



# Washington Preservation

The Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation

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## Washington Hosts the Pacific Northwest Field School

By Stephen Mathison and Russell Holter

Every couple of years, Washington state has the privilege of hosting the Pacific Northwest Preservation Field School. The Field School is a hands-on training program and a necessary part of the University of Oregon's School of Architecture's Preservation curriculum. For the past twelve years, the Field School has been held at a variety of locations, many of them remote, where students have the opportunity to learn from craftsmen the techniques and skills necessary to stabilize, restore, preserve, maintain and rehabilitate historic structures. The award winning Field School is a cooperative effort sponsored by the University of Oregon, the National Park Service, the State Historic Preservation Offices, and State Parks of Oregon, Washington and Idaho. The partnership provides unique settings for the school each year. While the bulk of the students are from the University of Oregon Preservation Program, it is open to all participating partners as well as students and craftsmen from across North America and beyond.



Students apply finishing touches to floor joist for Gilbert's Cabin

This year's Pacific Northwest Field School was hosted by North Cascades National Park and was centered in Marblemount, Washington. Craig Holmquist, a Preservation Craftsman for the National Park Service, was instrumental in selecting the site and organizing the program. The North Cascades National Park provides a wonderfully rich resource for training in Historic Preservation. Participants stayed at a local historic bed and breakfast while learning the nuances of historic preservation during the day. Evenings were filled in with lecturers discussing a variety of pertinent topics.



DAHP Historic Architect, Stephen Mathison, on his way to Field School

Each week of the field school has a specific emphasis. The emphasis can be upon timber framing, stone masonry, historic landscapes or archaeology. This year's field school was the first to include a two week long back country experience. Participants signing up for this special session hiked 10 miles into the interior of the North Cascades National Park to live in the wilderness while restoring the historic Meadow cabin. The response for such a class was overwhelming. Participants slept in tents and were only allowed to use hand tools in restoring the cabin. All supplies were transported by pack train up the steep trail to the site. Add-

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## Pacific Northwest Field School, continued

ing to the authenticity of the experience, Craig Holmquist cooked all meals on site, many over an open fire. Meadow cabin was constructed in the 1890s by the Colonial Company and has been a critical source of shelter for miners and visitors to the park for 100 years.

Those tender-footed participants who could only attend for a week, or were not able to hike ten miles, worked in the relative ease and comfort of the North Cascades National Park compound. There the participants learned how to construct heavy timbers that would later be used as sill logs and floor joists for Gilbert's cabin. These hand-hewn timbers were not your average size. The sill materials were roughly 16 feet of clear cedar 18 inches wide, eight inches deep. The floor joists of your typical home might be constructed of 2 X 12 material. The joists at Gilbert's cabin were substantially larger at 8 X 8. Participants learned to select the best quality materials, how to split cedar, they planed the timbers to the proper size using hatchets and worked the surface of the material smooth using chisels. Later in the week they learned how to reconstruct historic windows. But it wasn't all work, mid-week, the participants had the opportunity to visit historic sites in and around North Cascades National Park. Some of the more popular tours included visits to the Seattle City Light power plant and company town at Diablo as well as a visit to some Native American habitation sites in the vicinity. Back country students visited abandoned mines and a power plant high in the Cascades.



Log preparation and shake splitting at Meadow Cabin

Gilbert's cabin is over 110 years of age and was built by Landre Gilbert; a French Canadian. The cabin is unique in the fact that it is a two-story structure and was originally built to provide lodging accommodations for travelers crossing Cascade Pass. It is the last example of a dovetail notch cabin in Washington state. Gilbert's cabin was used as a post office and a hostel for miners who lived and worked in the North Cascades until the Great Depression.

Midway through the five-week sessions, the Pacific Northwest Field School offered an Executive Session that was held at the City of Seattle's Environmental Learning Center located on the banks of Diablo Lake. Executives, Planners, and Resource Stewards from Washington, Oregon, Idaho and California representing State and Federal Agencies met for three days in the bucolic wilderness setting to discuss the state of preservation, preservation training and resource networking throughout the Pacific Northwest.



Nailing hand-split shakes to Meadow Cabin purlins

In recent years, the Field School has been held at Jessie Honeyman State Park in Oregon, and at the Harriman Railroad Ranch in Idaho. It will be Idaho's turn again in 2007 when the Pacific Northwest Field School will be hosted by Idaho State Parks at the visually stunning Heyburn State Park located about twenty miles south of Coeur d'Alene. Plans are in the formulation stage for bringing the Pacific Northwest Field School back to Washington State in 2009. Under any circumstance, or location, this is a wonderful opportunity to learn and experience preservation. Those who are interested in participating in next year's field school should contact Russell Holter, Training Coordinator at DAHP, at 360-586-3533 or [russell.holter@dahp.wa.gov](mailto:russell.holter@dahp.wa.gov).

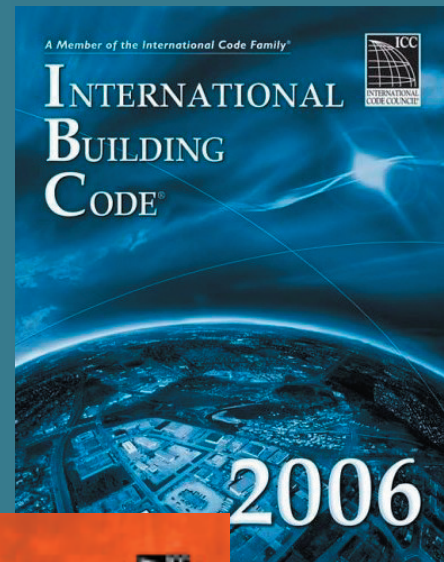


## COMMENTS REGARDING BUILDING CODES SOUGHT

The Washington State Building Code Council (WSBCC) is soliciting public input on the adoption of amendments to the International Building Code (IBC). This is your opportunity to write to the WSBCC and ask them to consider adopting the International Existing Building Code (IEBC) as an Appendix to the International Building Code. The IEBC is the section of the code that deals with existing buildings, including codified rules for the preservation of historic properties in Chapter 11. This year the WSBCC is considering adoption of the IEBC as an Appendix to the IBC with amendments to Chapter 11 of the IEBC that strengthen the document's emphasis on the preservation of historic properties. As an Addendum to the IBC, the IEBC can be used at the discretion of individual local Building Departments. Next year, the WSBCC's goal is to adopt an amended IEBC as a mandatory code to be universally applied to existing and designated historic properties statewide.

A public hearing on the amendments to the IBC, including consideration of the IEBC as an Appendix to that code, will be on October 13, 2006 at 10:00am at the Holiday Inn Select Renton, One Grady Way S., Renton, Washington

Comments should be sent to John Neff, Council Chair of the Washington State Building Code Council by October 13th. The address for the WSBCC is PO Box 42525 Olympia, WA 98504-2525. Emails and faxes are also acceptable those can be sent to sbcc@cted.wa.gov or to 360-586-9383. For more information about the WSBCC and to view a copy of the proposed rule making visit their website at [www.sbcc.wa.gov](http://www.sbcc.wa.gov).

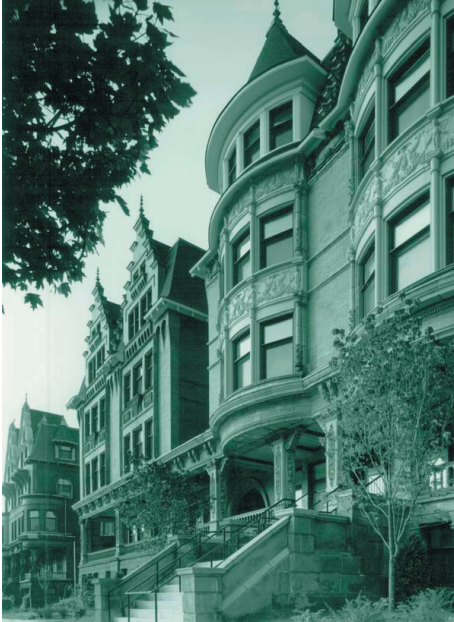


## CAPITOL HISTORICAL SOCIETY FELLOWSHIP AVAILABLE

*Applications are invited for the 21st year of the United States Capitol Historical Society Fellowship. This fellowship is designed to support research and publication on the history of the art and architecture of the United States Capitol and related buildings (Library of Congress, Supreme Court, etc.) Graduate students and scholars may apply for periods ranging from one month to one year; the stipend is \$2000 per month. Applications must be postmarked by March 15, 2007. For further information contact Dr. Barbara Wolanin, Curator, Architect of the Capitol, Washington, DC 20515, 202-228-1222 or the United States Capitol Historical Society at [www.uschs.org](http://www.uschs.org).*

# Committee Reviews Federal Tax Credit Program

## Preservation Tax Incentives for Historic Buildings



U.S. Department of the Interior  
National Park Service  
Cultural Resources  
Heritage Preservation Services

In September, the National Park System Advisory Board produced a report calling for changes in the administration of the federal rehabilitation tax credit program. The Board was charged with evaluating the program with insight gathered from those with experience using the credit. The Committee on the Federal Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit Program was charged with evaluating the program gathering input from those with experience using the credit - preservation architects, planning professionals, a State Historic Preservation Officer, non-profit organizations, and several National Parks System Advisory Board members.

In general, the Committee determined that the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation (Standards) did not need to be changed and were appropriate for mediating between historic preservation and demands for more intensive land use. A summary of the recommendations follows:

*The Standards are fairly flexible, but their interpretation should be revised to accommodate "especially challenging projects" and the National Park Service (NPS) should focus in particular on windows, interior treatments, new additions and related new construction, modern-day requirements, life safety requirements, energy efficiency improvements, green building features and use of new technologies and materials.*

*The NPS should revise and expand its guidance materials, so that the interpretation of the Standards by the NPS is more clear to the project designers, thus, facilitating more predictable outcomes.*

*The NPS should review and enhance its training sessions and materials to further ensure consistency and clear understanding of the Standards by all project reviews and, for particularly complex projects, communicate with the SHPOs to foster consistency.*

*The NPS must emphasize to project designers the value of early involvement with the NPS and SHPOs during project planning and noted that the NPS should widely promote "preliminary consultation" on complex projects.*

The Committee also addressed current funding shortfalls that prevent necessary site visits and recommended that the NPS investigate how increasing and restructuring the fees charged to process the Historic Preservation Certification Applications could expedite project reviews. Additionally, the investigation should include a look at how the increased revenue might be shared with SHPOs.

Finally, the Committee dealt with the problems inherent during the review of rehabilitations within "functionally-related, multiple building complexes" in single ownership, noting that the current policy inhibits use of the credit for phased projects and projects carried out by multiple long-term lessees on buildings within a complex. Under the current policy, tax credits are dependent for five years based on whether or not the rehabilitation work in other parts of the complex are acceptable. The Committee recommended that the policy be re-evaluated and revised to lessen the dependence between projects in complexes.

The Committee recommends that the changes be implemented by December 2007.

The full report is available on the NPS website at: [www.cr.nps.gov/hps/tps/tax/download/NPSABreport.pdf](http://www.cr.nps.gov/hps/tps/tax/download/NPSABreport.pdf)



# Second Round of Preserve America Grants Announced

September 19, 2006, WASHINGTON— Secretary of the Interior Dirk Kempthorne today announced the final round of Preserve America grants totaling more than \$1.4 million. Close to \$5 million has been distributed in 2006.

Mrs. Laura Bush is the Honorary Chair of Preserve America, a White House initiative that encourages and supports community efforts to preserve and enjoy our nation's cultural and natural heritage.

The Preserve America grant program, administered by the Department of the Interior's National Park Service in partnership with the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, offers matching grants. These competitive dollar-for-dollar grants fund designated Preserve America Communities, State Historic Preservation Offices, and Tribal Historic Preservation Offices to support preservation efforts through heritage tourism, education and historic preservation planning. Through these projects, citizens and visitors alike gain a greater shared knowledge about the nation's past, strengthen regional identities and local pride, increase local participation in preserving the country's cultural and natural heritage assets, and support for the economic vitality of our communities.

"Historic preservation has an important place in America. Preserve America promotes education, historic preservation and economic development while encouraging a greater appreciation of our national treasures—from monuments and buildings to landscapes and main streets. President Bush and I want every American, especially our children, to discover and learn about our nation's heritage," Mrs. Bush said.

Secretary Kempthorne congratulated the 23 recipients of Preserve America grants (see attached list). The final round of Preserve America grants provided more than \$1.4 million for projects in 17 states representing all regions of the country. New in 2006, this grant program provides funds on a matching basis to assist Preserve America communities with marketing, planning, and educational efforts associated with protection and appropriate use of community heritage. In all, 68 projects will have been awarded within 33 states in 2006.

"History can be an economic engine for the community in which that history took place as more Americans discover and participate in heritage tourism," said Secretary Kempthorne. "These Preserve America grants will help to jump start that economic engine."

"Preserve America grants help communities learn about their history and share it with visitors. These grants make the story of America come alive and create a better understanding of our diverse and rich culture," said John L. Nau, III, chairman of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation. "In the process, we help make historic preservation self-sustaining and allow existing resources to make greater contributions to the economic and cultural well-being of communities and the nation."

The City of Vancouver was awarded \$21,820 to design a brochure: *Stepping Back in History – A Self-guided Tour of Officers Row*. The city of Vancouver will create and print a double-sided, tri-fold full color brochure entitled "Officers Row Self-Guided Walking Tour." This grant joins two others awarded to



Laura Bush speaks at a Preserve America event in the East Room Jan. 15, 2004. White House photo by Susan Sterner

Washington State Preserve America Communities in the first round of funding: the City-County of Spokane Historic Preservation Office was funded \$20,400 to produce the Experience Historic Spokane Marketing Campaign. The grant will be used to develop a focused heritage tourism marketing campaign to promote Spokane's downtown historic resources and historic districts. Objective is to create a better understanding of Spokane's historic architecture to educate tourists and residents. The other first round grant was also from Vancouver and will focus on the Vancouver National Historic Reserve Education Master Plan K-12 Curriculum. \$40,149 of funds will be used to examine the existing Historic Reserve's K-12 educational programs for compatibility with existing State education and curriculum guidelines and with the Historic Reserve's Long-Range Interpretive Plan and the Education Master Plan.



Downtown Spokane, ca 1927

# Staff Changes at DAHP

DAHP is very happy to welcome Morgan Lee to the GIS staff! Morgan graduated from Washington State University in 2003 with a Bachelor's Degree in Anthropology (emphasis in Archaeology) and a Bachelor's Degree in Spanish Foreign Language and Literature. Since then she has been working for the Washington State Department of Corrections' Records Unit where she received high praise from her supervisors and co-workers alike. At DAHP Morgan will be processing all archaeological site inventory forms, issuing Smithsonian numbers to new sites/districts, updating existing sites within DAHP's GIS, handling the technical aspects of sharing GIS data with DAHP's partners including TRAX data provided to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), assisting DNR with identifying potential conflicts with cultural resources by forest practice activities, and completing a Government Management Accountability and Performance (GMAP) project focused on the Consultant Confidentiality forms.



Morgan Lee

DAHP is also very happy to welcome Annie Strader to the office! Annie graduated from Washington State University in 2003 with a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration. Annie will be primarily working with cultural resource survey reports, doing data entry, and digitizing surveyed areas. Her attention to detail and organizational skills will prove invaluable to DAHP. She will also assist office staff with various administrative needs as they arise.



Annie Strader

DAHP says goodbye to Erin Wilkowski. Erin has moved to DNR to pursue a career as a GIS business analyst with their information technology division. She now provides GIS help desk support and conducts GIS training for DNR regional staff. We all wish the best of luck to Erin in her new endeavor!

## Tacoma Forms Advocacy Group

It's an exciting time for preservation in Tacoma! On July 20, spurred by recent preservation issues, Tacoma residents and officials converged at downtown's restored Carnegie Library to discuss the formation of Historic Tacoma, a new grassroots advocacy group dedicated to historic preservation. Sharon Winters, former Landmarks Preservation Commission chair and local preservation activist, opened the meeting, followed by remarks from Michael Sullivan, of the Washington Trust and Artifacts Consulting, and Reuben McKnight, Tacoma's Historic Preservation Officer. A lengthy discussion followed, moderated by Eugenia Woo of the Trust and Morgan Alexander, real estate consultant and local urban activist. Over 40 community members attended, including City Councilmember Jake Fey, Tacoma's Community and Economic Development Director Ryan Petty, as well as members of the Tacoma Landmarks Preservation Commission.

The City of Tacoma has a long standing tradition of award winning preservation efforts, including the Union Station rehabilitation project and the new University of Washington Tacoma campus. Still, there are plenty of issues to discuss, including the ongoing situation with the Elks Club (2002 Most Endangered), residential demolitions, and current events surrounding the potential demolition of First United Methodist Church (2006 Most Endangered). Although challenges lie ahead, as Michael Sullivan pointed out, "It has been a generation since we've lost a significant building in Tacoma."

Preservation issues rank high among the pressing community issues faced by the city, and the interest in this group demonstrated this. Discussion topics included current preservation issues, public policy and environmental concerns, organizational sustainability and mission. Participants ranged widely in age and background, but are united by the desire to see a more vibrant Tacoma in the future. Everyone seemed to sense the momentum forming. One participant remarked, "It's about time!"

Historic Tacoma has formed its first Board of Directors and is working to identify strategies and establish non-profit status. For more information, please visit [www.historictacoma.net](http://www.historictacoma.net) or contact Board member Sharon Winters at [swinters@nventure.com](mailto:swinters@nventure.com)





## HISTORIC FINCH LODGE TO BE DEMOLISHED

On September 21, the Boy Scouts of America's Inland Northwest Council made the decision to demolish Finch Lodge at Cowles Scout Reservation on Diamond Lake in favor of a plan to proceed with a new dining hall in its place. The decision was unanimous. According to the Council's press release, they have "decided to save the historical artifacts and valuable elements of Finch Lodge, remove the existing building and build a new, larger lodge to serve upcoming generations of youth."

Finch Lodge was built in 1923 and was designed by noted architect, Julius A. Zittel. The substantial, craftsman style, post & beam camp lodge overlooks Diamond Lake just north of Spokane. Unfortunately, exterior vinyl siding applied in the 1980's currently hides the original clapboard siding and trim detailing. The expansive indoor walls and ceiling are covered by knotty pine tongue & groove paneling installed about 60 years ago. Massive stone fireplaces stand at each end of the space and an amazing balcony with gothic-styled wooden railing runs around the inside of the main hall. The architect, Julius A. Zittel designed six buildings on the EWU campus (Showalter Hall, Monroe, Sutton, etc.), Gonzaga University's Administration Building, Gonzaga's Monaghan Mansion, St. Aloysius Catholic Church, and Mount St. Michaels in Spokane. He also designed the Kootenai County Courthouse and at least 11 other buildings currently listed on the National Register of Historic Places.



Chris Moore, Field Director for the Washington Trust for Historic Preservation, in a letter written before the Council's decision encouraged them "to embrace a program of rehabilitation for the lodge that would preserve the building's integrity while retaining the important and valuable historic associations to scouting the Finch Lodge encapsulates." Spokane Preservation Advocates also sent a letter to the Council stating in part that "Finch Lodge has always been a magical retreat for young scouts, a place of rich forest smells, the sound of old wood boards underfoot, and the strong sense of the long tradition of scouting. That magic accrues over time and cannot be built into new construction, even when old materials are salvaged and reused. There is no substitute for the experience of occupying a historic lodge that our predecessors have used for over eighty years. The value of this experience, especially for an organization that emphasizes traditional values, is priceless."

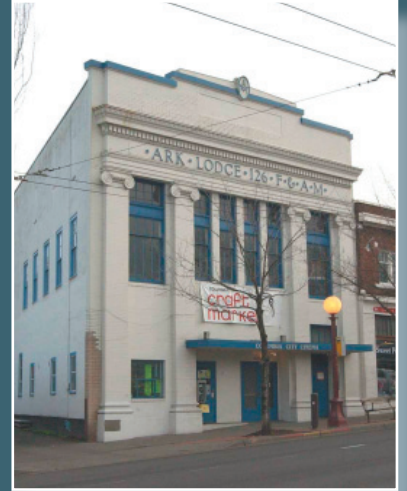
For more information, visit the [SaveFinchLodge.com](http://SaveFinchLodge.com) website. The Save Finch Lodge group is made up of current Scout volunteers, former Scouts, parents of potential future Scouts, donors and concerned citizens.

# FORM FIND...

## *Temple Front*

Derived directly from classical European architecture, particularly Greek and Roman temples, the Temple Front form dates back to the 1820s, when the Greek Revival style enjoyed popularity in the eastern half of the United States. In the Pacific Northwest, however, the form does not begin to appear until the 1850s with the arrival of Euro American settlement. During this time, the Temple form was used in combination with Greek Revival ornamentation on many public and institutional buildings. With the advent of the Beaux Arts style, a national revival of the form gained use during the early part of the 20th century. Public, religious, social and institutional buildings, dating from 1905 to 1930 utilized the Temple Front form. The most typical use of the form however was in bank buildings, both on a large and small scale.

Two facade designs of the Temple Form can be found - one with a traditional open portico and pediment; the other with a classical entrance defined by engaged columns and/or rows of square pilasters. While ancient temples served as the model for the Temple Form, great artistic license was taken by many designers in the execution of detailing and the placement of columns and pilasters. Many Temple Front buildings are situated on corners, and often utilize engaged columns or pilasters to repeat the pattern of the main façade on the side elevations.



From top: Ark Lodge, Columbia City, Seattle; Bank building, Ellensburg; Church, Columbia City; Insurance Building, Olympia; and the Masonic Hall, Anacortes (left)





# Survey Find

## *Eastern State Hospital, Medical Lake*

Tucked into rural Eastern Washington in the small community of Medical Lake, a rich collection of historic resources at Eastern State Hospital stands neglected.

Established in 1891, Eastern State Hospital for the Insane and the adjacent State Institution for the Feeble Minded (1905 - later called Lakeland Village) was designed as self-sufficient, self sustaining complex of buildings. Large barns were constructed for dairy cattle, hogs and chickens, which supplied meat, milk and eggs for the hospital. Vegetable gardens and greenhouses were also maintained, with work being done primarily by the patients under the direction of an attendant. Also on site was a theater, granary, a cemetery, fire station, a shoe shop and a variety of administration buildings.



*University of Washington Primate Center*

While most of the original buildings on the hospital grounds are gone, a few remain including Linden Hall (1908) and Semple Hall (1912) the former maximum security ward. Also on site is a small stone cabin built as a fishing lodge (c. 1915) for then Governor Lister. In the 1920s an ornate brick theater was constructed for use by the patients and employees.

In the 1930s the campus was greatly expanded. At the height of operations, more the 2,500 patients were housed at the facility. Among the more prominent buildings constructed during this time was the main administrative building designed by the Spokane architectural firm of Whitehouse & Price. The 1937 Art Deco building stands in contrast to other buildings on site such as a complex of simple Tudor style house built for staff.

While the entire complex has not been formally surveyed, preliminarily documentation was completed for some of the structures in 1990. Today many of the buildings are vacant and are slated for demolition. Among them is Roosevelt Hall. Completed in 1935 as a dormitory facility for resident nurses, the Hall was designed by architect George Rasque. Other significant, vacant buildings include the c.1955 Interlake School, and the University of Washington Primate Center. Built c. 1955, the facility reportedly was used for AIDS research in the 1980s.



*Administration Building*



*Governor's Fishing Lodge*



*Interlake School*



*Roosevelt Hall - National Register listed, scheduled for demolition*



*Theater*

# Vernacular Architecture Forum Solicits Nominations for the Paul E. Buchanan Award for Excellence in Field Work and Interpretation

*The Vernacular Architecture Forum (VAF) seeks nominations for the Paul E. Buchanan Award for 2007. Initiated by VAF in 1993, the Award recognizes excellence in field work and interpretative projects that contribute significantly to our knowledge of vernacular architecture and landscape studies. Paul E. Buchanan served for over 30 years as the Director of Architectural Research at Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, setting the standard for architectural fieldwork in America.*

*Deadline for applications is December 15, 2006. You can download the application on-line at: [www.vernaculararchitectureforum.org/news.html](http://www.vernaculararchitectureforum.org/news.html). For more information, please contact: Peter Kurtze, Maryland Historical Trust, [pkurtze@mdp.state.md.us](mailto:pkurtze@mdp.state.md.us) or (410) 514-7649.*

*Projects completed in 2005 and 2006 are eligible for consideration and may include, but are not limited to:*

*Architectural Recording Projects (including HABS/HAER)  
Historic Structures Reports  
Cultural Resource Surveys  
Historic Designation Studies  
Preservation Plans  
Restoration Projects  
Furnishing Plans and Installations  
Exhibits and other temporary installations  
Permanent Museum Exhibits.  
Visual Arts Presentations, ie: drawing, painting, photography, 3-D media  
Film and Video Presentations  
Computer Applications and Modeling  
Educational and Interpretive Programs  
Symposia, Conferences, and Public Events*



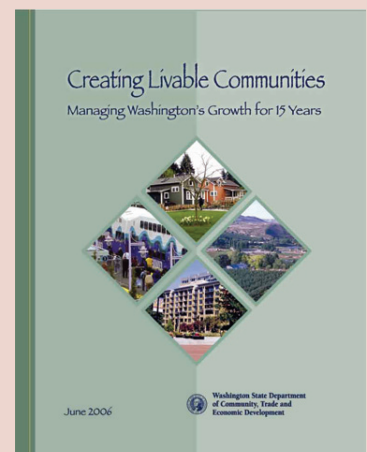
Tilting fishing village, Newfoundland

*The Award will be announced at the 2007 VAF Conference in Savannah, GA (March 28-31). Winner of the 2006 Buchanan Award was the Tilting Recreation and Cultural Society (TRACS) and a key member, Robert Mellin, Professor of Architecture at McGill University and part-time resident of Tilting, a fishing village on Fogo Island off the north coast of Newfoundland. Since 1987, Mellin, in conjunction with TRACS (a local grassroots organization) has been documenting, preserving, and restoring structures, artifacts, and folkways of this traditional community.*

## GROWTH MANAGEMENT MARKS 15 YEARS OF CREATING LIVABLE COMMUNITIES

The Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development (CTED) has released a new publication celebrating 15 years since passage of the Growth Management Act (GMA). *Creating Livable Communities: Managing Washington's Growth for 15 Years* was produced by CTED's Growth Management Services staff. Passage of this key legislation in 1990 has had a significant impact on historic preservation work and other land use management and environmental issues across the state. Indeed, the 15th anniversary booklet acknowledges the historic preservation/cultural resource goal in the GMA and recognizes progress made in including preservation efforts in local land use plans. Examples of successful local historic preservation planning work are acknowledged by quotes from State Historic Preservation Officer Allyson Brooks, Tacoma Historic Preservation Officer Reuben McKnight and Timothy Bishop, former Director of the Downtown Walla Walla Foundation.

Creating Livable Communities includes an interesting historical overview of how the GMA came into being. Narrative and photographs in the publication are based on oral histories and research conducted in 2005 by Diane Wiatr formerly of CTED and now with City of Tacoma. Diane interviewed key elected officials, planners, and other advocates who played a role in formulating the legislation and bringing it to signature by then Governor Booth Gardner. Incidentally, prior to her work at CTED, Diane interned in partnership with Growth Management Services and the then Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation to revise and produce the joint publication entitled *Historic Preservation: A Tool for Managing Growth*.





# Preservation Collaborative Update

The Preservation Collaborative is an informal working group of historic preservation constituents from across the state serving to monitor implementation of the state's historic preservation plan: Strengthening Communities through Historic Preservation. Produced by the Department of Archaeology & Historic Preservation (DAHP), the goals, objectives, and tasks incorporated into the Plan were based upon public input gathered through meetings, written comments, and through DAHP's website. The Plan was also shaped by a planning steering committee that worked to focus public comments into the six goals and specific tasks that comprise the heart of the document.

Demonstrating their commitment to implement the Plan, the steering committee members incorporated formation of the Preservation Collaborative into the preservation plan as a way to encourage implementation and broaden awareness. According to DAHP's federal funding partner, the National Park Service, the Department must follow the Plan to prioritize and shape its annual work program. However, the Plan's goals, objectives, and tasks require broader involvement of entities and individuals who are interested in or affected by historic preservation activities in Washington.

At its June meeting in Spokane, the Preservation Collaborative continued its discussion and focus on heritage tourism. The preservation plan's Objective IB is "Facilitate Heritage Tourism Across the State" and Collaborative members have been working with Washington State Tourism staff to identify steps to reach this objective. The Collaborative also previewed the results of the recently completed economic impact study of historic preservation on the state's economy. Collaborative members reviewed and discussed findings of the draft report and made comments for incorporation into the final product (see related article). There was also a briefing on internal planning and performance management work that all state agencies, including DAHP, are working to fulfill. Referred to as GMAP (for Government, Management, Accountability, Performance), the Department has identified specific performance measures with targets that demonstrate how well the agency is fulfilling its mission.

The next Preservation Collaborative meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 26 at 9:30 a.m. at the Yakima Valley Museum, 2105 Tieton Drive in Yakima ([www.yakimavalley-museum.org](http://www.yakimavalley-museum.org)). On the Collaborative's agenda is continued focus on heritage tourism initiatives, opportunities for historic preservation education, and ways that the preservation community can build links with the real estate industry. Anyone interested in preservation is welcome to attend. The Collaborative meeting directly precedes the Fall 2006 meeting of the Governor's Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP). The ACHP will also meet at the Museum on Friday October 27th to review nominations to the National Register of Historic Places and Washington Heritage Register.

For more information about the Preservation Collaborative and the upcoming October 26 meeting, contact Greg Griffith at 360-586-3073 or [greg.griffith@dahp.wa.gov](mailto:greg.griffith@dahp.wa.gov). For information about the October 27 ACHP meeting, contact Michael Houser at 360-586-3076 or [michael.houser@dahp.wa.gov](mailto:michael.houser@dahp.wa.gov).

## November 1 Deadline for Preserve America Presidential Awards Nominations



The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) is accepting nominations for the 2007 Preserve America Presidential Awards to honor exemplary achievements in private preservation and heritage tourism efforts involving natural and cultural historic resources.

The deadline for submitting nominations for the highest national awards honoring historic preservation achievement is November 1, 2006.

The Preserve America Presidential Awards are part of a White House program to celebrate and preserve our national heritage. Mrs. Laura Bush, First Lady of the United States, is Honorary Chair of Preserve America. Four Preserve America Presidential Awards are given each year at a White House ceremony—two for projects or programs that advance heritage tourism and two for outstanding privately-funded historic preservation projects or programs.

The Preserve America Presidential Awards are given to organizations, businesses, government entities, and individuals for:

- exemplary accomplishments in the sustainable use and preservation of cultural or natural heritage assets;
- demonstrated commitment to the protection and interpretation of America's cultural or natural heritage assets; and
- the integration of these assets into contemporary community life, and combination of innovative, creative, and responsible approaches to showcasing historic resources in communities.

Nominations for the 2007 Preserve America Presidential Awards must be postmarked no later than November 1, 2006. The 2007 Preserve America Presidential Award Nomination Guidance and Form can be found at [www.PreserveAmerica.gov](http://www.PreserveAmerica.gov). The Web site also provides information on past winners and the Preserve America initiative. If you require additional information after visiting the Web site, please contact Patricia Knoll at 202-606-1385 or via e-mail at [pknoll@achp.gov](mailto:pknoll@achp.gov).

Showcase your favorite preservation or heritage tourism project! Apply for the Presidential Award by November 1, 2006.

## Good News for Two Historic Western Washington Buildings!

### ***First United Methodist Church, Seattle***

After a long and hard fought battle, things are looking up for the First United Methodist Church on Fifth and Columbia in downtown Seattle. Church members embraced an offer on September 17th that could potentially spare it from the wrecking ball. Earlier in the summer, the congregation had voted overwhelmingly to accept an offer from skyscraper developer, Martin Selig, which would have required the demolition of the 1907 sanctuary.



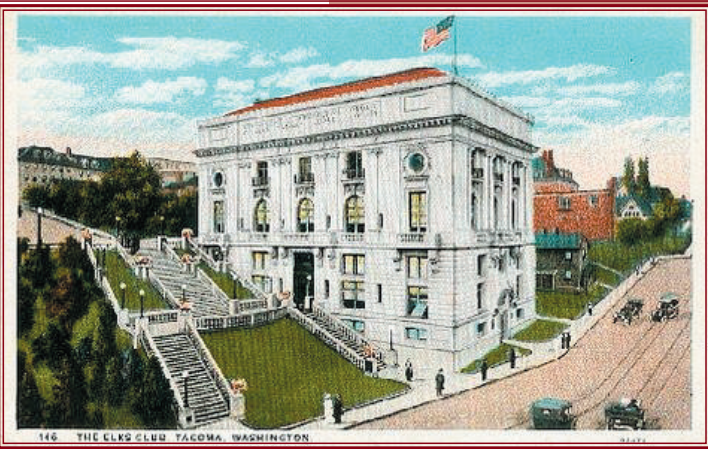
Soon after that vote, two other developers submitted plans that would save the historic church. Local politicians and supporters of the "Save Our Sanctuary" group encouraged the congregation to at least consider the alternatives. Frustrated with the delays, Selig withdrew his offer in August.

At this point, the congregation is expected to vote on the proposal submitted by local developer Nitze-Stagen sometime this month. Nitze-Stagen has a history of bringing neglected buildings back to use. They restored the vacant Sears warehouse in the Sodo district that's now home to Starbucks' headquarters as well as the Union Station railroad terminal, now used as office space and home to Sound Transit. Plans would call for a 40 story building to occupy part of the site, but the historic church would not be touched. The company envisions some kind of public use for the sanctuary, perhaps a concert/performance hall.

### ***Elks Building, Tacoma***

The troubled history of the Elks Building in downtown Tacoma may finally be coming to an end. In 2001, the city launched condemnation proceedings to wrest ownership from its owner, Ron Zimmerman. The city claimed that Zimmerman's neglect of the building was a threat to its survival. Thankfully, the courts sided with the city and set a June 2006 date to establish the fair market value of the property which the city would have to pay to Zimmerman's heirs following his death in August of 2005. An extension of the court hearing was granted to Zimmerman's son when he claimed he could sell the property to a reputable private developer and make it unnecessary for the city to continue the property seizure.

Williams & Dame Development of Portland have now purchased the building and plan to build condos on the adjacent vacant lot and refurbish the old lodge as either an entertainment venue or offices.



## **HOT STUFF: HAROLD MCCLUSKEY'S CHAIR AND OTHER HANFORD COLD WAR ERA ITEMS TAGGED**

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE)-- Richland Operations has recently released a report entitled Mitigation of Selected Hanford Site Manhattan Project and Cold War Era Artifacts produced by David Harvey and Ellen Kennedy. This report is the result of ongoing DOE efforts to identify and document cultural resources at the Hanford Site that are significant to the nation's past. The Hanford Site is rich in significant cultural resources spanning thousands of years and including traditional cultural places, landscapes, archaeological resources, plus more recent properties associated with the historically significant Manhattan Project and Cold War Era. A part of this large task has been the identification and tagging of objects, machinery, and equipment that has played a role in the Hanford experience.

The report includes color photographs and a brief description of 57 items. Many of the items included in the document are too large, too expensive, and/or too contaminated with radioactivity to be displayed in a public setting. However, DOE continues to work with the Columbia River Exhibition of History, Science, and Technology (CREHST) for eventual exhibition and interpretation of these industrial Cold War Era artifacts. Examples of such items include control panels, scales, glove boxes, and signage all identified and gathered from plutonium production facilities across the Hanford Site. A surprising and perhaps ironic item included in the document is a 1976 J.C. Penney Co. recliner purchased specifically for Hanford Site worker Harold McCluskey during his 78 day isolation at the 748 Building. McCluskey was exposed to radiation and injured as a result of a 1976 accident at the Site's 242-Z Plant.

Copies of the report will be available later in October by downloading the file from the DOE Cultural Resources website at [www.hanford.gov/doe/history/?history=manhattan](http://www.hanford.gov/doe/history/?history=manhattan). Questions about the collection, the items, and the report itself can be directed to Richland author and consultant David Harvey at 509-946-5834.



## 2007 Heritage Conference Call for Proposals

"The Dollars and Sense of Heritage"  
February 12-14, 2007  
Red Lion Hotel  
Olympia, Washington

Join your colleagues for the 18th Heritage Conference, Washington's premier opportunity for heritage professionals and enthusiasts to gather during the legislative session to talk, share, and learn. We invite proposals for panels and individual presentations about all aspects of the nexus between economics and heritage, from the nuts and bolts of raising funds to substantiating the value of heritage to a community. How can heritage organizations, agencies, and related businesses connect to community identity and local development in a demonstrably profitable manner? What strategies work for creating partnerships, for cultivating audiences, and for maintaining investment among current stakeholders? Sessions that explore successful, innovative approaches to questions of economics and heritage, particularly those that offer real-life experiences and models, are strongly encouraged. With the centennial of Washington women's suffrage imminent in 2009-2010, proposals relating to women's history and the commemoration are particularly welcome.

On February 14, Heritage Conference attendees should plan to attend the regular, early-morning meeting of the Heritage Caucus, a legislative interest group that focuses on policy issues related to heritage and history. Following the Caucus meeting, attendees are invited to participate in Museum Day 2007, a celebration of museums statewide on the Capitol Campus sponsored by the Washington Museum Association. Watch for more details on both events.

Proposals for individual presentations of 20-25 minutes' duration and panel presentations of 75 minutes' duration are welcome. Individual presentation proposals must include:

- 1) Presenter's full name, title and professional affiliation, plus address, phone and email.
- 2) A 150- to 200-word abstract describing the presentation, including a title.
- 3) A complete description of any audiovisual or other technical requirements.

Panel proposals must include all of the above for each panelist, plus:

- 1) Moderator or chair's name, title and professional affiliation, plus address, phone and email.
- 2) A 150- to 200-word abstract describing the panel, including a title.

Send proposals by December 1, 2006, to:  
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## Workshop Announcement

Community, History and Highways: Context Sensitive Solutions and Historic Preservation Workshop  
Sunday, January 21, 2007, 1:30 to 5:00 p.m.  
TRB 86th Annual Meeting, Washington, DC

Sponsored by Historic and Archeological Preservation in Transportation Committee and Context Sensitive Design/Solutions Task Force

### Workshop Announcement

Plan now to attend Community, History and Highways – a workshop designed to meet the needs of practitioners challenged with fulfilling requirements of historic preservation and environmental law and applying a Context Sensitive Solutions (CSS) approach to transportation projects. CSS is a broadly inclusive approach that integrates and balances scenic, aesthetic, historic, environmental and community values with transportation values of safety, mobility and performance. In this workshop, specialists in archaeological and historic preservation, the environment, CSS, and transportation design will learn best practices and explore creative solutions that balance competing project requirements. The TRB 86th Annual Meeting will attract approximately 10,000 transportation professionals from around the world to Washington, D.C., January 21-25, 2007.

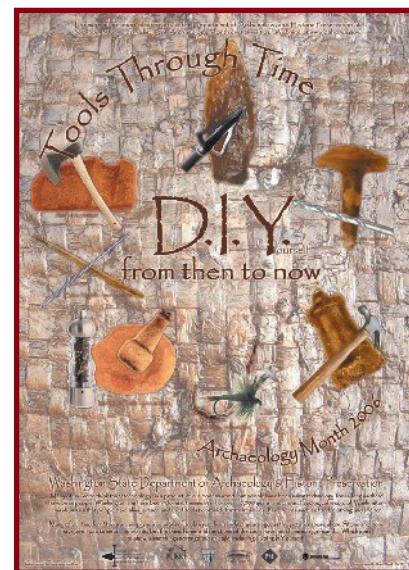
For more information, visit the Committee website at [www.itre.ncsu.edu/ad50/index.htm](http://www.itre.ncsu.edu/ad50/index.htm).

## OCTOBER IS ARCHAEOLOGY MONTH!

The Department of Archaeology & Historic Preservation is pleased to announce Washington Archaeology Month 2006.

This year's celebration features a variety of special lectures, tours, open houses and other events. For a list of Archaeology Month Events visit our website at [www.dahp.wa.gov](http://www.dahp.wa.gov).

The 2006 poster features "Tools Through Time", pre-contact period tools contrasted with their modern-day equivalents.



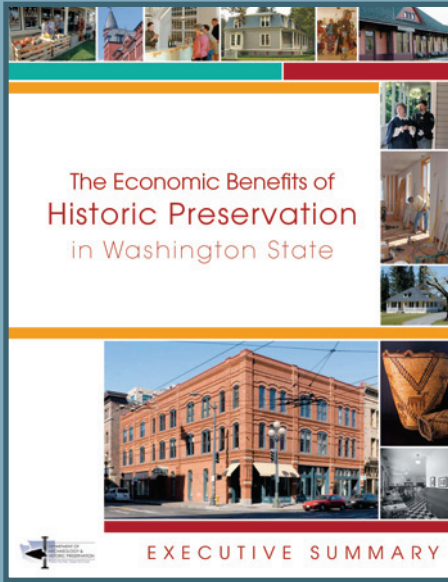
For further information about Archaeology Month events and activities, contact Russell Holter, Preservation Design Reviewer at (360) 586-3533 or [Russell.holter@dahp.wa.gov](mailto:Russell.holter@dahp.wa.gov).

If you would like a copy of this years poster please contact Zee Hill at (360) 586-3077 or [Zee.hill@dahp.wa.gov](mailto:Zee.hill@dahp.wa.gov).

## ECONOMIC IMPACT STUDY FINDS BIG \$\$\$ IN HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP) has recently completed its effort to document the impact that historic preservation activities have on the Washington state economy. The study documents for the first time with actual numbers, the contribution of historic building rehabilitation, heritage tourism, the Washington Main Street program, and historic district designation in bolstering economic activity in communities around the state.

Amongst its findings, the report calculates average annual expenditures on historic building rehabilitation of \$83.5 million by property owners and developers taking advantage of the federal and local tax incentives. Not surprisingly, much of these expenditures take place in the state's most populous counties of King, Pierce, and Spokane. The report is quick to note that this dollar figure does not include rehabilitation expenditures made by government entities on publicly owned historic buildings such as libraries, schools, courthouses, and park facilities; therefore, the dollar impact is likely much higher.



Realization of the economic impact study was sparked by recommendations that members of the preservation community made in formulating the state's historic preservation plan, Strengthening Communities through Historic Preservation. Indeed, Goal I of the Plan states "Increase Use of Historic Preservation as an Economic Development and Community Revitalization Tool" and identifies completion of the study as one of several tasks called for to achieve this goal.

The final product includes a three page executive summary that is available for viewing and downloading at [www.dahp.wa.gov](http://www.dahp.wa.gov). The executive summary also includes three brief case studies that highlight the impact of the rehabilitation of Spokane's Fox Theater, the Vancouver National Historic Reserve on heritage tourism, and the effect of the Main Street Program in revitalizing downtown Wenatchee. Printed copies of the Economic Impact Study can be obtained free of charge by contacting Zee Hill at 360-586-3065 or [zee.hill@dahp.wa.gov](mailto:zee.hill@dahp.wa.gov).

Other products in this effort include a 14 page summary report that provides expanded discussion and description of the study results including numbers, charts, and tables. Finally, a much longer Technical Report includes detailed discussion of research methodology, data sources, and economic models used in arriving at findings. Both the Summary Report and the Technical Report will only be available by downloading it in pdf format from the DAHP website at [www.dahp.wa.gov](http://www.dahp.wa.gov).

DAHP acknowledges and extends sincere appreciation to the many individuals and organizations that assisted toward completing the economic impact study and producing the Executive Summary. Matt Dadswell of Tetra Tech consultants researched, analyzed, and authored the reports in partnership with Bill Beyers, Ph.D., Professor of Geography at the University of Washington. Members of the project steering committee included representatives from 4 Culture, Association of Washington Business, Historic Seattle, Washington Trust for Historic Preservation, Washington State Tourism, and David DiCesare of Vancouver. Other assistance was provided by Susan Kempf and Sheri Stuart of the Washington Main Street Program at the Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development (CTED). Appreciation also goes to local historic preservation commission staff around the state in supplying data and information on local tax incentives and insights on historic preservation in their jurisdictions. Photographs were graciously provided by the Cascade Rail Foundation, Historic Seattle, Timothy Bishop, Washington State Tourism, Kathy Allen of Wenatchee Downtown Association and Kris Bassett of the Wenatchee Valley Museum and Cultural Center, Betsy Godlewski of the Fox Theater, the Vancouver National Historic Reserve Trust, and the Washington State Department of Printing. Design and format of the Executive Summary was created by Star Bear of the Department of Printing.

## WASHINGTON MAIN STREET PROGRAM WELCOMES SHERI STUART



The Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP) welcomes Sheri Stuart back to Washington State and the Washington Main Street Program. Sheri joins Main Street Program Manager Susan Kempf in providing technical assistance to communities interested in applying the Main Street concept to their downtown revitalization efforts. The Washington Main Street program is housed at the Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development (CTED) and is based upon the downtown revitalization model developed by the National Trust for Historic Preservation (NTHP) in the 1970's. Sheri worked for several years as the Main Street Manager for Port Townsend before departing to work for the National Main Street Center within the NTHP. At the Center, Sheri worked directly with communities to help them implement the 4 point Main Street program. Sheri can be reached 360-725-4112 or [sheris@cted.wa.gov](mailto:sheris@cted.wa.gov). Visit the program website at [www.downtown.wa.gov](http://www.downtown.wa.gov).