



## Dear Members and Friends of the Washington Trust,

IT IS A PLEASURE TO PRESENT TO YOU THE WASHINGTON TRUST FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION'S 2005 ANNUAL REPORT. Thanks to the support of our Board, members, donors, and grant makers, in 2005 the Washington Trust continued to build on the momentum of past years' successes toward preserving Washington's irreplaceable historic resources through advocacy, education, collaboration, and stewardship.

2005 was a year of transition and growth for the Washington Trust, as we searched for and hired two new professional staff to expand our capacity for preservation in every community in the state. Many thanks to Cathy Wickwire, Trust Program Associate and Stimson-Green Mansion Manager for her steady hand in keeping our many programs and activities moving forward, and to Mary Thompson for serving as the Trust's Interim Executive Director through the entire year! We will continue to benefit from Mary's leadership and expertise as she transitions back to membership on our Board of Directors.

Please enjoy this report highlighting our many accomplishments for the year, all of which were made possible by your generous financial support and commitment to preserving Washington's precious past.

Jennifer Meisner, Executive Director

## Making Preservation Happen Locally



*Pony on the Bickleton Carousel. (Photo courtesy of Washington Trust)*

THROUGH OUR VALERIE SIVINSKI WASHINGTON PRESERVES FUND, THE WASHINGTON TRUST PLAYS A KEY ROLE IN HELPING MAKE PRESERVATION HAPPEN. Over the past several years, the bi-annual program has distributed thousands in grant funds to local preservation projects throughout the state. Individual organizations are eligible to receive up to \$1,000 to assist in campaigns involving the preservation of a specific resource. 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.

2005 witnessed the beginning of a multi-year campaign to expand and endow our Valerie Sivinski Washington Preserves Fund. Generous gifts, including several from donors in Valerie's hometown of Tacoma, have enabled the Board to develop an investment strategy for this burgeoning endowment. In 2005, Valerie Sivinski Washington Preserves Fund grants were given to:

**Alder Creek Pioneer Association, Bickleton** - \$1,000 for restoration of the Wurlitzer Band Organ, which is part of a larger effort to restore Bickleton's historic carousel.

**The Center for Wooden Boats, Seattle** - \$500 for the rehabilitation of historic buildings at the National Register-listed Cama Beach Resort on Camano Island.

**Eagle Harbor Congregational Church, Bainbridge Island** - \$500 for refurbishing the bell in the comprehensive steeple/bell tower rehabilitation.

**Historic Seattle, Seattle** - \$500 for a design charette and report detailing viable redevelopment proposals to help save First United Methodist Church.

**Rainier Historical Society, Rainier** - \$1,000 for in-kind replacement of wood siding on the National Register-listed Rainier School.

**South East Neighborhood Improvement Committee (SENIC), Yakima** - \$500 for a consultant to address this neighborhood group on historic preservation in diverse, low-income communities.

**Wahkiakum County Community Foundation, Cathlamet** - \$1,000 for flooring restoration at the Julia Butler Hansen home.

**White River Valley Museum, Auburn** - \$1,000 to complete funding for a drainage project at the Mary Olson farm.

**Spokane Preservation Advocates, Spokane** - \$500 to help cover costs incurred in saving the Rookery and Mohawk Buildings located in downtown Spokane.

## Finding Solutions for Endangered Resources

EACH YEAR, THE WASHINGTON TRUST MAINTAINS A LIST OF HISTORICAL PROPERTIES FACING A VARIETY OF THREATS. Inclusion on this list works to raise awareness and garner support for the preservation of these resources. In 2005, our Most Endangered List highlighted more resources than ever before: 12 sites were added to the list, while eight from the previous year remained on our Watch List. Simultaneous press conferences announcing our 2005 Most Endangered List were held in the Donovan District of Everett and in Walla Walla, with members of the Trust's Board of Directors, general membership, and local partners on hand at both locations to provide support. Throughout the year, the Trust worked closely with its many allies to preserve and protect the threatened sites.

## 2005 Most Endangered Historic Properties List

(Please note that the status of these properties is as of year-end 2005. Look for updates in current and future 2006 issues of *Trust News*.)



**Camp Waskowitz, North Bend** - Constructed in 1935 to serve as the Civilian Conservation

Corps (CCC) base camp for Forest Service projects in the Snoqualmie Valley area, it is one of the few remaining "temporary" camps retaining its original design integrity and "rustic utilitarian" feel. The camp is home to Highline School District's nationally recognized environmental education program, but state cutbacks in education funding has resulted in the general decay of several buildings at the site.



**Camp Yeomalt WPA Log Cabin, Bainbridge Island** - The 1935 Works Progress Administration (WPA)-con-

structed log cabin is undergoing a renewal. In response to the Bainbridge Island Parks &

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Recreation District's (BIPRD) plans to demolish the building, "Team Yeomalt" initiated a comprehensive preservation campaign. As a result of their efforts, Camp Yeomalt is now a City of Bainbridge Landmark and the Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation has forwarded a nomination to the National Park Service for its listing in the National Register of Historic Places. The team also conducted an extensive survey of the structure and presented their findings to the BIPRD, who subsequently approved their plans for rehabilitation and signed on as a partner in the effort. The construction phase of the project is slated for 2006, marking another success story for a property once facing the threat of demolition!



**Donovan District, Everett** - This local historic district of over 80 Cottage and Tudor style homes was built between 1925 and 1931 by Edward W. Donovan to supply Everett's growing population with affordable, well-constructed single-family housing. As part of an expansion project, the Providence Everett Medical Center acquired the entire block of 22 homes immediately east of its Colby Campus with the goal of erecting a parking garage. Despite the Donovan District's historic status, the City approved the hospital's project. The result is the relocation of 11 homes, with the remaining slated for demolition. One quarter of the homes comprising the district will be lost, as well as most of its once intact streetscape.



**Fort Walla Walla/Jonathan M. Wainwright Memorial VA Medical Center, Walla Walla** - The Jonathan M. Wainwright Memorial VA Medical Center (VAMC) is located on the grounds of what was once Fort Walla Walla, one of the oldest military posts established in the Pacific Northwest (1856-58). The remaining buildings on the site were constructed between 1858 and 1906 and include officer's quarters, a stable, and infantry barracks. The

medical center is under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), which planned to shut down the facility in 2004. A coalition of supporters successfully thwarted these plans, but deterioration and deferred maintenance continue to endanger the buildings. Ultimately, the community hopes to keep the hospital facility open and to preserve the historic buildings on the site.

**Packard House, Anacortes** - The 1930 Federal Revival style Packard House sits on a picturesque site overlooking Fidalgo Bay. Unfortunately, due to its waterfront location, the site has been subdivided into five separate lots. Recently, the current owner of the house has expressed an interest in relocating the structure to a new site where it could ultimately be rehabilitated. Meanwhile, the house suffers from exposure to the elements, vandalism, and neglect.



**Preston-Shaffer Milling Company, Waitsburg** - Constructed in 1865, the Preston-Shaffer Milling Company, or Wait's Mill, operated continuously for 92 years until it closed in 1957, marking it as one of the oldest operating mills west of the Mississippi at the time. Time and weather have taken their toll on the mill, but a group of concerned Waitsburg citizens are in the process of forming a 501(c)3 organization dedicated to its preservation.

The City of Waitsburg supports this effort and will continue to focus its attention on it as the campaign to save the mill progresses.

**Puget Power Building, Bellevue** - The Puget Power Building, an iconic International style commercial structure that was once Bellevue's tallest building, has been demolished. Bellevue Tower Investors LLC purchased the property and plans to construct two high-rise towers, each over 40 stories in height. The City of Bellevue issued a Mitigated Determination of Non-Significance of the Puget Power Building. As mitigation, the developer was required to document the building based on state-issued standards before it was demolished. The City of Bellevue does not have a preservation ordinance to protect its historic structures.



**Red Brick Road (Ronald Place North), Shoreline** - Dating from 1913, Shoreline's Red Brick Road along Ronald Place North is the last exposed section of the first paved highway through northwest King County, making it one of the most historic and significant features of Shoreline.

Construction of a Walgreen's drug store that will remove much of the brick road is underway. Local preservationists have worked to get a small section protected as a public park, as part of the new Interurban Trail. The section of road, which is now located in the new Walgreen's parking lot, will be disassembled so that the bricks can be used in the park.

**Roslyn Old City Hall & Library, Roslyn** - The Northwest Improvement Company originally constructed the Roslyn Old City Hall & Library as a recreation and social hall in 1902, when it was known as the Roslyn Athletic Club. In 1918, the City of Roslyn acquired the property, and it has been the seat of local government since then. At present, the wood frame structure is faced with a much-needed rehabilitation program that is beyond the funding capacity of the City of Roslyn. Through the help of several funding sources and a concerted community effort involving the Friends of the Roslyn Library, Kittitas County, the State of Washington, the National Trust for Historic Preservation, and others, \$476,000 had been raised by the end of 2005. Moreover, Senator Patty Murray visited Roslyn's Old City Hall & Library in October and let community members know that she is working to secure an appropriation in the 2006 federal budget for the rehabilitation project.

**Schooner Wawona, Seattle** - Built in Fairhaven, California, in 1897, the Schooner *Wawona* is one of the largest three-masted schooners ever built on the West Coast. While currently berthed at South Lake Union Park, the Seattle Parks Department has notified Northwest Seaport, the vessel's owners, that the *Wawona* must be moved. In December, Northwest Seaport convened a group of maritime preservationists with the goal of generating recommendations for safeguarding the historic ship. After a series of workshops, discussions, and tours, the group recommended that the *Wawona* be taken out of the water and drydocked, preventing further deterioration and allowing time for longer-range plans to be established.



**Snoqualmie Falls Lumber Company Power Plant, Snoqualmie** - With its prominent brick smokestack rising 211 feet, the Snoqualmie Falls Lumber Company Plant is the primary remnant of the 1911 mill development. The Power Plant itself has been des-

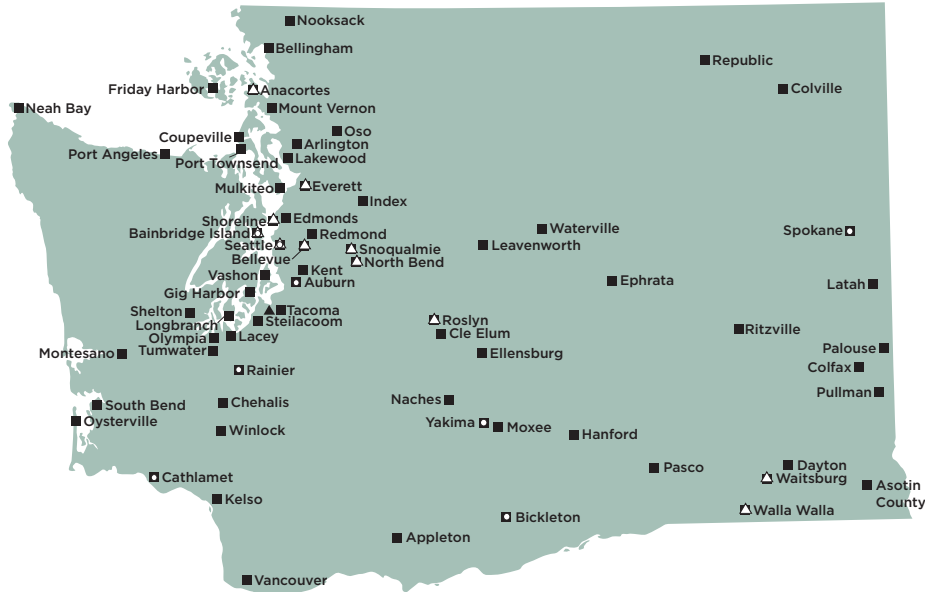
igned a King County landmark and if a willing party can be found to take over ownership of the property, Weyerhaeuser, the current owner, is willing to give it to them. An architect and engineer have been hired to provide a cost estimate to determine what it would take to stabilize and restore the stack and building.

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## Celebrating a Banner Year for Heritage in the State Legislature

2005 WITNESSED HISTORIC PRESERVATION AND HERITAGE INTERESTS AT THE FOREFRONT OF LEGISLATIVE ISSUES. Thanks to the leadership of key legislators, the Heritage Caucus, our partnerships with other organizations, and the advocacy efforts of our Board and volunteers, every item of the Washington Trust's legislative agenda was passed. First on the list was establishment of the Historic County Courthouse Rehabilitation Grant Program, shepherded through the legislature by Rep. Lynn Kessler (D-24th District) and Senator Mark Doumit (D-19th District). Of an initial \$5 million allocation from the capital budget, nearly \$4.1 million was awarded to eight counties across the state. Remaining grant funds will be distributed as part of a second funding round in the spring of 2006.

### Your Trust in Action in 2005



○ Washington Preserves Fund Grants △ Most Endangered List Properties ■ General Technical Assistance

*In 2005, the Washington Trust provided assistance to local preservationists in 68 communities statewide.*

Anacortes, Appleton, Arlington, Asotin County, Auburn, Bainbridge Island, Bellevue, Bellingham, Bickleton, Cathlamet, Chehalis, Cle Elum, Colfax, Colville, Coupeville, Dayton, Edmonds, Ellensburg, Ephrata, Everett, Friday Harbor, Gig Harbor, Hanford, Index, Kelso, Kent, Lacey, Lakewood, Latah, Leavenworth, Longbranch, Montesano, Mount Vernon, Moxee, Mukilteo, Naches, Neah Bay, Nooksack, North Bend, Olympia, Oso, Oysterville, Palouse, Pasco, Port Angeles, Port Townsend, Pullman, Rainier, Redmond, Republic, Ritzville, Roslyn, Seattle, Shelton, Shoreline, Snoqualmie, South Bend, Spokane, Steilacoom, Tacoma, Tumwater, Vancouver, Vashon, Yakima, Waitsburg, Walla Walla, Waterville, and Winlock

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**William O. McKay Ford, Seattle** - Owned by a subsidiary of Paul Allen's Vulcan Real Estate, the old McKay Ford site is threatened with demolition as part of a proposed widening of the heavily congested Mercer Street corridor and related transportation improvements. The terra cotta cladding and fine intact interiors of the 1922 and 1925 buildings identify the structures as landmarks in Seattle. The goal is to ensure their preservation, possibly as part of a larger redevelopment that leaves the historic structures on Westlake intact.

### 2005 Watch List Properties:

**B Reactor**, Hanford (2004 List), **Collins Building**, Everett (2004 List), **Elks Building**, Tacoma (2003 List), **Ellensburg Depot**, Ellensburg (2004 List), **First United Methodist Church**, Seattle (2003 List), **Olympia Brewery**, Tumwater (2003 List), **Our Lady of the Assumption/St. Urban's Church**, Winlock (2004 List), **Rookery Block**, Spokane (2003 List), **Shelton Gymnasium**, Shelton (2003 List)

After a seven-year effort, a B&O tax credit will finally be available for contributions to local Main Street Programs and the state's Downtown Revitalization Program. Capped at \$1.5 million, the credit is available to communities of 190,000 and smaller. Rep. Bill Grant (D-16th District) led the fight, and partners included the Association of Washington Cities and the many Main Street downtown revitalization programs in the state. Trust Board President Timothy Bishop played an instrumental role in this measure's passage.

2005 also saw the creation of the Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP) through SB 5056, sponsored by Senator Mary Margaret Haugen (D-10th District). The former Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation is now a cabinet-level state agency reporting directly to the Governor. With their increased profile, DAHP will better be able to assist with the preservation needs of local governments, while working toward more effective relationships with other state departments.

With the support of Rep. Pat Lantz (D-26th District) and her sponsorship of HB 1995, the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation will now guide any improvements made to the landmark buildings of Olympia's Capital Campus. Buildings including the newly rehabilitated Legislative Building, the Cherbourg Building, the O'Brien Building, the Temple of Justice, the former State Library, the Insurance Building, the old Capital Building, and Heritage Park must now be treated according to accepted historic preservation principles. Special thanks to Board member Marygrace Jennings for her work on this bill. Thanks also to the Heritage Caucus, a group of legislators, agencies, and organizations committed to heritage interests and co-chaired by Senator Jim Honeyford (R-15th District) and Rep. Pat Lantz (D-26th District), for their support and acknowledgement of HB 1995's importance for the future stewardship of the Capital Campus.

On the national scene, the Washington Trust led a delegation of 14 dedicated preservationists to Lobby Day 2005 in Washington, D.C. Visits to every member of the Washington State congressional delegation were highlighted with preservation success stories and demonstration of continued need in each district. Our voices do make an impact on national policy, working to ensure that preservation issues remain a priority in our nation's capital.

## Collaborating to Preserve Our Maritime Heritage

RECOGNIZING THE CHALLENGE OF PRESERVING MARITIME HISTORY OF PUGET SOUND, THE WASHINGTON TRUST AND 4CULTURE SPONSORED A MARITIME HERITAGE SUMMIT IN 2004. The primary result was the formation of a Maritime Heritage Task Force convened to "Create a vision and chart a course for a sustainable maritime heritage presence in Seattle, King County, and Puget Sound." The Task Force met throughout 2005, publishing its Final Report on December 6th. The Task Force's final report proposed a revitalized future for maritime heritage, based on five components: governance, physical site, funding, visibility, and education. In the short term, the Task Force identified four key elements as part of a two-year "Next Steps Strategy:" 1) expanding maritime programs at South Lake Union Park in Seattle, 2) planning for maritime exhibits in the Naval Reserve Armory, 3) creating a heritage shipyard at King County Metro Dock in North Lake Union, and 4) forming a working alliance of the four lead organizations – The Center for Wooden Boats, Museum of History and Industry, Coastal Heritage Alliance, and Historic Seattle. The Washington Trust was proud to partner on this endeavor with 4Culture, the National Park Service, the Association of King County Historical Organizations, and Historic Seattle.

## Honoring our Public Servants

ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2005, THE WASHINGTON TRUST HONORED SIX WASHINGTON STATE LEGISLATORS WITH ITS SECOND ANNUAL LANDMARK DEEDS AWARD FOR PUBLIC SERVICE. Senators Mary Margaret Haugen (D-10th), Jim Honeyford (R-15th), and Mark Doumit (D-19th) and Representatives Lynn Kessler (D-24th), Pat Lantz (D-26th), and Bill Grant (D-16th) were recognized for their leadership, vision, and commitment in connecting Washington's vital past to its promising future. In addition to their past support for preservation, these legislators were instrumental in advancing our legislative agenda in 2005, which met with great success.

In October 2004, the Washington Trust presented the first annual Landmark Deeds Award to U.S. Representative Norm Dicks in recognition of his strong support for and extensive work on behalf of historic preservation.

## Educating the Next Generation of Preservationists



*In the early 1900s when Dorothy Stimson's mother told her to go outside and play, she did so with her own horse and buggy. (Photo courtesy of Washington Trust)*

IN 2005, THE WASHINGTON TRUST KICKED OFF A NEW HERITAGE EDUCATION PROJECT, *HISTORY BEGINS AT HOME*, USING THE STIMSON-GREEN MANSION AS A "TEXTBOOK" TO STUDY SUCH DIVERSE SUBJECTS AS HISTORY, PRESERVATION, DESIGN, MATH, ARCHITECTURE, AND THE ARTS. Heritage consultant Holly Taylor, the Trust's Education Committee, and local teachers have begun designing a program that will bring elementary school students into the mansion.

Our goal is to link visits to the mansion with the larger story of Seattle's development, as well as foster an appreciation for historic places and a sense of the importance of good stewardship for future generations.

Plans to integrate this program with the Washington Assessment of Student Learning (WASL) will ensure that a field trip to the mansion creates a lasting imprint on our young visitors.

Additional goals of the project are to highlight the Trust's public education mission and to create a template program that can be shared with stewards of historic landmark properties throughout the state. In addition to creating hands-on activities for elementary students, project coordinators will also look at the possibility of creating lesson plans for older students using the National Park Service's Teaching with Historic Places Program.

Throughout 2005, the Washington Trust continued its two-year collaboration with Historic Seattle, offering regularly scheduled public tours and private group tours of the 1899-1901 Stimson-Green Mansion and the 1907 Dearborn House.

## Serving as Strong Stewards

COMPREHENSIVE REHABILITATION OF THE LANDSCAPE AT THE STIMSON-GREEN MANSION PROGRESSES. In 2004, the Washington Trust initiated plans and secured a \$15,000 grant from The 1772 Foundation to help fund a landscape master plan and to implement the initial phases of the rehabilitation of the grounds. In the spring of 2005, the National Trust for Historic Preservation awarded us a \$1,900 matching grant from the Eldridge Campbell Stockton Memorial Preservation Fund for Washington State.

The Washington Trust hired Seattle landscape architect Karen Kiest to prepare the master plan that will detail existing conditions and propose improvements, including cost estimates and phasing recommenda-

tions. The Trust also retained the services of certified arborist Favero Greenforest to assess the condition of our plantings, with particular emphasis on our beautiful but aging street trees.

This master plan will enable the Washington Trust to determine spending priorities for the remaining funds from The 1772 Foundation grant and to seek additional funding for the rehabilitation project estimated to cost as much as \$70,000.

As the project proceeds, the Washington Trust plans to develop a public outreach component that could include public workshops on the treatment of landscapes at historic properties. Throughout this process, the Washington Trust will also seek to improve the aesthetics and flexibility of the grounds for the special events that are held at the Stimson-Green Mansion.

## Tapping New Organizational Leadership

THE WASHINGTON TRUST SPENT 2005 REGROUPING FOR OUR NEXT GREAT LEAP FORWARD. From an organizational standpoint, the Trust's biggest news was the hiring of two new professional staff—Chris Moore as Field Director and Jennifer Meisner as Executive Director. Both bring great experience and personal commitment to the jobs and make a great management team along with Cathy Wickwire, the Trust's Program Associate and Mansion Manager.

Chris hit the ground running in September as the administrator of the Historic County Courthouse program. When he's not visiting courthouses, he's on the road helping communities with their preservation needs, as well as administering the Valerie Sivinski Washington Preserves Fund and the Most Endangered Historic Properties List. Jennifer is a longtime member of the Washington Trust and its Board and served for ten years with the City of Seattle's Historic Preservation Program. With the addition of Jennifer and Chris, the Washington Trust promises to have the best, most talented, and hippest staff in preservation.



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