

Laurelhurst Century Home Plaque - DIY Installation Instructions

- As with all work on 100+ year-old homes, installation details may vary slightly depending on the type of siding you have and where you choose to locate your plaque. Suggest waiting until conditions are dry enough for adhesive to cure properly.
- These instructions are to permanently install the plaque on wood/composite siding in a dry location. See step 7) for rainy/wet locations.
- Each year's plaque was individually cast, so the mounting posts on the back are in slightly different spots for each year. Hence step 1).

Video of installation process on LNA website (under Events tab, Century Home Plaques, scroll to bottom for link). If you don't feel confident about DIY installation, hire a professional or recruit a handy friend. This is a permanent installation. Misplaced or crooked plaques cannot be easily repositioned. The LNA is not responsible for plaque installation.

Thanks to Laurelhurst neighbor/handyman Aaron Lefitz for developing this installation process, starring in our video, and doing our first plaque install. You can hire him to do your plaque - precisionprojectspdx@gmail.com 971-322-3046

Suggested tools and supplies: level; tape measure; pencil/marketing tool; drill; small drill bit for pilot hole; 1/2" or 5/8" drill bit***; construction adhesive; masking tape or painters tape; optional clear caulk for wet locations.

*** For wood/composite siding use a standard or spade bit; for metal siding use a wood/metal bit; for concrete/brick use a masonry bit.

- 1) Place your new plaque on the paper template and mark where the mounting posts land. You can use a marker/sharpie to color the back of the posts, then quickly press on the template, leaving a little mark on the paper for each post. Poke holes at each mark on the template.
- 2) Use a level and tape measure, or the existing sight lines of your house's siding, or a combination of both to place the template exactly where you intend to install the plaque. Mark the post locations on the siding through the two holes in the template.
- 3) Pre-drill a small pilot hole to ensure the larger bit is tracks correctly into the correct spot. Drill holes in the siding at each marked location with a BIT SIZE of 1/2" or 5/8". Drill no more than 1/2" to 5/8" deep, to avoid penetrating all the way through the siding.
- 4) Discard the screws provided with the plaque. Test fit the plaque to make sure it is correctly located and the drilled holes are deep enough for the plaque to contact the siding. The holes should be larger than the mounting posts, to allow adjustment of the plaque's position.
- 5) Clean leftover debris from the drilled holes. Wipe loose dirt/dust from siding. Have strips of tape ready.
- 6) Completely fill each hole with construction adhesive. A *little* extra is okay, but you don't want so much that it will squish out the side of the plaque. Put a bead of adhesive on the back of the plaque between the two posts.
- 7) For wet locations, put a small bead of clear siliconized acrylic or elastomeric caulking around the back of the plaque about 1/2" from the edge. When you install the plaque, some caulk will squish out and need to be cleaned off. The caulk should create a nice seal around the plaque that will keep moisture from being trapped between the plaque and the siding.
- 8) Press plaque in place. The posts will displace the adhesive, which will squish out around the base of the posts to the back of the plaque.
- 9) Give the plaque a *little* wiggle back and forth to really settle it in place. Use your level/eye to get the plaque in the exact spot you want it (for real...pretty soon it's about to not go anywhere...ever). Securely tape the plaque in place.
- 10) Leave it alone for at least 8-12 hours, remove tape, and enjoy your new plaque!

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(This image is "actual size". Use the image to help you decide where to put the plaque and to mark the position of the mounting posts on your specific plaque. The plaques for each year have slightly different post positions. Make sure to test with your own plaque.