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This week I leave for the east and will be gone from Tacoma until July 11th. Those of you who were present at the May Annual Meeting know that the purpose of this trip is to confer with a number of foundations. The goal - funds for the new wing and funds to initiate and implement certain special programs of the Society. One of these is the \$50,000.00 required for the casting in bronze of the James Wehn collection of historic sculpture. Wish me luck!

Sixteen busy people from the board and families made the open house at Shelbanks on Memorial Day an outstanding event. Sorry so many could not make it but there will be other future opportunities.

News note: Congratulations are due to Dr. Roe E. Shaub, who was granted an honorary degree by the University of Puget Sound for distinguished contributions to many civic organizations, not the least of these being the Washington State Historical Society, which he has served so faithfully for so long.

Those who missed the Annual Meeting of the Society also missed the unveiling of the Odlin Collection of Early American Silver. This magnificent collection will be exhibited at the opening of the new wing for the museum. At Dr. Carstenson's suggestion we plan to publish a catalog of the collection before it goes on permanent display. I know you will all want to express appreciation to the Odlin family for

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this magnificent gift, whose like (according to the leading authority on such antiques) cannot be seen elsewhere west of Boston.

Brochures outlining our need for contributions for the new wing will be available. Copies will be sent to you shortly. We hope to report some good news about foundations and the results of this trip when we return in July.

Bruce Le Roy
Director

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