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Holly Chamberlain, Architectural Heritage Center & Washington Trust Board Member

Get ready to blow out the candles—the Trust will be celebrating its 40th anniversary in 2016! To mark this stellar occasion, we will be collecting and sharing stories that demonstrate our impact in every county of the state. Each week during 2016, we plan to highlight both successes and challenges we have had in preserving with a broad range of cultural resources.

The commemorations will demonstrate the Trust’s role within the larger preservation movement in Washington and show how the organization has empowered others to be articulate and effective in helping to preserve our history. We will use the stories to highlight our organizational history and programs, including the formation of the Trust; creation of the Most Endangered Historic Properties List and Valerie Sivinski Washington Preserves Fund; our traditionally-large National Preservation Advocacy Day contingent; and our role in the creation of the Washington Main Street Program, Heritage Caucus, and the Historic County Courthouse and Heritage Barn Grant Programs.

With at least one story from each of our 39 counties, we will top off the set with an account of how the Washington Trust acquired the Stimson-Green Mansion as our headquarters to make an even “40 for 40.” As there will be the standard 52 weeks in the anniversary year, we will also have some weeks to release stories “to grow on,” which might include a “we fought the good fight” list of demolished buildings, and more happily, features about specific individuals who have made significant contributions to historic preservation in our beautiful Evergreen State.

In addition to highlighting specific projects and people, expect to read about how these stories tie together thematically and demonstrate the mission of the Trust. Over our (almost) 40-year history, the Trust has engaged in five major categories of activities:

- Education and Technical/Financial Assistance
- Advocacy
- Celebration/Recognition/Appreciation
- Economics/Business of Preservation
- Building Stewardship.

Each story may be geographically specific, but through these themes, they will also demonstrate broader statewide implications. We want these stories and the commemoration of our 40 years to inspire continued preservation across the state!

The stories will be posted online and shared through social media. Members and friends are encouraged to send in their recollections and stories to: info@preservewa.org and ideas to: info@preservewa.org

We want the stories of our collective activities to inspire and commemorate, and remind us to continue our efforts. As former president Les Tonkin wrote, “I encourage all of you who are working to preserve some particular part of our heritage to keep the faith, be patient, and be tolerant of each other. Together, using the Trust, we can make a difference.”

Serving on the 40th Anniversary Committee, chaired by board member Susan White, are Kris Bassett, Holly Chamberlain, Kelsey Doncaster, Katie Franks, Betsy Godlewski, Kristen Griffin, Pat McCutcheon, Janet Rogerson, and David Strauss.
Seattle Architecture Foundation’s summer classes at the Northwest School

In Summer 2014, the Washington Trust for Historic Preservation brought 42 middle and high school students through the doors of the Stimson-Green Mansion by teaming up with Seattle Architecture Foundation’s (SAF) Summer Classes at the Northwest School! Students toured the mansion, learned about the mission of Trust and made a close study of the architectural detailing and landscape through sketching lessons led by the AIA Young Architects Forum. In 2015, the Trust will again partner with SAF to serve students at The Northwest School and connect students to the role of historic preservation in our everyday lives and neighborhoods. Registration for the first of three sessions at The Northwest School Summer Camp closes June 22. Space is limited, so advance registration is recommended.

Dates for the upcoming Northwest School Sessions:
July 6-17 • July 20-31 • August 3-14

For more information, please visit: northwestschool.org/summercamp

Application now available for Youth Heritage Project

Discover Washington: Youth Heritage Project (YHP) is a 4-day (overnight) interactive field school that engages high school students and teachers by connecting them to historic, cultural, and natural resources. YHP is designed to introduce historic preservation to a younger generation, the future leaders that will work to save the places that matter. The program seeks to connect youth and teachers to historic places and landscapes, and engage them in historic preservation and conservation activities.

This year we will learn about the early settlement of the American West through Fort Vancouver National Historic Site and a hands-on archaeological dig. We will be exploring the idea that authenticity is complex, and we will discuss ideas about how to interpret history using historic preservation as a tool. We’ve also got a campout and a canoe ride planned, so participants will have plenty of fun while they learn!

All high school age students in both Washington and Oregon are invited to apply. The application is due Monday, May 18, 2015 and can be found on our website listed below. Also on our website, we’ve posted a link to YHP on Facebook—be sure to “follow” us for updates and reminders! For questions, please contact Jennifer Mortensen at: jmortensen@preservewa.org.

preservewa.org/discoverwashingtonyhp.aspx
The Washington Trust and Washington Main Street are delighted to be hosting our fifth annual RevitalizeWA in Bellingham, May 6-8, 2015. This year’s conference will feature a variety of engaging educational sessions, workshops, and tours related to preserving and rehabilitating Washington’s historic places and revitalizing our historic downtowns. RevitalizeWA would not be possible without the Department of Archaeology & Historic Preservation, which houses the Main Street Program and is a significant partner of the Washington Trust for Historic Preservation.

Two pre-conference workshops and a pre-conference tour will kick off RevitalizeWA on May 6. In Main Street 101, attendees will join the fabulous Kathy LaPlante and gain in-depth knowledge of how to use the Main Street 4-Point Approach® to help their community’s revitalization effort become a huge success. Our other workshop, The Naked Truth About Well-Dressed Windows, will feature the dynamic Seanette Corkill of Frontdoor Back. This two-part session will help attendees understand why windows are one of the best forms of marketing you can invest in, how they keep shoppers moving from one store to the next, and why they’re so important to the Main Street experience.

New this year, we will be including a pre-conference tour: Icons of Bellingham, Pre-Restoration. See the interiors of Bellingham’s two most loved and iconic buildings before they are rehabilitated: the Washington State National Guard Armory Building and the Washington Cooperative Egg & Poultry Building.

After attending the pre-conference events, you won’t want to miss the Washington Trust’s This Place Matters Reception that evening, Wednesday, May 6, an affinity event being held at Aslan Brewing Company. Not only will you enjoy local libations and live music, but attendees will be the first to see the much anticipated video announcement of the Trust’s 2015 Most Endangered Historic Properties List.

We are delighted that the amazing Della Rucker, author of The Local Economy Revolution and Why This Work Matters, will be the 2015 RevitalizeWA keynote speaker on Thursday, May 7. Thursday and Friday, the schedule is packed with tours and educational sessions that will cover a range of great topics, including; community enrichment, sustainability, membership, and more. Visit our website to download a preliminary conference schedule that includes session descriptions.

On the evening of Thursday, May 7, join Washington Main Street at the Spark! Museum of Electrical Invention to help us celebrate achievements in preservation and revitalization in Washington’s Main Street Network. You’ll have the chance to see this stunning rehabilitation project first hand and be treated to a taste of Boundary Bay Brewing and Vinostrology—you won’t want to miss this party!

Are you interested in becoming a conference sponsor? Or supporting the Main Street Program by donating to our silent auction? It’s not too late! Visit our website for these and other conference details, including a preliminary schedule with session descriptions:

preservewa.org/revitalizewa.aspx
Celebrating places that matter
The Washington Trust is delighted to be hosting the This Place Matters Reception as an affinity event to RevitalizeWA to announce our annual Most Endangered Historic Properties List. All RevitalizeWA conference attendees are warmly invited, and the event is also open to our members and the general public.

Historic buildings and sites significantly contribute to the heritage and vitality of Washington while enhancing the quality of life in small towns, large cities, and across rural areas. Yet each day, these resources face a variety of challenges, including lack of funding, deferred maintenance, neglect, incompatible development, and impending demolition. Inclusion in the Most Endangered List is an important initial step to highlighting these threats and bringing attention, advocacy and technical assistance to those historic resources most in need.

The reception announcing our list for 2015 will be held Wednesday, May 6 at 5pm at Aslan Brewing Company. The Washington Trust would like to thank our Most Endangered List sponsors for their generous support:

- Bassetti Architects
- GLY Construction
- Integrus Architecture
- Nelson Electric, Inc.
- Pioneer Masonry Restoration Company, Inc.

Keynote Speaker: Della Rucker
We are delighted that the amazing Della Rucker, author of The Local Economy Revolution and Why This Work Matters, will be the 2015 RevitalizeWA keynote speaker. Della is the brains and humor behind the Wise Economy Workshop, which has a simple purpose: to help local governments and community organizations make better decisions about their future. Through focused data, meaningful participation, and the wisdom and bravery to institute change, Della believes we can constructively plan for our economic revitalization.

Della has provided consulting services for local governments, nonprofits and property owners for about 20 years. She specializes in two areas: planning for economic revitalization, and constructive public engagement. Della has worked in environments ranging from the very urban to the very rural. She has managed development of fiscal impact models, led contentious public meetings, pushed committees through hard choices and listened to the fears and frustrations of hundreds of public servants and dedicated advocates. She has also written and/or managed production of pretty much everything from comprehensive plans to heritage tourism brochures.

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Della is one of only about 10 private sector persons in the country to hold the industry-standard professional certifications in both planning (AICP) and economic development (CEcD). Della is currently the Managing Editor of EngagingCities, an online magazine that focuses on the intersection between internet technologies and community engagement. She is also a regular contributor to PlannersWeb, the former Planning Commissioner’s Journal.

Excellence on Main Awards at Spark! Museum of Electrical Invention
Join Washington Main Street at Boundary Bay Brewing for local beer, music, hors d’oeuvres, and Washington wines from Vinostrology to help us celebrate achievements in preservation and revitalization in Washington’s Main Street Network! You’ll have the chance to see this stunning museum and rehabilitation project first hand. Awards will be presented for Organizational Excellence, Community Partnership, Outstanding Promotional Event, Visual Impact, Green Community, Entrepreneur of the Year, Economic Vitality, Outstanding Special Project, and the Excellence on Main Award. We’ve said it before and we’ll say it again—this party is not to be missed!

RevitalizeWA Schedule Highlights

PRE-CONFERENCE:
- Main Street 101
- Naked Truth About Well Dressed Windows Parts I & II
- Icons of Bellingham, Pre-Restoration (TOUR)

EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS:
- Maintaining Historic Buildings
- The Art of Activating Alleys
- Kapow! - A Story of Unconventional Community Engagement
- Rising from the Ashes: New Life for the Lynden Department Store
- Tackling the Membership Monster
- Main Street Workshop
- Preservation Family Feud!
- Every Dream is Welcome
- Sustainable Connections
- Maximizing Revitalization Tools through Heritage Capital Projects Funds
- Powerful Partnerships 2.0
- Documenting the Recent Past
- Working Together: CLGs and Main Street
- Making the Most of Historic Tax Credits
- The Inside Story of How Your Store Works
- Partners in Homeless Outreach
- New Life for the Bellingham Federal Building through Public Partnership

TOURS:
- Mount Baker Theatre
- Explore Fairhaven with Dirty Dan
- Makers in the Alley: Historic Trades Revitalized
- Arts District Hot Spot
- Smart Energy
- Holly Street History Tour
- Woodstock Farm

CONFERENCE EVENTS:
- Opening Plenary with keynote speaker Della Rucker
- Excellence On Main Awards Reception at Spark! Museum of Electrical Invention

AFFINITY EVENT:
- Washington Trust’s This Place Matters Reception at Aslan Brewing Company
Welcome to RevitalizeWA 2015, Bellingham style! As one of the Main Street new-kids-on-the-block, we are thrilled to host a conference that we hope will embrace the true meaning of “revitalize.” Bellingham’s transition from former railway and mill town to the university, music, cultural, and artistic hub for Northwest Washington has been consistent in its approach to living life with a little more color.

Today, this city boasts heaping handfuls of unique talent, from world-class brewers, farmers, sassy baristas, artists, downhill mountain bikers and outdoor enthusiasts, technology innovators, independent theaters, museums, and a vibrant music scene that isn’t shy about testing the city’s noise ordinance. As one of the nation’s strongest local living economies, we value small business and embrace the “Buy Local” ethos. Not only are we a community that advocates for bicycle culture, we are #1 in the nation for increased bus ridership, the #1 EPA Certified Green Power Community in the nation, and the Natural Resources Defense Council’s #1 Small City in the nation for urban progress towards sustainability. We take community vibrancy seriously, even though we don’t take ourselves too seriously; after all, we are known as Bellinghamsters.

While you’re visiting, you’ll have the opportunity to embark on a tour of one of the best beer brewing cities in the world. There are FIVE establishments within a 10-minute walk of our historic Mount Baker Theatre; the perfect evening activity to complement your attendance at RevitalizeWA.

Take a trip with the Bureau of Historical Investigation as you travel through time on a historic walking tour through downtown. Stroll down the Alley District to see creative blacksmiths in action and dream around the limitless potential as you peer over the bluff at our upcoming waterfront redevelopment.

Our community is embarking on a vision for downtown that will set the tone for the next decade of economic growth. This vision includes: pop-up retail, entrepreneur incubators, tactile urbanism, place making, art-infused everything, a celebration of history and culture, and the best damn block parties in the most Northwest corner of the USA. The future for Bellingham is positive, it is innovative, it is fun, and it is 100% achievable. This is the most exciting time in Bellingham’s history, and I’m proud to celebrate this opportunity with communities who are feeling inspired to make the same radical change.

There is no better place and time to RevitalizeWA! than right here, in the City of Renewed Excitement. See you soon!
Downtown Association of Yakima

Yakima City was incorporated in 1883, but was moved four miles north about a year later due to a dispute between land owners and the Northern Pacific Railway Company. Buildings—about one hundred of them—were physically horse-drawn and moved to this new location, North Yakima, which was subsequently renamed “Yakima” in 1918.

Ever since the “move,” this relocated downtown has served as a regional hub, but eventually, like many others across the country, this downtown fell victim to an exodus of retailers and businesses. In response to vacancies and safety concerns, local officials and property owners secured nearly $10 million in a wide mix of public funds to implement several phases of community initiatives intended to improve the downtown area.

Out of this herculean effort arose the first iteration of the Downtown Association of Yakima (DAY), established in 2003 and funded by a Parking & Business Improvement Area (PBIA). When the PBIA expired, however, the leadership and focus of the downtown organization shifted to a broader scope in line with the Main Street Four-Point Approach®. During DAY’s tenure, downtown has seen $75 million in new investment in the form of hotels, housing, small businesses and entertainment. Additionally, a master planning process was executed in 2012, producing tangible goals and projects for downtown; plans for a public plaza; and numerous events that have developed into downtown successes.

This is a new DAY indeed for Yakima!

Downtown Pasco Development Authority

Originating as a railroad town that incorporated in 1891, Pasco has a diverse history with a range of economic drivers. Wartime activities, including involvement in the Manhattan Project and being home to a naval air station, helped the city double its population during WWII.

Today, agriculture drives Pasco’s economy, and the city’s position as a transportation hub gives it a regional advantage as well. The population has doubled again to over 67,000 since the turn of the 21st century, and given Pasco’s steady growth over the years, it is not surprising that concentrated economic development efforts downtown have been organized since 1985. After decades of progress, the city formed the Downtown Pasco Development Authority (DPDA) to govern activities and initiatives well underway downtown.

Downtown Pasco is a vibrant community where wildly successful initiatives stemming from the original downtown association include the Pasco Farmers Market, a full commercial kitchen incubator dubbed the Pasco Specialty Kitchen (PSK), and the PSK’s newly launched Food Truck Friday. Part of the DPDA’s approach involves maintaining a strong presence on multiple social media accounts. This allows them to keep the community engaged and updated on Pasco’s achievements. A strong work plan combined with a lot of enthusiasm from the community will ensure the DPDA’s success as a new Washington State Main Street Community.

Selah Downtown Association

Selah, located just above the confluence of the Naches and Yakima Rivers, was officially incorporated in 1919 and had early roots in agriculture. With the introduction of irrigation, economic emphasis moved from sheep farming to crops – specifically fruit orchards.

Today, Selah holds the moniker “Apple Juice Capital of the World” because of its impressive apple juice production by way of the largest co-op in the country, Tree Top, Inc. In addition to its agricultural identity, a strong sense of community has always been present in Selah. This is evidenced particularly by its continued celebration of Community Day, a tradition that has been honored for nearly a century since the city’s inception.

As a new organization, the Selah Downtown Association is focused on building relationships with the City of Selah and other community partners to complete its mission: to develop and promote the downtown as a strong community center. A large part of this mission is achievable through long-term goals such as increasing the amount of family friendly restaurants, developing a wine tourism industry, improving code enforcement, attracting new businesses, and increasing foot traffic. One of the short-term focal points of the downtown organization is design and promotion. Signage and gateways, a strong web presence, a new community brand, and understanding tourism markets are at the top of the organization’s impactful to-do list.
Providence Academy in Vancouver acquired by the Fort Vancouver National Trust

Fort Vancouver National Trust

The legacy of Mother Joseph is embodied in what is regarded as her most iconic building project, Providence Academy, which opened in 1873 and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. While widely regarded as her most outstanding architectural achievement, it was one of only 29 hospitals and schools founded during Mother Joseph’s 45 years of devoted leadership of and service to the Sisters of Providence.

Mother Joseph arrived in Vancouver from Montreal in 1856 with five other sisters to establish the order in the Northwest. It is this incomparable record of accomplishment, which stretched from Vancouver throughout Washington, Oregon, Montana, Idaho, and British Columbia, that resulted in her being honored as Washington State’s second representative in our Nation’s Statuary Hall on Capitol Hill in Washington, DC.

For some fifty years, Providence Academy served as the home for the Sisters of Providence regional administration, as well as administrative center for adjacent St. Joseph Hospital, constructed in 1911 as the institution’s fourth site. It was first established at Fort Vancouver in 1858 and regarded as the first permanent hospital in the entire Northwest. The Academy remained corporate headquarters until provincial administration was moved to Seattle in 1924, more than twenty years after Mother Joseph’s passing. The Academy then continued to serve as a school until its eventual closure and sale to the Hidden family in 1969, a fitting transfer since the Hidden Brick Company had supplied the bricks for the four-story structure.

The Fort Vancouver National Trust is pleased to announce its acquisition of this historic building, which occurred in January 2015. The Academy is not only an icon for the city of Vancouver, but for the state of Washington, and is perhaps the most significant historic building in the Northwest. Restoring the building and property will once again connect downtown with Fort Vancouver National Historic Site, and the restoration will also contribute to the city as an economic development asset. To ensure the viable enduring future of the Academy and its continued impact on future generations, the Fort Vancouver National Trust has

The St. Joseph Academy represents the work of Mother Joseph, whose major role in Vancouver and Northwest history is commemorated in Statuary Hall in the US Capitol where her bronze image is one of two representing the State of Washington.
identified a significant amount of needed renovation to stabilize the building and preserve the assets. The Trust will now endeavor to campaign for the preservation and restoration of Providence Academy, and looks forward to ensuring that this building and its surrounding grounds continue to have a significant, positive impact on the region for future generations.

The preservation of the Academy is of paramount importance as part of the Fort Vancouver story and its place in the State of Washington’s history. As the third and final owner of the Academy, the Trust will serve as a steward of this magnificent community and regional asset, building on its historic significance while continuing to provide for community and commercial space needs. The purchase and restoration of the Academy in downtown Vancouver will also preserve a vital piece of Northwest history by ensuring that we do not lose this place of pilgrimage, faith, and commitment for some, and for others the opportunity to help preserve what the vision and determination of one pioneer woman accomplished.

For more information on the campaign to preserve and renovate the Academy, please visit fortvan.org or call 360-992-1800.

Another successful Lobby Day in 2015

Once again, Washington’s collective voices advocating for historic preservation programs and funding at the National level rang out loud and clear as the Washington Trust for Historic Preservation led a delegation of nine “citizen lobbyists” to Washington, DC to participate in National Preservation Advocacy Day in early March. Thanks to the ongoing generous support of Daniels Real Estate, LLC, travel assistance scholarships were provided to six members of our professionally and geographically diverse group, making it possible for them to make the trip.

For the first time ever, our group included a high school student, Waylon Robert, who is finishing his senior year at Seattle’s Bishop Blanchett High School. Waylon has been involved in the Trust’s preservation efforts since middle school when he nominated the Bush House in Index to our 2009 Most Endangered Properties List. Rounding out the rest of our delegation was Allyson Brooks, our State Historic Preservation Officer and head of the Department of Archaeology & Historic Preservation; Trust staff Chris Moore and Cathy Wickwire; Trust Board member Mark Hannum of Seattle; Mary Rossi with Eppard Vision-APT Program in Bellingham; David Harvey, a cultural resources consultant from Richland; Paul Gleeson of Port Angeles; and Sonya Quitslund of Bainbridge Island.

In addition to the annual requests for increased historic preservation funding and support for the historic tax credit, our team sought support for legislation to establish the Washington State National Maritime Heritage Area. We are hopeful a bill will once again be introduced either as a stand-alone bill or in conjunction with the establishment of other heritage areas. As always, we were reminded of how important it is to build on past visits and garner support from elected officials for our national and statewide preservation agenda. If you are interested in joining us next year, please contact our office. We’d love to have you join us!
Daniels Real Estate, LLC

The mission of Daniels Real Estate, LLC is to develop complex and challenging urban real estate projects that make significant impacts on the communities in which they are located. With decades of experience, the company’s development team has earned its reputation as leaders in their industry by combining community participation, the advancement of sustainable practices (well before it became fashionable), complex urban core transit oriented developments, and historic preservation.

Preservation of a building begins with reuse. It’s not only the most sustainable building practice, but also the most impactful, by adding years to a historic building’s useful life.

In Seattle, we have restored Union Station (see top-left and top-center photos) and energized its footprint with 1.1 million square feet of new transit oriented office development. We rehabilitated and re-positioned the 2.1 million square foot former Sears Northwest distribution center to become Starbucks Center (see top-right photo), the global headquarters of Starbucks Coffee Company, and we are currently incorporating the former First United Methodist Church sanctuary as part of a 43-story Class A office high-rise and luxury hotel tower in downtown Seattle (see photos at bottom).

Built between 1908 and 1910, the former First United Methodist Church sanctuary is the last historic church building remaining in downtown Seattle. In 2005, the State Court of Appeals ruled that the sanctuary could be demolished to make way for a 33-story office tower. That is when Daniels Real Estate, working with King County, City of Seattle, and our preservation partners, stepped in and purchased the sanctuary in order to preserve a piece of Seattle’s history.

Now, the 107-year-old sanctuary is about to be re-positioned as a premiere restaurant and ballroom designed by the world-renowned French designer Philippe Starck. The building will be an adaptive use milestone, and be restored for a new generation of visitors who will surely be uplifted by its Beaux arts-style cathedral ceiling and beautiful stained glass windows.

For Daniels Real Estate, the project also showcases how preservation can be combined with contemporary, modern architecture to create an innovative and future-minded outlook while still holding onto our history.
Ties That Bind
By Steve Stroming, Rafn Company & Washington Trust Board Member

Seattle’s oldest buildings date to the building boom that transpired in the aftermath of the 1889 Great Seattle Fire. New city ordinances at the time mandated new buildings to be constructed of thick masonry and stone walls, the better to resist the spread of fire (though floors and roofs were still framed with wood). Interestingly, and because the science didn’t yet exist, officialdom and builders back then were ignorant of the main hazard we face today sitting upon one of the most seismically active regions in the country.

Construction of the renewed downtown relied largely on gravity to hold the pieces together. Bricks and stones were stacked stories high. Beams and joists for floors and roofs simply sat on corbelled wall ledges or in “pockets” left in the brick. Beams sat on top of columns with minimal attachment. Of course, this all works fine when gravity rules, but introduce a little rocking and sideways motion during an earthquake and suddenly, you have walls and columns moving enough to leave floors and roofs resting on thin air...nothing supportive about that.

There are many variations for solving this lack of attachment of vertical to horizontal building parts. For tying walls together with their floor and roof systems (called horizontal diaphragms), bolts are installed into masonry walls with epoxy or passed all the way through the walls. For you’ve noticed lines of steel rosettes or plate washers on the sides of some brick buildings?) A steel strap or plate attached to the bolt is then nailed or screwed to the horizontal diaphragm.

Columns and beams are improved with the addition of steel gusset plates or strapping to stop lateral movement and keep a beam on top of its column. Where two beams come to bear on a column, beam-to-beam connections are made.

With walls and columns securely tied to their floors and roof, these elements of our old buildings are virtually assured of staying together forever, till demolition they depart. And that will be a sad day.

Smaller than Vashon Island, slower-paced than Bainbridge Island, and without the criminal element of McNeil Island (its immediate neighbor to the north), Anderson Island is the southernmost island situated within Puget Sound. But don’t for a moment confuse the lack of name recognition with a lack of intrigue. Called Klol-chks by the Nisqually Indians who fished and harvested berries on the island, the name “Anderson Island” was bestowed in 1841, courtesy of Charles Wilkes. As the story goes, Alexander Anderson, chief trader for the Hudson’s Bay Company at the time, received Lt. Wilkes and the members of his United States Exploring Expedition with warm hospitality at Fort Nisqually. To repay this kindness, Wilkes named the island for Mr. Anderson.

The first permanent settlers established themselves on the island in the 1870s. Pioneers with predominantly Scandinavian roots continued to arrive, with logging and other industries supporting a population of over 140 residents by 1920. Today, with a year-round cast of approximately 1000, Anderson Island is less populated than most of its Puget Sound neighbors, but those who live full time on the island strive to keep the past alive. A shining example of these efforts is the work of the Anderson Island Historical Society (AIHS). Established in 1975, the stated goal of the AIHS is to educate the public about the island’s historical significance and advocate for the preservation of structures, materials and artifacts demonstrating this significance. This all happens at the Johnson Farm.

Settled in 1896, the site includes a farmhouse along with 15 outbuildings, many of which are agriculture-related. Collectively the farm site and its associated buildings serve as the AIHS museum. With 32 active community garden plots, AIHS members carry on agricultural traditions at the Johnson Farm, and of course, no farm would be complete without a barn. Built in 1917, the barn today stands as one of the last remaining examples of a pole barn on the island.

The AIHS has dutifully provided stewardship for the farm structures, hosting weekly Wednesday work parties to address maintenance needs. But when they discovered a structurally compromised pole column in the barn, the volunteers deemed it time to bring in a professional. To help cover labor costs associated with the project...
The new poles were “donated” from trees grown on the farm, the AIHS turned to Washington’s Heritage Barn Rehabilitation Program, applying for matching grants in the fall of 2013.

With appreciation for the mission of public education, and acknowledging the continued agricultural legacy of the Johnson Farm (AIHS cut and baled over 500 bales of hay from the farm property in 2013), the Heritage Barn Advisory Committee awarded funds to assist with structural repairs to the barn. Relatively modest compared to the average grant award, program funds nonetheless truly served to supplement the work carried out by volunteers dedicated to preserving the barn. With the repairs completed, along with volunteer work to restore flooring and siding, the barn is ready to host visitors once again. The Anderson Island Historical Society and the Johnson Farm are open daily and admission is free: andersonislandhs.org

The Heritage Barn Grant Program is a program of the Department of Archaeology & Historic Preservation (DAHP). To learn more about the program, download information about the Heritage Barn Register, and see images of the state’s designated Heritage Barns, visit the DAHP website at: dahp.wa.gov/heritage-barn-register.

Special thanks to Metro Parks Tacoma

We would like to extend a special thank you to Metro Parks Tacoma for partnering with us to host our Board of Directors and staff reception at the Point Defiance Pagoda in Tacoma in February.

Inspired by Japanese architecture when it was built in 1914, the Pagoda originally served as a stop for Tacoma’s street car line. In 2011, an early-morning arson fire damaged the exterior gables and interior furnishings, as well as one of the ancient wood beams and several of the historic roof tiles. Restoration began immediately to save the architectural icon, and thanks to community support, the Pagoda reopened for year-round community use.

The Pagoda is a signature rental facility for weddings, receptions, corporate meetings and retreats. For more information or rental availability, visit metroparkstacoma.org/pagoda-reservations, call (253) 305-1090 or email chrystalm@tacomaparks.com.
WHERE IN THE WA IS YOUR TRUST?

It’s been a while, but we stumped our readers with the location featured in the January 2015 issue of Trust News. We do have to admit that we were not able to guess the “iconic” location where State Architectural Historian Michael Houser took a selfie when he first sent it to us.

Michael posed himself in front of a monument dedicated to the memory of the 1.7 million Russian soldiers who died in the First World War. The monument is located within the Brotherly Orthodox Cemetery of Saint Nicholas in Seattle’s Evergreen Washelli Memorial Park (see left and center photos) and houses a small chapel. The Russian Veterans’ Society of the World War founded the cemetery in 1928 and completed the 40-foot tall white pyramid of concrete in 1936 to commemorate their war dead (see photo on right). General Alexander Elshin, a former commander in the Russian Imperial Army, spearheaded the formation of the society in the mid-1920s shortly after immigrating to Seattle via Shanghai following the Russian Revolution. With the fall of the Czar and the subsequent overthrow of the established government, many army and navy veterans left their country rather than live under Communist rule. General Elshin’s son, Jacob Elshin, who became a noted Seattle artist, painted icons for the building’s interior. For many years, General Elshin visited the site weekly, serving as caretaker and guide, and was buried in the cemetery after his death in September 1951.

Although there is no proof at this point, Michael believes that Ivan Palmaw may have served as the architect of this monument. Also a Russian immigrant, Palmaw designed Seattle’s Saint Nicholas Russian Orthodox Cathedral in 1935 and Saint Spiridon Orthodox Cathedral in 1937. His most celebrated work is the Streamline Moderne-style Renton Fire Station (1942) that now serves as the home of the Renton History Museum.

Where in the WA? July 2015

We welcome images of our readers taken in their favorite places around our beautiful state that we might be able to feature as a Where in the WA in the future. Email us a selfie with your favorite landmark, or post it on our Facebook page.

For your next challenge, an image from one of our many fantastic historic downtowns. Email us at info@preservewa.org or call us at 206-624-9449 with the location pictured in the photo. Good luck!
Only through membership dues and contributions is the Washington Trust able to accomplish our mission to help make local historic preservation work and build an ethic that preserves Washington’s historic places through advocacy, education, collaboration and stewardship. The Board of Directors and staff sincerely thank our following partners in preservation who have contributed to the Washington Trust during the past quarter.

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