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Dear Sunstone Northwest attendees:

We regret to announce that Sunstone has decided against scheduling a regional symposium in the Pacific Northwest in fall 2012. The Seattle Symposium originated in 1989. After 23 years of events, we're saddened to suspend this year's fall regional event.

Several factors contributed to this decision. The marvelous venue we've met in the last two years was already booked with other events. Finding a new venue is a time consuming task. This late in the fall, we were left with not enough time to plan nor enough local volunteers to pull off a successful event.

We hope to return to the Northwest in the future. For this to happen, we will need Seattle and Portland area people to help with the planning. We need help finding free or low-cost meeting space for the event; identifying potential speakers, panelists, session chairs, and attendees; and planning the program and publicizing the event well in advance in order to attract an interested audience.

If you live in the Northwest and are interested in helping make a 2013 Northwest Sunstone Symposium happen, please contact Mary Ellen Robertson by the end of April 2013—or earlier. Call the office 801.355.5926 or email SunstoneME@gmail.com.

Having five to six months advance notice ensures adequate time for Sunstone staff and volunteers to prepare a call for papers, select dates and secure a venue, and put together a thoughtful, high-quality program.

Again, we regret this turn of events for a long-running regional Sunstone Symposium and trust that our supporters will rally to help make Sunstone Northwest happen in future years.

Best,

Mary Ellen Robertson



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