

# Olmsted in Olympia

The Olmsted Landscape Legacy at the Washington State Capitol  
Educational Presentation and Guided Walk

Saturday, February 27, 2010 - 9:45 am to 1:30 pm  
Columbia Room on the first floor of the Legislative Building  
Washington State Capitol, Capitol Way, Olympia, WA 98504

**Sponsors:** Friends of Seattle's Olmsted Parks  
National Association for Olmsted Parks  
League of Women Voters of Washington  
League of Women Voters of Thurston County  
Washington State Society Daughters of the American Revolution  
Washington State Department of General Administration



## Program

**9:45am** Coffee & Refreshments  
**10:00am** Welcome & Introductions of Sponsors  
**10:20am** Presentations

### Recollections - Growing Up During the Construction of the Capitol Group of Buildings

**Norman J. Johnston**, author of *Washington's Audacious State Capitol and Its Builders* and professor emeritus in the College of Built Environments at the University of Washington. Dr. Johnston will share his childhood recollections of the Capitol grounds when his father, Jay Johnston, worked for Capitol architects, Wilder & White, during the construction of the Capitol Group of Buildings in the 1920s.

### Shaping the Civic Landscape

**Michael Sullivan**, principal of Artifacts Consulting, Inc. Artifacts was commissioned by General Administration to collect the historic records of the Olmsted Brothers on the Capitol Campus. Drawing from national and local Olmsted archives, Michael will provide a narrative history of the Olmsted Brothers firm's work on the campus, and how they represent the Olmsted idea of civic landscape.

### Visions from the Past to the Future

**Susan Olmsted**, landscape architect and associate architect with Mithun and an officer of the Friends of Seattle's Olmsted Parks. Susan served as Mithun's project designer for the *Landscape Preservation Master Plan* commissioned by General Administration for the historic capitol grounds. She will discuss the underlying Olmsted design of the West Campus of the Capitol, its evolution over time and the vision for its future.

### Trees on the Capitol Campus: Past and Future

**Eliza Davidson**, architect and urban forester, principal of Arbutus Design, and member of the boards of both the Friends of Seattle's Olmsted Parks and the National Association for Olmsted Parks. Eliza consulted with Mithun in developing the *Landscape Preservation Master Plan*, and authored its companion *Vegetation Management Plan*. She will speak briefly about the trees on campus and their future needs.

**11:30am** Questions & Wrap up  
**12:15pm** Walking Tour of Capitol Grounds led by Eliza Davidson and Susan Olmsted  
Meet at top of north steps of Legislative building. *Tour will last approximately 1 hour.*