The original University of Washington Tree Tour was produced in 1980 by C. Frank Brockman (1902-1985) at the end of an influential, productive career in forestry and outdoor recreation. Brockman served on the faculty of the College of Forest Resources, now the School of Environmental and Forest Sciences (SEFS), from 1946 until his retirement in 1967. The original eight-page booklet, which included photos and scientific information, as well as the history of significant specimens, featured 81 campus trees. In 1995, the tour was updated as part of a public artwork project, including the construction of two bus shelters and the Medicinal Herb Garden’s volunteer center on Stevens Way, by visual artists Suzanne Hellmuth and Jock Reynolds. Arthur Lee Jacobson, local plant expert, rewrote the tour booklet using Brockman’s original photos. The Campus Arts Office developed a tree tour website at this time. The tour then featured 80 campus trees in a beautiful booklet, which remains available at SEFS in Anderson Hall room 107.

In 2010, Carly Thornburg, a student at SEFS (which was then named the School of Forest Resources) updated the tree tour website as her capstone project for her BS in Environmental Science and Resource Management. She provided all new photographs of the trees as they appeared in 2010, and also updated the text. By this time 13 trees had been removed from the tour primarily because of campus construction, including the renovation of the Husky Union Building. Management of the tree tour website was moved to SEFS, and a new Google Map was created by David Campbell, a staff web developer at the school. The new website is available at http://www.sefs.washington.edu/brockmantreetour.

This addendum was created to accompany the 1995 printed booklet, which is still in popular demand. It was created in July 2014 and identifies 14 trees from the booklet that no longer exist. The Kwanzan Cherry, #12 in the printed tour, was removed in 2014 for construction of the Sound Transit light rail station on campus. Now the tour features 66 trees but still provides a rewarding stroll through campus and a wealth of information.

The trees in the booklet which no longer exist are: #2 Pacific Dogwood, #6 Yellowwood, #7 Carriere Hawthorn, #12 Kwanzan Cherry, #19 Globe Hornbeam, #27 Norway Spruce, #34 Pink Beauty Crabapple, #42 English Holly, #47 Water Oak, #48 Bigleaf Maple, #61 Northern Catalpa, #66 Carmine Crabapple, #70 Tree of Heaven, #74 Sweet Bay Magnolia. The map on the reverse side of this addendum shows the missing trees with Xs over the corresponding numbers. You can use this updated map to find your way along the tour and avoid the missing trees. Enjoy!

C. Frank Brockman’s work is also memorialized in the Tree of the Week displays outside of Anderson Hall room 107 and at the Brockman Memorial Campus Tree Tour bus shelters on Stevens Way. These displays are changed weekly and feature photographs taken by Brockman as well as scientific information about specific tree species.