

**Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax**

**2002**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except black lung benefit trust or private foundation)

Open to Public Inspection

The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements.

**A** For the 2002 calendar year, or tax year period beginning and ending

<b>B</b> Check if applicable: <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Final return <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	Please use IRS label or print or type See Specific instructions.	<b>C</b> Name of organization <b>WHATCOM MUSEUM SOCIETY INC</b>		<b>D</b> Employer identification number <b>91-6174771</b>		
		Number and street (or P O box if mail is not delivered to street address)		Room/suite	<b>E</b> Telephone number <b>360 676 6981</b>	
		<b>121 PROSPECT</b>			<b>F</b> Accounting method <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____	
		City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4 <b>BELLINGHAM, WA 98225</b>				

Section 501(c)(3) organizations and 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must attach a completed Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ)

H and I are not applicable to section 527 organizations

H(a) Is this a group return for affiliates?  Yes  No

H(b) If "Yes," enter number of affiliates \_\_\_\_\_

H(c) Are all affiliates included? **N/A**  Yes  No (If "No," attach a list.)

H(d) Is this a separate return filed by an organization covered by a group ruling?  Yes  No

**G** Web site \_\_\_\_\_

**J** Organization type (check only one)  501(c) ( 3 ) (insert no )  4947(a)(1) or  527

**K** Check here  if the organization's gross receipts are normally not more than \$25,000. The organization need not file a return with the IRS, but if the organization received a Form 990 Package in the mail, it should file a return without financial data. Some states require a complete return.

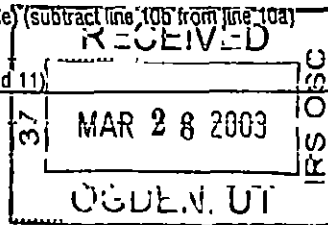
**L** Gross receipts Add lines 6b, 8b, 9b, and 10b to line 12 **431,453.**

**I** Enter 4-digit GEN \_\_\_\_\_

**M** Check  if the organization is not required to attach Sch B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF)

**Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances**

Revenue	<b>1</b> Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received				
	<b>a</b> Direct public support	1a	178,153.		
	<b>b</b> Indirect public support	1b			
	<b>c</b> Government contributions (grants)	1c	39,601.		
	<b>d</b> Total (add lines 1a through 1c) (cash \$ <u>217,754.</u> noncash \$ _____ )	1d			217,754.
	<b>2</b> Program service revenue including government fees and contracts (from Part VII, line 93)	2			55,824.
	<b>3</b> Membership dues and assessments	3			
	<b>4</b> Interest on savings and temporary cash investments	4			16,256.
	<b>5</b> Dividends and interest from securities	5			
	<b>6 a</b> Gross rents	6a			
	<b>b</b> Less rental expenses	6b			
	<b>c</b> Net rental income or (loss) (subtract line 6b from line 6a)	6c			
<b>7</b> Other investment income (describe _____ )	7			1,419.	
<b>8 a</b> Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	(A) Securities	8a			
	(B) Other	8b			
	Less cost or other basis and sales expenses	8c			
	<b>d</b> Net gain or (loss) (combine line 8c, columns (A) and (B))	8d			
<b>9</b> Special events and activities (attach schedule)	<b>a</b> Gross revenue (not including \$ <u>0.</u> of contributions reported on line 1a)	9a	72,573.		
	<b>b</b> Less direct expenses other than fundraising expenses	9b	19,838.		
	<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from special events (subtract line 9b from line 9a)	9c	SEE STATEMENT 1		52,735.
<b>10 a</b> Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances		10a	50,032.		
	<b>b</b> Less cost of goods sold	10b	29,673.		
	<b>c</b> Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (attach schedule) (subtract line 10b from line 10a)	10c	STMT 2		20,359.
<b>11</b> Other revenue (from Part VII, line 103)	11			17,595.	
<b>12</b> Total revenue (add lines 1d, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6c, 7, 8d, 9c, 10c, and 11)	12			381,942.	
Expenses	<b>13</b> Program services (from line 44, column (B))	13			254,031.
	<b>14</b> Management and general (from line 44, column (C))	14			102,512.
	<b>15</b> Fundraising (from line 44, column (D))	15			87,177.
	<b>16</b> Payments to affiliates (attach schedule)	16			
	<b>17</b> Total expenses (add lines 16 and 44, column (A))	17			443,720.
<b>18</b> Excess or (deficit) for the year (subtract line 17 from line 12)	18			<61,778.>	
Net Assets	<b>19</b> Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 73, column (A))	19			3,160,463.
	<b>20</b> Other changes in net assets or fund balances (attach explanation)	20			<129,261.>
	<b>21</b> Net assets or fund balances at end of year (combine lines 18, 19, and 20)	21			2,969,424.



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**Part II Statement of Functional Expenses** All organizations must complete column (A) Columns (B), (C), and (D) are required for section 501(c)(3) and (4) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts but optional for others Page 2

Do not include amounts reported on line 6b, 8b, 9b, 10b, or 16 of Part I		(A) Total	(B) Program services	(C) Management and general	(D) Fundraising
22	Grants and allocations (attach schedule) cash \$ 10,878. noncash \$	10,878.	10,878.		
23	Specific assistance to individuals (attach schedule)				
24	Benefits paid to or for members (attach schedule)				
25	Compensation of officers, directors, etc	0.	0.	0.	0.
26	Other salaries and wages	179,541.	99,225.	54,265.	26,051.
27	Pension plan contributions				
28	Other employee benefits	11,022.	3,632.	3,981.	3,409.
29	Payroll taxes				
30	Professional fundraising fees				
31	Accounting fees	5,000.		5,000.	
32	Legal fees	1,055.		1,055.	
33	Supplies	22,742.	20,703.		2,039.
34	Telephone	3,126.	3,126.		
35	Postage and shipping	8,065.	1,821.	1,183.	5,061.
36	Occupancy	7,454.	7,454.		
37	Equipment rental and maintenance	7,020.	1,660.	3,185.	2,175.
38	Printing and publications	29,306.	9,763.	4,241.	15,302.
39	Travel	1,738.	1,405.	220.	113.
40	Conferences, conventions, and meetings				
41	Interest				
42	Depreciation, depletion, etc (attach schedule)	62,549.	61,584.	965.	
43	Other expenses not covered above (itemize)				
a					
b					
c					
d					
e	SEE STATEMENT 4	94,224.	32,780.	28,417.	33,027.
44	Total functional expenses (add lines 22 through 43). Organizations completing columns (B)-(D) carry these totals to lines 13-15	443,720.	254,031.	102,512.	87,177.

Joint Costs Check  if you are following SOP 98-2  
 Are any joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation reported in (B) Program services?  Yes  No  
 If "Yes," enter (i) the aggregate amount of these joint costs \$ \_\_\_\_\_, (ii) the amount allocated to Program services \$ \_\_\_\_\_,  
 (iii) the amount allocated to Management and general \$ \_\_\_\_\_, and (iv) the amount allocated to Fundraising \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments**

What is the organization's primary exempt purpose? <b>SEE STATEMENT 5</b>	Program Service Expenses (Required for 501(c)(3) and (4) orgs. and 4947(a)(1) trusts but optional for others.)
a CHILDREN'S MUSEUM- ENRICHMENT OF CHILDREN'S LIVES THROUGH PARTICIPATION IN THE ARTS & SCIENCES THROUGH EXHIBITS AND PROGRAMS DESIGNED TO PROVIDE HANDS-ON ARTIFACT AND EXPERIENCE-BASED LEARNING. (Grants and allocations \$ _____)	132,398.
b ARCHIVES, COLLECTIONS & EXHIBITS - CATALOGING AND DISPLAY OF ARTWORK, PHOTOS, AND ARTIFACTS OF HISTORICAL AND/OR ARTISTIC SIGNIFICANCE. (Grants and allocations \$ _____)	86,849.
c PUBLIC EVENTS & EDUCATION- CLASSES, LECTURES, & PRESENTATIONS DESIGNED TO INFORM PARTICIPANTS ABOUT REGIONAL HISTORY & ARTISTRY, SCIENCE & THE NATURAL WORLD. (Grants and allocations \$ _____)	23,906.
d RESEARCH GRANTS - PROVIDES FUNDS NEEDED FOR RECIPIENTS TO FURTHER STUDY AND DOCUMENT IMPORTANT NATIVE AMERICAN HISTORICAL FINDINGS. (Grants and allocations \$ _____)	10,878.
e Other program services (attach schedule) (Grants and allocations \$ _____)	
f Total of Program Service Expenses (should equal line 44, column (B), Program services)	254,031.

**Part IV Balance Sheets**

Note		(A)		(B)	
Where required, attached schedules and amounts within the description column should be for end-of-year amounts only		Beginning of year		End of year	
Assets	45	Cash - non-interest-bearing	46,575.	45	36,031.
	46	Savings and temporary cash investments	594,442.	46	132,881.
	47 a	Accounts receivable	47a 651.		
	b	Less: allowance for doubtful accounts	47b	47c	651.
	48 a	Pledges receivable	48a		
	b	Less: allowance for doubtful accounts	48b	48c	4,739.
	49	Grants receivable		49	
	50	Receivables from officers, directors, trustees, and key employees		50	
	51 a	Other notes and loans receivable	51a		
	b	Less: allowance for doubtful accounts	51b	51c	
	52	Inventories for sale or use	13,629.	52	10,794.
	53	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	7,631.	53	6,494.
	54	Investments - securities <b>STMT 6</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Cost <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FMV	54	915,443.
	55 a	Investments - land, buildings, and equipment: basis	55a		
	b	Less: accumulated depreciation	55b	55c	
56	Investments - other	SEE STATEMENT 7	56	88,000.	
57 a	Land, buildings, and equipment basis	57a 2,485,948.			
b	Less: accumulated depreciation	57b 670,772.	57c	1,815,176.	
58	Other assets (describe ▶ _____)		58		
59	<b>Total assets</b> (add lines 45 through 58) (must equal line 74)	3,200,383.	59	3,005,470.	
Liabilities	60	Accounts payable and accrued expenses	39,920.	60	36,047.
	61	Grants payable		61	
	62	Deferred revenue		62	
	63	Loans from officers, directors, trustees, and key employees		63	
	64 a	Tax-exempt bond liabilities		64a	
	b	Mortgages and other notes payable		64b	
	65	Other liabilities (describe ▶ _____)		65	
66	<b>Total liabilities</b> (add lines 60 through 65)	39,920.	66	36,047.	
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 67 through 69 and lines 73 and 74				
	67	Unrestricted	2,235,725.	67	2,090,412.
	68	Temporarily restricted	424,738.	68	379,011.
	69	Permanently restricted	500,000.	69	500,000.
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 70 through 74				
	70	Capital stock, trust principal, or current funds		70	
	71	Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, and equipment fund		71	
	72	Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		72	
73	<b>Total net assets or fund balances</b> (add lines 67 through 69 or lines 70 through 72, column (A) must equal line 19, column (B) must equal line 21)	3,160,463.	73	2,969,423.	
74	<b>Total liabilities and net assets / fund balances</b> (add lines 66 and 73)	3,200,383.	74	3,005,470.	

Form 990 is available for public inspection and, for some people, serves as the primary or sole source of information about a particular organization. How the public perceives an organization in such cases may be determined by the information presented on its return. Therefore, please make sure the return is complete and accurate and fully describes, in Part III, the organization's programs and accomplishments.



Part VI Other Information

76 Did the organization engage in any activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," attach a detailed description of each activity
77 Were any changes made in the organizing or governing documents but not reported to the IRS?
78 a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year covered by this return?
78 b If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year?
79 Was there a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or substantial contraction during the year?
80 a Is the organization related (other than by association with a statewide or nationwide organization) through common membership, governing bodies, trustees, officers, etc., to any other exempt or nonexempt organization?
80 b If "Yes," enter the name of the organization
81 a Enter direct or indirect political expenditures
81 b Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?
82 a Did the organization receive donated services or the use of materials, equipment, or facilities at no charge or at substantially less than fair rental value?
82 b If "Yes," you may indicate the value of these items here
83 a Did the organization comply with the public inspection requirements for returns and exemption applications?
83 b Did the organization comply with the disclosure requirements relating to quid pro quo contributions?
84 a Did the organization solicit any contributions or gifts that were not tax deductible?
84 b If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?
85 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) organizations a Were substantially all dues nondeductible by members?
85 b Did the organization make only in-house lobbying expenditures of \$2,000 or less?
85 c Dues, assessments, and similar amounts from members
85 d Section 162(e) lobbying and political expenditures
85 e Aggregate nondeductible amount of section 6033(e)(1)(A) dues notices
85 f Taxable amount of lobbying and political expenditures (line 85d less 85e)
85 g Does the organization elect to pay the section 6033(e) tax on the amount on line 85f?
85 h If section 6033(e)(1)(A) dues notices were sent, does the organization agree to add the amount on line 85f to its reasonable estimate of dues allocable to nondeductible lobbying and political expenditures for the following tax year?
86 501(c)(7) organizations Enter a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 12
86 b Gross receipts, included on line 12, for public use of club facilities
87 501(c)(12) organizations Enter a Gross income from members or shareholders
87 b Gross income from other sources
88 At any time during the year, did the organization own a 50% or greater interest in a taxable corporation or partnership, or an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3?
89 a 501(c)(3) organizations Enter Amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under section 4911
89 b 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year or did it become aware of an excess benefit transaction from a prior year?
89 c Enter Amount of tax imposed on the organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958
89 d Enter Amount of tax on line 89c, above, reimbursed by the organization
90 a List the states with which a copy of this return is filed
90 b Number of employees employed in the pay period that includes March 12, 2002
91 The books are in care of

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92 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041- Check here and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year

**Part VII Analysis of Income-Producing Activities** (See page 31 of the instructions)

	Unrelated business income		Excluded by section 512, 513, or 514		(E) Related or exempt function income
	(A) Business code	(B) Amount	(C) Exclu- sion code	(D) Amount	
<b>Note</b> Enter gross amounts unless otherwise indicated					
93 Program service revenue					
a MISCELLANEOUS REV					2,105.
b PUBLIC EVT & ADMISSIONS					53,719.
c					
d					
e					
f Medicare/Medicaid payments					
g Fees and contracts from government agencies					
94 Membership dues and assessments					
95 Interest on savings and temporary cash investments			14	16,256.	
96 Dividends and interest from securities					
97 Net rental income or (loss) from real estate					
a debt-financed property					
b not debt-financed property					
98 Net rental income or (loss) from personal property					
99 Other investment income			14	1,419.	
100 Gain or (loss) from sales of assets other than inventory					
101 Net income or (loss) from special events			02	49,641.	3,094.
102 Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory			03	20,359.	
103 Other revenue					
a SALE OF EXHIBIT					17,595.
b					
c					
d					
e					
104 Subtotal (add columns (B), (D), and (E))		0.		87,675.	76,513.
105 Total (add line 104, columns (B), (D), and (E))					164,188.

**Note** Line 105 plus line 1d, Part I, should equal the amount on line 12, Part I

**Part VIII Relationship of Activities to the Accomplishment of Exempt Purposes** (See page 32 of the instructions)

Line No	Explain how each activity for which income is reported in column (E) of Part VII contributed importantly to the accomplishment of the organization's exempt purposes (other than by providing funds for such purposes)
▼	SEE STATEMENT 10

**Part IX Information Regarding Taxable Subsidiaries and Disregarded Entities** (See page 32 of the instructions)

(A) Name, address, and EIN of corporation, partnership, or disregarded entity	(B) Percentage of ownership interest	(C) Nature of activities	(D) Total income	(E) End-of-year assets
N/A	%			
	%			
	%			
	%			

**Part X Information Regarding Transfers Associated with Personal Benefit Contracts** (See page 33 of the instructions)

- (a) Did the organization, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?  Yes  No
- (b) Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?  Yes  No

**Note** If "Yes" to (b), file Form 8870 and Form 4720 (see instructions)

accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, and I am not aware of any information of which preparer has any knowledge

Date: 3/25/03      Type or print name and title: STANLEY P MILLER, PRESIDENT

Date:      Check if self-      Preparer's SSN or PTIN:

**SCHEDULE A**  
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

**Organization Exempt Under Section 501(c)(3)**

OMB No 1545-0047

(Except Private Foundation) and Section 501(a), 501(f), 501(k),  
501(n), or Section 4947(a)(1) Nonexempt Charitable Trust

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**Supplementary Information-(See separate instructions.)**

▶ **MUST be completed by the above organizations and attached to their Form 990 or 990-EZ**

Name of the organization **WHATCOM MUSEUM SOCIETY INC** Employer identification number **91 6174771**

**Part I Compensation of the Five Highest Paid Employees Other Than Officers, Directors, and Trustees**

(See page 1 of the instructions List each one If there are none, enter "None")

(a) Name and address of each employee paid more than \$50,000	(b) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred compensation	(e) Expense account and other allowances
<u>NO ONE PAID OVER \$50,000</u>				
Total number of other employees paid over \$50,000 ▶	<b>0</b>			

**Part II Compensation of the Five Highest Paid Independent Contractors for Professional Services**

(See page 2 of the instructions List each one (whether individuals or firms) If there are none, enter "None")

(a) Name and address of each independent contractor paid more than \$50,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
<u>NO ONE PAID OVER \$50,000</u>		
Total number of others receiving over \$50,000 for professional services ▶	<b>0</b>	

**Part III Statements About Activities** (See page 2 of the instructions )

		Yes	No
1	During the year, has the organization attempted to influence national, state, or local legislation, including any attempt to influence public opinion on a legislative matter or referendum? If "Yes," enter the total expenses paid or incurred in connection with the lobbying activities <b>▶</b> \$ _____ \$ _____ (Must equal amounts on line 38, Part VI-A, or line 1 of Part VI-B) Organizations that made an election under section 501(h) by filing Form 5768 must complete Part VI-A. Other organizations checking "Yes," must complete Part VI-B AND attach a statement giving a detailed description of the lobbying activities		X
2	During the year, has the organization, either directly or indirectly, engaged in any of the following acts with any substantial contributors, trustees, directors, officers, creators, key employees, or members of their families, or with any taxable organization with which any such person is affiliated as an officer, director, trustee, majority owner, or principal beneficiary? (If the answer to any question is "Yes," attach a detailed statement explaining the transactions )		
a	Sale, exchange, or leasing of property?		X
b	Lending of money or other extension of credit?		X
c	Furnishing of goods, services, or facilities?		X
d	Payment of compensation (or payment or reimbursement of expenses if more than \$1,000)?		X
e	Transfer of any part of its income or assets?		X
3	Does the organization make grants for scholarships, fellowships, student loans, etc ? (See Note below )	X	
4	Do you have a section 403(b) annuity plan for your employees?		X
<b>Note.</b> Attach a statement to explain how the organization determines that individuals or organizations receiving grants or loans from it in furtherance of its charitable programs "qualify" to receive payments		<b>SEE STATEMENT 11</b>	

**Part IV Reason for Non-Private Foundation Status** (See pages 3 through 5 of the instructions )

- The organization is not a private foundation because it is (Please check only ONE applicable box.)
- 5  A church, convention of churches, or association of churches Section 170(b)(1)(A)(i)
  - 6  A school Section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii) (Also complete Part V )
  - 7  A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization Section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)
  - 8  A Federal, state, or local government or governmental unit. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(v)
  - 9  A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital Section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii) Enter the hospital's name, city, and state **▶** \_\_\_\_\_
  - 10  An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit Section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) (Also complete the **Support Schedule** in Part IV-A.)
  - 11a  An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public Section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi) (Also complete the **Support Schedule** in Part IV-A.)
  - 11b  A community trust. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi) (Also complete the **Support Schedule** in Part IV-A.)
  - 12  An organization that normally receives (1) more than 33 1/3% of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its charitable, etc., functions - subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33 1/3% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975 See section 509(a)(2) (Also complete the **Support Schedule** in Part IV-A.)
  - 13  An organization that is not controlled by any disqualified persons (other than foundation managers) and supports organizations described in (1) lines 5 through 12 above, or (2) section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6), if they meet the test of section 509(a)(2) (See section 509(a)(3) )

Provide the following information about the supported organizations (See page 5 of the instructions )

(a) Name(s) of supported organization(s)	(b) Line number from above

- 14  An organization organized and operated to test for public safety Section 509(a)(4) (See page 5 of the instructions )

**Part IV-A Support Schedule** (Complete only if you checked a box on line 10, 11, or 12) Use cash method of accounting.  
 Note You may use the worksheet in the instructions for converting from the accrual to the cash method of accounting

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2001	(b) 2000	(c) 1999	(d) 1998	(e) Total
15 Gifts, grants, and contributions received (Do not include unusual grants See line 28)	119,903.	337,594.	217,895.	147,083.	822,475.
16 Membership fees received	59,249.	76,575.	48,591.	111,975.	296,390.
17 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or furnishing of facilities in any activity that is related to the organization's charitable, etc., purpose	133,909.	304,509.	234,467.	260,432.	933,317.
18 Gross income from interest, dividends, amounts received from payments on securities loans (section 512(a)(5)), rents, royalties, and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975	42,849.	53,062.	54,166.	64,440.	214,517.
19 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 18					
20 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to it or expended on its behalf					
21 The value of services or facilities furnished to the organization by a governmental unit without charge Do not include the value of services or facilities generally furnished to the public without charge					
22 Other income. Attach a schedule Do not include gain or (loss) from sale of capital assets					
23 Total of lines 15 through 22	355,910.	771,740.	555,119.	583,930.	2,266,699.
24 Line 23 minus line 17	222,001.	467,231.	320,652.	323,498.	1,333,382.
25 Enter 1% of line 23	3,559.	7,717.	5,551.	5,839.	
26 Organizations described on lines 10 or 11	a Enter 2% of amount in column (e), line 24				26a 26,668.
	b Prepare a list for your records to show the name of and amount contributed by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) whose total gifts for 1998 through 2001 exceeded the amount shown in line 26a Do not file this list with your return Enter the sum of all these excess amounts				26b 224,279.
	c Total support for section 509(a)(1) test: Enter line 24, column (e)				26c 1,333,382.
	d Add Amounts from column (e) for lines 18 <u>214,517.</u> 19 _____ 22 _____ 26b <u>224,279.</u>				26d 438,796.
	e Public support (line 26c minus line 26d total)				26e 894,586.
	f Public support percentage (line 26e (numerator) divided by line 26c (denominator))				26f 67.0915%
27 Organizations described on line 12	a For amounts included in lines 15, 16, and 17 that were received from a "disqualified person," prepare a list for your records to show the name of, and total amounts received in each year from, each "disqualified person" Do not file this list with your return Enter the sum of such amounts for each year				N/A
	(2001)	(2000)	(1999)	(1998)	
	b For any amount included in line 17 that was received from each person (other than "disqualified persons"), prepare a list for your records to show the name of, and amount received for each year, that was more than the larger of (1) the amount on line 25 for the year or (2) \$5,000 (Include in the list organizations described in lines 5 through 11, as well as individuals) Do not file this list with your return After computing the difference between the amount received and the larger amount described in (1) or (2), enter the sum of these differences (the excess amounts) for each year				N/A
	(2001)	(2000)	(1999)	(1998)	
	c Add Amounts from column (e) for lines 15 _____ 16 _____ 17 _____ 20 _____ 21 _____				27c N/A
	d Add Line 27a total _____ and line 27b total _____				27d N/A
	e Public support (line 27c total minus line 27d total)				27e N/A
	f Total support for section 509(a)(2) test: Enter amount on line 23, column (e)				27f N/A
	g Public support percentage (line 27e (numerator) divided by line 27f (denominator))				27g N/A %
	h Investment income percentage (line 18, column (e) (numerator) divided by line 27f (denominator))				27h N/A %

28 Unusual Grants For an organization described in line 10, 11, or 12 that received any unusual grants during 1998 through 2001, prepare a list for your records to show, for each year, the name of the contributor, the date and amount of the grant, and a brief description of the nature of the grant. Do not file this list with your return Do not include these grants in line 15.

**Part V Private School Questionnaire** (See page 7 of the instructions )

N/A

**(To be completed ONLY by schools that checked the box on line 6 in Part IV)**

		Yes	No
29	Does the organization have a racially nondiscriminatory policy toward students by statement in its charter, bylaws, other governing instrument, or in a resolution of its governing body?		
30	Does the organization include a statement of its racially nondiscriminatory policy toward students in all its brochures, catalogues, and other written communications with the public dealing with student admissions, programs, and scholarships?		
31	Has the organization publicized its racially nondiscriminatory policy through newspaper or broadcast media during the period of solicitation for students, or during the registration period if it has no solicitation program, in a way that makes the policy known to all parts of the general community it serves? If "Yes," please describe, if "No," please explain (If you need more space, attach a separate statement.)  _____ _____ _____		
32	Does the organization maintain the following		
a	Records indicating the racial composition of the student body, faculty, and administrative staff?	32a	
b	Records documenting that scholarships and other financial assistance are awarded on a racially nondiscriminatory basis?	32b	
c	Copies of all catalogues, brochures, announcements, and other written communications to the public dealing with student admissions, programs, and scholarships?	32c	
d	Copies of all material used by the organization or on its behalf to solicit contributions? If you answered "No" to any of the above, please explain (If you need more space, attach a separate statement.)  _____ _____	32d	
33	Does the organization discriminate by race in any way with respect to		
a	Students' rights or privileges?	33a	
b	Admissions policies?	33b	
c	Employment of faculty or administrative staff?	33c	
d	Scholarships or other financial assistance?	33d	
e	Educational policies?	33e	
f	Use of facilities?	33f	
g	Athletic programs?	33g	
h	Other extracurricular activities? If you answered "Yes" to any of the above, please explain (If you need more space, attach a separate statement.)  _____ _____	33h	
34 a	Does the organization receive any financial aid or assistance from a governmental agency?	34a	
b	Has the organization's right to such aid ever been revoked or suspended? If you answered "Yes" to either 34a or b, please explain using an attached statement.	34b	
35	Does the organization certify that it has complied with the applicable requirements of sections 4 01 through 4 05 of Rev Proc 75-50, 1975-2 C B 587, covering racial nondiscrimination? If "No," attach an explanation	35	

**Part VI-A Lobbying Expenditures by Electing Public Charities** (See page 9 of the instructions)

N/A

(To be completed ONLY by an eligible organization that filed Form 5768)

Check  a  if the organization belongs to an affiliated group Check  b  if you checked "a" and "limited control" provisions apply

Limits on Lobbying Expenditures		(a) Affiliated group totals	(b) To be completed for ALL electing organizations
(The term "expenditures" means amounts paid or incurred )			
		N/A	
36	Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grassroots lobbying)	36	
37	Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying)	37	
38	Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 36 and 37)	38	
39	Other exempt purpose expenditures	39	
40	Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 38 and 39)	40	
41	Lobbying nontaxable amount. Enter the amount from the following table -		
	If the amount on line 40 is -		
	Not over \$500,000		
	Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000		
	Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000		
	Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000		
	Over \$17,000,000		
	The lobbying nontaxable amount is -		
	20% of the amount on line 40		
	\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000		
	\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000		
	\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000		
	\$1,000,000		
42	Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 41)	42	
43	Subtract line 42 from line 36. Enter -0- if line 42 is more than line 36	43	
44	Subtract line 41 from line 38. Enter -0- if line 41 is more than line 38	44	

Caution If there is an amount on either line 43 or line 44, you must file Form 4720

**4-Year Averaging Period Under Section 501(h)**

(Some organizations that made a section 501(h) election do not have to complete all of the five columns below. See the instructions for lines 45 through 50 on page 11 of the instructions.)

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period					N/A (e) Total
	(a) 2002	(b) 2001	(c) 2000	(d) 1999		
45	Lobbying nontaxable amount					0.
46	Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 45(e))					0.
47	Total lobbying expenditures					0.
48	Grassroots nontaxable amount					0.
49	Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 48(e))					0.
50	Grassroots lobbying expenditures					0.

**Part VI-B Lobbying Activity by Nonelecting Public Charities**

(For reporting only by organizations that did not complete Part VI-A) (See page 11 of the instructions)

During the year, did the organization attempt to influence national, state or local legislation, including any attempt to influence public opinion on a legislative matter or referendum, through the use of:	Yes	No	Amount
a Volunteers		X	
b Paid staff or management (Include compensation in expenses reported on lines c through h)		X	
c Media advertisements		X	
d Mailings to members, legislators, or the public		X	
e Publications, or published or broadcast statements		X	
f Grants to other organizations for lobbying purposes		X	
g Direct contact with legislators, their staffs, government officials, or a legislative body		X	
h Rallies, demonstrations, seminars, conventions, speeches, lectures, or any other means		X	
i Total lobbying expenditures (Add lines c through h)			0.

If "Yes" to any of the above, also attach a statement giving a detailed description of the lobbying activities



FORM 990

SPECIAL EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

STATEMENT 1

DESCRIPTION OF EVENT	GROSS RECEIPTS	CONTRIBUT. INCLUDED	GROSS REVENUE	DIRECT EXPENSES	NET INCOME
GEM OF AN EVENING	61,453.	0.	61,453.	13,922.	47,531.
BOAT FUND RAISER	2,110.	0.	2,110.	0.	2,110.
DOCENT TRIPS	9,010.	0.	9,010.	5,916.	3,094.
TO FM 990, PART I, LINE 9	72,573.	0.	72,573.	19,838.	52,735.



FORM 990 OTHER CHANGES IN NET ASSETS OR FUND BALANCES STATEMENT 3

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
UNREALIZED LOSSES ON MUTUAL FUNDS	<39,092.>
ROUNDING	<90,169.>
TOTAL TO FORM 990, PART I, LINE 20	<129,261.>

FORM 990 OTHER EXPENSES STATEMENT 4

DESCRIPTION	(A) TOTAL	(B) PROGRAM SERVICES	(C) MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL	(D) FUNDRAISING
INSURANCE	6,402.	2,689.	3,713.	
OFFICE EXPENSES	3,884.	1,072.	2,812.	
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	59,050.	24,444.	12,444.	22,162.
OTHER EXPENSES	7,740.	979.	4,825.	1,936.
MEALS AND ENTERTAINMENT	8,136.	2,902.		5,234.
ADVERTISING	9,012.	694.	4,623.	3,695.
TOTAL TO FM 990, LN 43	94,224.	32,780.	28,417.	33,027.

FORM 990 STATEMENT OF ORGANIZATION'S PRIMARY EXEMPT PURPOSE STATEMENT 5  
PART III

EXPLANATION

THE SOCIETY'S MISSION IS TO PROMOTE THE INTERESTS OF THE WHATCOM MUSEUM OF HISTORY AND ART. ITS ACTIVITIES ARE CULTURAL, EDUCATIONAL, AND CHARITABLE. THE SOCIETY ALSO OWNS AND OPERATES THE WHATCOM CHILDREN'S MUSEUM.

FORM 990	NON-GOVERNMENT SECURITIES			STATEMENT	6
SECURITY DESCRIPTION	CORPORATE STOCKS	CORPORATE BONDS	OTHER PUBLICLY TRADED SECURITIES	OTHER SECURITIES	TOTAL NON-GOV'T SECURITIES
MUTUAL FUNDS			0.		
FIXED INCOME SECURITIES				442,178.	442,178.
EQUITY SECURITIES				473,265.	473,265.
TO 990, LN 54 COL B				915,443.	915,443.

FORM 990	OTHER INVESTMENTS	STATEMENT	7
DESCRIPTION	VALUATION METHOD	AMOUNT	
CONIFER MEDFORD LIMITED PARTNERSHIP INTEREST	COST	88,000.	
TOTAL TO FORM 990, PART IV, LINE 56, COLUMN B		88,000.	

FORM 990	OTHER EXPENSES NOT INCLUDED ON FORM 990	STATEMENT	8
DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT		
RECLASSIFICATION OF EXPENSES			
TOTAL TO FORM 990, PART IV-B			

FORM 990	OTHER REVENUE INCLUDED ON FORM 990	STATEMENT	9
DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT		
NET UNREALIZED LOSS	129,262.		
TOTAL TO FORM 990, PART IV-A	129,262.		



**Depreciation and Amortization 990**  
(Including Information on Listed Property)

▶ See separate instructions ▶ Attach to your tax return

Name(s) shown on return <b>WHATCOM MUSEUM SOCIETY INC</b>	Business or activity to which this form relates <b>FORM 990 PAGE 2</b>	Identifying number <b>91-6174771</b>
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**Part I Election To Expense Certain Tangible Property Under Section 179 Note** If you have any listed property, complete Part V before you complete Part I

1 Maximum amount See instructions for a higher limit for certain businesses	1	24,000.
2 Total cost of section 179 property placed in service (see instructions)	2	
3 Threshold cost of section 179 property before reduction in limitation	3	\$200,000
4 Reduction in limitation Subtract line 3 from line 2 If zero or less, enter -0-	4	
5 Dollar limitation for tax year Subtract line 4 from line 1 If zero or less, enter -0- If married filing separately, see instructions	5	
6 (a) Description of property (b) Cost (business use only) (c) Elected cost		
7 Listed property Enter amount from line 29	7	
8 Total elected cost of section 179 property Add amounts in column (c), lines 6 and 7	8	
9 Tentative deduction Enter the smaller of line 5 or line 8	9	
10 Carryover of disallowed deduction from line 13 of your 2001 Form 4562	10	
11 Business income limitation Enter the smaller of business income (not less than zero) or line 5	11	
12 Section 179 expense deduction Add lines 9 and 10, but do not enter more than line 11	12	
13 Carryover of disallowed deduction to 2003 Add lines 9 and 10, less line 12	13	

Note: Do not use Part II or Part III below for listed property Instead, use Part V

**Part II Special Depreciation Allowance and Other Depreciation (Do not include listed property )**

14 Special depreciation allowance for qualified property (other than listed property) placed in service during the tax year (see instructions)	14	
15 Property subject to section 168(f)(1) election (see instructions)	15	
16 Other depreciation (including ACRS) (see instructions)	16	

**Part III MACRS Depreciation (Do not include listed property ) (See instructions )**

**Section A**

17 MACRS deductions for assets placed in service in tax years beginning before 2002	17	62,549.
18 If you are electing under section 168(i)(4) to group any assets placed in service during the tax year into one or more general asset accounts, check here <input type="checkbox"/>		

**Section B - Assets Placed in Service During 2002 Tax Year Using the General Depreciation System**

(a) Classification of property	(b) Month and year placed in service	(c) Basis for depreciation (business/investment use only - see instructions)	(d) Recovery period	(e) Convention	(f) Method	(g) Depreciation deduction
19a 3 year property						
b 5 year property						
c 7 year property						
d 10 year property						
e 15 year property						
f 20-year property						
g 25 year property			25 yrs		S/L	
h Residential rental property	/		27 5 yrs	MM	S/L	
	/		27 5 yrs	MM	S/L	
i Nonresidential real property	/		39 yrs	MM	S/L	
	/			MM	S/L	

**Section C - Assets Placed in Service During 2002 Tax Year Using the Alternative Depreciation System**

20a Class life					S/L	
b 12 year			12 yrs		S/L	
c 40-year	/		40 yrs	MM	S/L	

**Part IV Summary (See instructions )**

21 Listed property Enter amount from line 28	21	
22 Total Add amounts from line 12, lines 14 through 17, lines 19 and 20 in column (g), and line 21 Enter here and on the appropriate lines of your return Partnerships and S corporations see instr	22	62,549.
23 For assets shown above and placed in service during the current year, enter the portion of the basis attributable to section 263A costs	23	

**Part V** **Listed Property** (Include automobiles, certain other vehicles, cellular telephones, certain computers, and property used for entertainment, recreation, or amusement)  
**Note** For any vehicle for which you are using the standard mileage rate or deducting lease expense, complete only 24a, 24b, columns (a) through (c) of Section A, all of Section B, and Section C if applicable

**Section A - Depreciation and Other Information (Caution: See instructions for limits for passenger automobiles)**

24a Do you have evidence to support the business/investment use claimed?  Yes  No 24b If "Yes," is the evidence written?  Yes  No

(a) Type of property (list vehicles first)	(b) Date placed in service	(c) Business/investment use percentage	(d) Cost or other basis	(e) Basis for depreciation (business/investment use only)	(f) Recovery period	(g) Method/Convention	(h) Depreciation deduction	(i) Elected section 179 cost
25 Special depreciation allowance for qualified listed property placed in service during the tax year and used more than 50% in a qualified business use							25	
26 Property used more than 50% in a qualified business use								
		%						
		%						
		%						
27 Property used 50% or less in a qualified business use								
		%				S/L		
		%				S/L -		
		%				S/L -		
28 Add amounts in column (h), lines 25 through 27 Enter here and on line 21, page 1							28	
29 Add amounts in column (i), line 26 Enter here and on line 7, page 1								29

**Section B - Information on Use of Vehicles**

Complete this section for vehicles used by a sole proprietor, partner, or other "more than 5% owner," or related person  
 If you provided vehicles to your employees, first answer the questions in Section C to see if you meet an exception to completing this section for those vehicles

	(a) Vehicle		(b) Vehicle		(c) Vehicle		(d) Vehicle		(e) Vehicle		(f) Vehicle	
	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
30 Total business/investment miles driven during the year (do not include commuting miles)												
31 Total commuting miles driven during the year												
32 Total other personal (noncommuting) miles driven												
33 Total miles driven during the year Add lines 30 through 32												
34 Was the vehicle available for personal use during off-duty hours?												
35 Was the vehicle used primarily by a more than 5% owner or related person?												
36 Is another vehicle available for personal use?												

**Section C - Questions for Employers Who Provide Vehicles for Use by Their Employees**

Answer these questions to determine if you meet an exception to completing Section B for vehicles used by employees who are not more than 5% owners or related persons

	Yes	No
37 Do you maintain a written policy statement that prohibits all personal use of vehicles, including commuting, by your employees?		
38 Do you maintain a written policy statement that prohibits personal use of vehicles, except commuting, by your employees? See instructions for vehicles used by corporate officers, directors, or 1% or more owners		
39 Do you treat all use of vehicles by employees as personal use?		
40 Do you provide more than five vehicles to your employees, obtain information from your employees about the use of the vehicles, and retain the information received?		
41 Do you meet the requirements concerning qualified automobile demonstration use? Note: If your answer to 37, 38, 39, 40, or 41 is "Yes," do not complete Section B for the covered vehicles		

**Part VI** **Amortization**

(a) Description of costs	(b) Date amortization begins	(c) Amortizable amount	(d) Code section	(e) Amortization period or percentage	(f) Amortization for this year
42 Amortization of costs that begins during your 2002 tax year					
43 Amortization of costs that began before your 2002 tax year					43
44 Total Add amounts in column (f) See instructions for where to report					44

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