



Seattle Statue of Liberty Plaza Project

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The original Alki Statue of Liberty was placed at this location by the Boy Scouts in 1952. It was one of 200 replicas installed in 39 states and several US territories to celebrate their 40th anniversary theme, "Strengthen the Arm of Liberty".

Over the years, wind, water, and the salt air deteriorated the copper covering of the original Statue. It also suffered damage at the hands of vandals. In the mid-1990's a local business, the **Liberty Deli**, with the assistance of community members, raised funds to repair the Statue and make a mold for use in future recasting.

In 2003, **Northwest Programs for the Arts (NPA)** began a fundraising effort to recast the Statue in bronze and create an appropriate setting with the design and construction of a new pedestal and surrounding plaza. In 2006, Matt Hutchins of CAST Architecture and Chris Ezzell of E Workshop donated their time and created the innovative nautilus design that was later approved by the community. In July of that year, the original Statue was removed and a replacement was then recast by The Bronze Works in Tacoma.

The **Seattle Statue of Liberty Plaza Project (SSLPP)** was formed in mid-2007 by a group of concerned local citizens to carry on this work. With the fiscal sponsorship of Urban Sparks and the generous support of hundreds of donors, we were successful in raising the remaining funds necessary to complete the new pedestal and plaza. We want to thank the Mayor and City Council for additional funding. The design was refined in a cooperative effort between the original designers, Susan Black & Associates, and the Seattle Department of Parks and Recreation. The inscribed bricks sold by NPA and the SSLPP have been engraved by Kenadar, of Tacoma.

The **SSLPP** and the Seattle Parks Department invite you to an all day

DEDICATION CELEBRATION

Saturday, September 6, 2008

- Time Capsule public input
- Children's Statue artwork
- Boy Scout demonstrations
- Ken Burns "Statue of Liberty" video showings (free admission)

Naturalization Ceremony (tentative) 11:00 AM
Ribbon Cutting 1:30 PM
Sunset Concert on the Plaza 7:30 PM

- Terrific food vendors
- Musical entertainment
- Evening lighting of luminaria
- Special guest speakers



Old pedestal and asphalt drive



Coming September 6, 2008