at least 30 minutes) to park and walk to the site, as the intersection experiences heavy vehicular and train traffic.

Directions to the Olympic Sculpture Park, Seattle

From I-5 heading North:

Take the Seneca Street exit (exit 165 on the left). Turn slightly left onto Seneca Street. Turn right onto 1st Avenue. Turn left onto Broad Street. The Alaskan Way entrance to the Olympic Sculpture Park will be at the bottom of the hill on your right at the intersection of Broad Street and Alaskan Way.

From I-5 heading South:

Take the Union Street exit (exit 165B). Stay straight to go onto Union Street. Turn right onto 1st Avenue. Turn left onto Broad Street. The Alaskan Way entrance to the Olympic Sculpture Park will be at the bottom of the hill on your right at the intersection of Broad Street and Alaskan Way.

From SR-99 heading North: Take the Seneca Street exit to First Avenue. Turn left onto First Avenue. Continue to Broad Street. Turn left onto Broad Street. The Alaskan Way entrance to the Olympic Sculpture Park will be at the bottom of the hill on your right at the intersection of Broad Street and Alaskan Way.

From SR-99 heading South: Take the Broad Street exit, also marked “To Seattle Aquarium.” Merge left onto Broad Street. Proceed west on Broad Street toward the waterfront. The Alaskan Way entrance to the Olympic Sculpture Park will be at the bottom of the hill on your right at the intersection of Broad Street and Alaskan Way.

Parking:

Limited metered street parking is available along Alaskan Way, Elliott Avenue and Western Avenue.

Pay parking is also available in the Olympic Sculpture Park garage accessible from Broad Street just after crossing Western Avenue. Several additional pay parking lots are in the vicinity.

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