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Old Man Memorial Fundraising Effort to Kick Off at the Mount Washington

BRETTON WOODS – The kickoff of the Old Man of the Mountain Memorial fundraising effort will take place on Tuesday, March 6 from 4-6 p.m. at the Mount Washington Hotel & Resort.

The Old Man of the Mountain memorial design, the work of sculptor Shelly Bradbury and designer Ron Magers of Essex, Massachusetts, features the heaviest stone ever quarried in North America and has three distinct features arranged along the pathway from the existing Old Man of the Mountain museum to the shore of Profile Lake. Visitors will first walk through two standing stones which create a gateway to the memorial area and are designed to honor the caretakers of the Old Man. They will then encounter a series of five huge stones which, viewed from a raised viewing platform, merge into one form that recreates the outline of the famous profile. Finally, in a newly landscaped park at the water's edge, steel "profilers" will allow visitors to line up a series of irregular edges and thereby "see" the outline of the famous profile up on the cliff where the Old Man once stood.

At the kickoff event, there will be a public viewing of the memorial design as well as an introduction of the lead donors of the effort.

"It's extremely fitting that our fundraising efforts for this major initiative take place in the North Country," said Dick Hamilton, Chair of the Sculpture Committee for the Legacy Fund, a committee established to raise the funds necessary to implement the ideas generated by the Old Man of the Mountain Task Force after the fall of the Old Man in May 2003. "The North Country is the home of the Old Man and represents the backbone of support for this innovative and new memorial design. We're thrilled that this event is taking place at the Mount Washington."

The public is cordially invited to attend the fundraising kickoff press conference. For more information, contact Maggie Stier at 344-1726.

Maura Weston of Concord is chair of the Legacy Fund, a committee that succeeded the Old Man of the Mountain Revitalization Task Force appointed by former Governor Craig Benson immediately following the May 3, 2003 collapse of the Old Man. The Legacy Fund is a private 501c3 corporation with representatives from various state agencies, the Forest Society, the Greater Federated Women's Club of NH, and the Cannon Mountain Advisory Committee.

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