

**Historic Property** G.V. Valley Shopping Center  
**Inventory Report for** 2822 South Capital Boulevard Olympia, Thurston, 98501

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**LOCATION SECTION**

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**Historic Name:** G.V. Valley Shopping Center **Field Site No.:** 580  
**Common Name:** (#34-431) **OAHP No.:**  
**Property Address:** 2822 South Capital Boulevard Olympia, Thurston, 98501  
**Comments:** OLYMPIA

**County** **Township/Range/EW** **Section** **1/4 Sec** **1/4 1/4 Sec** **Quadrangle**  
**[REDACTED]** T18R02W 26 NE TUMWATER

**UTM Reference**

**Zone:** 10 **Spatial Type:** Point **Acquisition Code:** TopoZone.com  
**Sequence:** 0 **Easting:** 508130 **Northing:** 5207580

**Tax No./Parcel No.** **Plat/Block/Lot**  
83700000202 Wildwood Park Part L,1,2,3

**Supplemental Map(s)** **Acreage**  
City of Olympia Planning Department .30

**IDENTIFICATION SECTION**

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**Field Recorder:** Shanna Stevenson **Date Recorded:** 9/19/1985 **Survey Name:** OLYMPIA

**Owner's Name:** Bruce D. Shattuck **Owner Address:** PO Box 4036 **City/State/Zip:** Tumwater, WA 98501

**Classification:** Building **Resource Status** **Comments**

**Within a District?** No **Survey/Inventory**

**Contributing?** No

**National Register Nomination:** 0

**Local District:**

**National Register District/Thematic Nomination Name:**

**DESCRIPTION SECTION**

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**Historic Use:** Commerce/Trade - Business

**Current Use:** Commerce/Trade - Business

**Plan:** Irregular **No. of Stories:** 1

**Structural System:** Balloon Frame

**Changes to plan:** Intact

**Changes to original cladding:** Intact

**Changes to windows:** Moderate

**Changes to interior:** Moderate

**Changes to other:**

**Other (specify):**

**Cladding** Stucco

**Style** Art Deco - Streamlined Moderne

**Roof Material**

**Foundation** Concrete - Poured

**Form/Type**

**Roof Type** Unknown

## NARRATIVE SECTION

Study Unit

Other

Date Of Construction: 1938

Architecture/Landscape Architecture

Architect: Joseph Wohleb

Commerce

Builder:

Engineer:

Property appears to meet criteria for the National Register of Historic Places:

No

Property is located in a historic district (National and/or local):

No

Property potentially contributes to a historic district (National and/or local):

**Statement of  
Significance**

The center was designed as a shopping area for G. Valley by Joseph Wohleb. Originally the structure had a flower shop and grocery. The building is a distinctive Art Moderne style and is an early interpretation of the shopping center idea.

**Description of  
Physical  
Appearance**

Located on a highly visible corner lot and fronted by a parking lot, this one-story concrete structure is a good example of the commercial Art Moderne style, and has an unusual trapezoidal shape with rounded corners. Its flat roof is bordered by a stepped parapet, below which are backlit neon signs for the various shops. At the northwest front corner, a circular projection with faceted storefront windows, tile kickplates and glass block transoms is topped by a shallow conical roof, which has a metal cap with chevron trim topped by a tall central finial. The remaining flat portion of the front facade has plate glass storefront windows with their kickplates covered by asbestos siding. A projecting metal canopy follows the contours of the front facade above the storefronts.

**Major  
Bibliographic  
References**

Maddox, Dawn, "Joseph Wohleb: resident architect of the State Capital," Landmarks, Vol. IV, No. 4.

## PHOTOS



View of west facade

taken 9/19/1985

Photography Neg. No. (Roll No./Frame No.):

18-15A

Comments: