

Stonehenge Memorial added to National Register of Historic Places

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GOLDENDALE, Wash. — Maryhill Museum of Art has announced that Stonehenge Memorial, the iconic replica of England's ancient original, has

been added to the National Register of Historic Places. The National Register records the tangible reminders of the history of the United States and is the official documentation of cultural resources worthy of preservation.

According to a press release, Stonehenge Memorial was constructed by Maryhill Museum of Art's founder, businessman and philanthropist Samuel Hill, between 1918 and 1929. Stonehenge Memorial is signifi-

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The Stonehenge Memorial at Maryhill Museum of Art is now on the National Register of Historic Places.



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cant as both a close replica of the ancient Stonehenge and as a memorial to Klickitat County residents who died in World War I. It is located 3 miles east of the museum on a bluff on the Washington side above the Columbia River.

Although he supported the Allied cause, Hill was a Quaker and a pacifist. In constructing the memorial, the press release states, "he wished to honor soldiers who gave their lives to what he saw as the folly of war and make a public statement about the tragedy and futility of the events that led to their deaths."

With its altar stone dedicated

on July 4, 1918, more than four months prior to the Armistice, Stonehenge Memorial is one of the earliest World War I memorials in the country.

"We are thrilled that Stonehenge Memorial has been added to the National Register," said Maryhill Museum of Art's executive director, Colleen Schafroth. "The designation recognizes Sam Hill's singular vision and the enduring significance of the memorial as it relates to local, regional and national history. The museum itself was placed on the National Register in 1974. We are beyond excited to now have Stonehenge Memorial listed as well."

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