



WASHINGTON TRUST FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION

2004 Annual Report

Dear Members and Friends of the Washington Trust,

THANKS TO OUR MEMBERS, DONORS, GRANT MAKERS, AND FRIENDS, 2004 WAS ANOTHER YEAR OF TREMENDOUS PROGRESS AND GROWTH FOR THE WASHINGTON TRUST FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION. Founded in 1976 to safeguard Washington's historic resources through advocacy, education, stewardship, and collaboration, the Washington Trust's capacity continued to grow in 2004, building on the successes achieved since receiving the Stimson-Green Mansion in 2001 and operating with professional staff since 2002.

Regretfully, the Trust accepted Executive Director Lisbeth Cort's resignation at the end of the year. Lisbeth came to the Trust during the big transition and brought an extensive preservation and nonprofit management background. She transformed the organization and gave the Trust a sound footing for the future. It will be hard to replace Lisbeth, but the board of trustees plans on hiring a new executive director who will build on her legacy of competence and professionalism.

None of the Trust's achievements in 2004 would have been possible without you. We hope you'll enjoy this annual report, which highlights what we achieved in 2004 thanks to your financial support and commitment to preserving Washington's precious past.

Mary Thompson, Interim Executive Director

Funding Preservation Projects Around Washington State

SINCE 2002, WE HAVE PROVIDED THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS IN GRANTS TO LOCAL PRESERVATION PROJECTS THROUGH OUR VALERIE SIVINSKI WASHINGTON PRESERVES FUND. The Fund is a bi-annual grant program that provides up to \$1,000 to individual organizations involved in historic preservation around our state. The goal of the fund is to provide small yet meaningful amounts of money to help promote historic preservation where it really happens—at the community level.

In 2004, the Washington Trust announced a new initiative to expand and endow our Valerie Sivinski Washington Preserves Fund. Several donors in Valerie's hometown of Tacoma have contributed leadership gifts and pledges to create the endowment, and the Washington Trust has launched a multi-year campaign to expand the Valerie Sivinski Washington Preserves Fund in order to provide a stable, reliable source of funding.

In 2004, Valerie Sivinski Washington Preserves Fund grants were given to:

Friends of the Community Center, Mukilteo - \$1,000 for promotional materials to assist advocacy efforts to save the historic Rosehill School.

Friends of Eddon Boatworks, Gig Harbor - \$500 for public information materials that helped pass a city bond issue to acquire and save the historic Eddon Boatworks and 500 feet of waterfront access in that community.

Friends of the Old Brewhouse, Tumwater - \$500 for printing and distribution of public information materials to help save the Olympia Brewhouse listed on the 2003 Most Endangered Historic Properties List and the 2004 Watch List.

Friends of Shelton Gym, Shelton - \$1,000 for website and promotional materials to assist in local advocacy efforts to save the Shelton Gym listed on the 2003 Most Endangered Historic Properties List and the 2004 Watch List.



Garfield County Super Citizens Organization, Pomeroy - \$1,000 to repair the leaking roof on the 1887 First National Bank Building that serves as their senior center. (see photo left)

Historical Architecture Development, Inc., Walla Walla - \$1,000 to help match grant funds for structural repairs to the National Register-listed Kirkman House.

(Photo by Beverly Adams-Gordon)

St. Urban Settlement Foundation, Winlock - \$1,000 to help pay for an historic structures report for St. Urban's Church listed on the 2004 Most Endangered Historic Properties List.

Wenatchee Valley College, Wenatchee - \$1,000 for an architectural assessment and long-range planning for the historic Wells House. (see photo below)



(Photo courtesy of Washington Trust)

Raising Awareness About Endangered Historic Properties

EVERY YEAR, MANY HISTORIC PROPERTIES ACROSS THE STATE OF WASHINGTON ARE THREATENED BY DEMOLITION OR NEGLECT. Collectively, these properties contribute to the quality of life we enjoy and shape the daily experiences of living in small towns, large cities, and rural countryside across the state. Since 1992, the Washington Trust for Historic Preservation has maintained a list of endangered historic properties in our state, bringing attention to threatened buildings, sites, and places in communities statewide. In 2003, our 10 Most Endangered Properties program became an annual list selected from nominations statewide and launched with a highly visible press conference.

In 2004, we further improved the flexibility of the program by renaming it the Most Endangered Historic Properties List to include as many eligible properties as needed. Eight properties were selected for inclusion on the 2004 list, and five properties from the previous year still considered threatened were moved to our Watch List. With the help of assigned site representatives, the Washington Trust supported local groups with ongoing communication and technical expertise, as well as financial and legal resources. We have taken a leading role in efforts to save currently listed properties, such as the Collins Building in Everett, as well as past sites in need of continued support, such as the Shelton Gymnasium. Focusing attention on imperiled historic buildings and sites in our state has helped rally support for their preservation, resulting in many success stories. But much remains to be done.

2004 Most Endangered Historic Properties List

(Please note that the status of these properties is as of year-end 2004. Look for updates in current and future 2005 issues of Trust News.)



Anderson-Bourn Cabin, Whatcom County

Presently this 1920s log cabin is deteriorating under the forces of nature and vandalism. Due to shrinking budgets, the U.S. Forest Service has struggled with stabilizing, maintaining, or rehabilitating the cabin. Without funding for a structural evaluation and stabilization plan, the cabin could be lost forever. Work is underway on strategic planning and grant writing to help save this historic mining cabin in Whatcom County. A comprehensive historic structures report is a pre-requisite to the Forest Service making a determination on the ultimate use of the property.



B Reactor, Hanford Site, Benton County

In October 2004, President Bush signed into law a bipartisan bill authored by Sen. Maria Cantwell and Rep. Doc Hastings to preserve the historic Hanford reactor. The "Manhattan Project National Historical Park Study Act" directs the National Park Service to study the feasibility and sustainability of one or more units of the National Park system for the Manhattan Project at Hanford, WA, Oak Ridge, TN, and Los Alamos, NM. In an April 2004 news release, Sen. Cantwell said, "We need to preserve the B

Reactor so that future generations will better understand the work of our nuclear veterans, their dedication to our country, and the difficult issues our country faced during the nuclear arms race era."



Collins Building, Everett. As part of the environmental impact analysis being prepared by the Port of Everett, three alternatives have now been added that would preserve the 60,000-square-foot Collins Building. None of the Port's original list of alternatives would have retained this important historic waterfront building. The environmental impact statement is due out in December and will look at refurbishing the building for future uses. The Port's three-member Board of Commissioners is expected to settle on a development plan in March 2005. (Please see page 2 of this issue for an update.)



Dorsey Building, Dayton. As of year-end 2004, the Dorsey Building is vacant and deteriorating. Lack of maintenance over the years has resulted in significant water damage from a leaking roof, causing the City of Dayton to begin condemnation proceedings against the building. The Dayton Historic Preservation Commission, Downtown Dayton Development Task

Force, the City of Dayton, and Columbia County are actively pursuing solutions to save the building. (Please see the Spring 2005 issue of Trust News for an update.)



Ellensburg Depot, Ellensburg. Historic Ellensburg has been working to save the depot in partnership with the City of Ellensburg. To that end, they secured a \$221,000 Department of Transportation TEA-21 grant for the City to acquire and weatherize the depot and raised \$39,000 to match the grant. They've also negotiated a 20-year lease for the underlying land with the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad upon purchase and organized work parties of

volunteers. In spite of overwhelming community involvement and support, there is imminent danger of losing the grant. As the depot's condition declines, the cost of renovation goes up. Sadly, it appears that the only obstacle in the way of saving the depot appears to be owner unwillingness to sell despite extensive past negotiations.

(Photos courtesy of Washington Trust)



Jefferson County Courthouse, Port Townsend

All eyes continue to be on the 2005 State Legislative session

when the Historic County Courthouses Bill will once again be introduced. Getting this bill passed will be the focus of the Trust's public policy efforts this year. In the meantime, County officials received a boost in late August 2004 when Representative Norm Dicks brought news of a \$100,000 grant from HUD that will go toward stabilizing the courthouse clock tower. (Please see the Summer 2005 issue of Trust News for an update.)



Scout House, Port Townsend

Any hope of preserving the Scout House in its original context has now been dashed, despite the well-organized and persistent efforts of the Friends of the Scout House. Sadly, every step toward a workable resolution was frustrated by an intransigent local owner. Sights turned toward a careful deconstruction of the log structure, temporary storage, and reconstruction on a site yet to be determined. The cost of dismantling and transporting the building offsite will be borne by the property owner.



Our Lady of the Assumption/St. Urban's Church, Winlock

St. Urban Settlement Foundation met with the Seattle Archdiocese in October 2004 to discuss disposition of church artifacts and the prospective lease agreement. The organization's current direction is to work in partnership with Lewis County to form a long-term lease agreement with the Archdiocese. The County will be the lease holder and the Foundation will form a secondary agreement with the county to rehabilitate and restore the facility. Toward that goal, the Foundation is now a 501(c)3 organization. Fundraising efforts have started to raise money for the church restoration, but much is needed to halt the gradual deterioration of the building.

Your Trust in Action in 2004



In 2004, the Washington Trust provided assistance to local preservationists in 47 communities statewide and made field visits to 14.

2004 Watch List



Elks Building, Tacoma



Olympia Brewery, Tumwater



Rookery, Mohawk, and Merton Buildings, Spokane



First United Methodist Church, Seattle



Shelton Gymnasium, Shelton

Providing Preservation Assistance Statewide

In 2004, Washington Trust staff provided information and technical assistance to local preservationists in 47 communities by phone or e mail: Bellevue, Bellingham, Blaine, Centralia, Cle Elum, Coupeville, Dayton, Edmonds, Everett, Federal Way, Fife, Friday Harbor, Gig Harbor, Glacier, Index, Kirkland, Langley, Leavenworth, Lynnwood, Mukilteo, Naches, Oak Harbor, Olympia, Pacific County, Palouse, Pomeroy, Port Angeles, Port Townsend, Rainier, Redmond, Ridgefield, Ritzville, Roslyn, Sammamish, Seattle, Sedro-Woolley, Shelton, Skykomish, Snohomish, Spanaway, Spokane, Steilacoom, Tacoma, Tumwater, Wilkeson, and Winlock. In addition, staff made field visits to 14 communities (Dayton, Everett, Federal Way, Gig Harbor, Hanford, Kennewick, Mukilteo, Port Townsend, Seattle, Snohomish, Spokane, Vancouver, Vashon Island, and Winlock) in order to provide technical assistance, meet elected officials and preservationists, learn about local issues, and spread the word about the benefits of historic preservation.

For more information on other projects under development, events, services, and statewide preservation issues please visit the Washington Trust web site, www.wa-trust.org.

Educating the Public

AS PART OF OUR EDUCATION AND ADVOCACY PROGRAM, WASHINGTON TRUST PUBLISHED QUARTERLY ISSUES OF OUR NEWSLETTER, *TRUST NEWS*, WHICH INCLUDED AN INSERT IN THE SUMMER ISSUE OF THE 2004 MOST ENDANGERED HISTORIC PROPERTIES LIST POSTER FOR USE IN LOCAL ADVOCACY EFFORTS. At the beginning of the school year, the Washington Trust added a new Trust ArKIDtecture section to the

Trust ArKIDtecture

newsletter and a Trust ArKIDtecture resource page to our website, at www.wa-trust.org. We hope that kids all over Washington discover architecture as a fun way to explore the world around them and that teachers and parents recognize Washington's historic buildings and sites as valuable teaching tools. The Washington Trust also distributed copies of its *Washington Historic Neighborhood Schools: Status 2002* in response to requests from individuals and organizations around the state.



Fourth graders from Shorewood Christian School tour Seattle's historic Pike Place Market (Photo courtesy of Scott Davies)

The Washington Trust continued to collaborate with our neighbor and local partner, Historic Seattle, in providing regularly scheduled public tours of the 1899-1901 Stimson-Green Mansion and the 1907 Dearborn House. In addition to residents and tourists who visited the mansion as part of our First Hill historic homes tour program in 2004, the Washington Trust welcomed several groups of interior design students from the Art Institute of Seattle as part of their history of furniture class.



Stimson-Green Mansion interior. (Photo courtesy of Stimson-Green Mansion Catering Co.)

Improving Local Preservation Ordinances

RECENTLY, SEVERAL CITIES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS HAVE BEGUN UPDATING THEIR ORDINANCES AND CODES RELATING TO THE PROTECTION OF CULTURAL RESOURCES AND HISTORIC BUILDINGS. The dramatic loss of valued buildings in towns like Steilacoom, the erosion of neighborhoods and historic districts in cities like Yakima, and legal challenges to longstanding historic preservations, like those in Tacoma, have prompted a new wave of attention to the way cities protect their built environment. More specifically, these incidents have focused attention on how designated historic sites and valuable pieces of our urban fabric can be lost—even within jurisdictions that have laws designed to protect them and broad public support for their preservation.

In April 2004, the Washington Trust for Historic Preservation, in conjunction with the City of Spokane and the Washington State Department of Trade and Economic Development, hosted a working roundtable, *Emerging Issues in Local Preservation Law*, on the legal issues surrounding the protection of cultural resources and historic buildings to assist cities in improving local preservation laws.

Preserving a Cultural Tradition



The fireboat Duwamish. (Photo by Flo Lentz)

In the Puget Sound region, the preservation of maritime history is one of the most challenging situations ever to confront the heritage community of Seattle and King County. In 2004, the Washington Trust for Historic Preservation worked with 4Culture on a Maritime Heritage Initiative. We helped sponsor a Maritime Heritage Summit attended by some 75 maritime, preservation, and political representatives from Seattle/King

County. Structured as a focus group, this summit was envisioned to identify critical issues and opportunities affecting maritime heritage. One result was a report by 4Culture that summarized a common vision for a Maritime Initiative. The attendees also commissioned the sponsoring organizations to recruit a task force.

Advocating for Good Legislation

WORKING THROUGH OUR STRONG PUBLIC POLICY & ADVOCACY COMMITTEE AND WITH LOCAL PARTNERS, THE WASHINGTON TRUST ADVOCATED FOR STATE AND FEDERAL PRESERVATION-RELATED LEGISLATION. Priorities included the passage of two major bills in the Washington State Legislature, one to provide \$40 million in funding for historic courthouse rehabilitation and the other to make the Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation its own department. Although the efforts ultimately proved unsuccessful in 2004, important groundwork was laid, and the widespread support for this legislative agenda encouraged us to try again in 2005.

In order to build a strong grassroots network, Washington Trust board and staff were among 14 Washingtonians who participated in National Lobby Day in Washington, DC, meeting with most of the Congressional delegation or their staff. Through the generous financial assistance of our donors, we also provided almost \$4,000 in scholarships to assist with travel and expenses. The Washington Trust continued to serve as an active member of Washington's Heritage Caucus during the state legislative session.

Serving as Strong Stewards



The Trust is focusing on landscape improvement at Stimson-Green Mansion. (Photo courtesy of Washington Trust)

AS CONCERNED STEWARDS OF THE STIMSON-GREEN MANSION, THE WASHINGTON TRUST USED CONSULTANTS TO COMPLETE AN HISTORIC STRUCTURES REPORT AND SUGGEST A RESTORATION SCHEDULE FOR THE MANSION. Having completed the exterior wood repair and painting project last year, which returned the mansion to its original 1900 exterior colors, we now focus our attention on the grounds in order to provide long-term protection to the building's exterior. We received a \$15,000 grant from The 1772 Foundation for addressing problems resulting from deferred landscape maintenance, which will provide for a grounds evaluation and new plans to address drainage issues, tree removal, site improvements, and replanting around the foundation with appropriate plant materials.

Improving Organizational Capacity Through Fund Development

The Trust's membership has grown from just over 300 members in 2003 to well over 500 members in 2004. Members also contributed generously to special appeals for unrestricted gifts in addition to their regular membership dues. The Washington Trust's Preservation Circle, our lead donors who make annual unrestricted gifts of \$1,000 or more, also added new members to its ranks. These generous donors can make a single yearly contribution of \$1,000 or spread their payments equally over an entire year.

Thanks to the National Trust for Historic Preservation, The 1772 Foundation, and the Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation, the Trust raised new grant revenue totaling \$30,000 in 2004. This includes completing the third year match requirement of \$30,000 for our National Trust Challenge Grant.

In October, the Washington Trust honored U.S. Rep. Norm Dicks for his extensive work on behalf of historic preservation at a reception in Tacoma's Union Station. More than 100 people attended "Landmark Deeds: A Salute to U.S. Representative Norm Dicks" and were treated to a multi-media presentation highlighting the many preservation projects that have benefited from his support. Generous sponsors underwrote the majority of the costs associated with hosting the event.

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