

2015-16 PROGRAM SEASON

All programs are held on the second Thursday of the months listed below at the Whatcom Museum Rotunda Room at 7:30 p.m. Free and open to all.

April 14, 2016: Dave Tucker will give a presentation on his book "Geology Underfoot in Western Washington."

This is the last program of this season.. If you missed one, most of them are available online thanks to Dal Neitzel of BTV-10. Go to YouTube and search for Whatcom County Historical Society. Also thanks to Mary Jo Maute at the Whatcom Museum!

If you have a suggestion for a program for next season, please email Wes Gannaway: debnwes@comcast.net. Our programs begin in October and end in April. Start collecting your donations for our annual fall garage sale to benefit the 1308 E St. building.

For more information on the WCHS, rentals of the oldest brick building in the state, events, etc. visit the website: www.whatcomhistory.net or email:

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See you May 8 and this coming fall! Thank you!

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Geology Underfoot in Western Washington by Dave Tucker

Thursday, April 14, 2016, 7:30 p.m.

Whatcom Museum Rotunda Room • 121 Prospect St. • Free

"Geology Underfoot in Western Washington" is part of the Geology Underfoot book series. The book features 22 field trips to exciting geologic sites in the western part of the state.

The book is written for a popular audience, though it should be useful and enjoyable for geologists and earth science educators, too.

Each chapter takes you to a particular site, and gets you out of your car and face-to-face with the rocks and landscape. Some of the sites described in the book include: Willapa Bay stumps submerged by the January 26, 1700 Cascadia Earthquake (M 9), and the workings of subduction.

Golden Horn granite at Washington Pass and Blue Lake. This chapter discusses the mechanisms for emplacement of large volumes of magma in the crust.

A tour of some significant glacial erratics in the Puget Lowland. An urban geology tour of downtown Seattle, and the fascinating rocks from all over the world found on buildings.

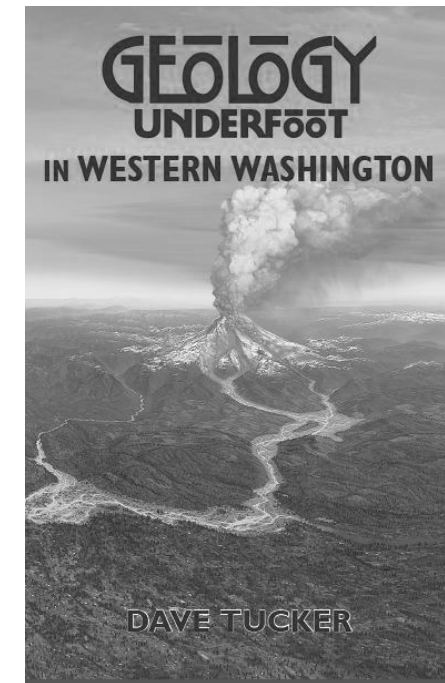
The still-unresolved riddle of the Mima Mounds, The Kulshan caldera near Mount Baker Pleistocene glacial and interglacial deposits on Whidbey Island

Mountain Press Publishers of Missoula also publish the well-known Roadside Geology series. Other volumes in the Geology Underfoot series can be found at the Mountain Press website.

Dave Tucker is a research associate at Western Washington University's geology department. Dave's research focuses primarily on volcanic rocks and events at Mount Baker but he does include most of the other aspects of geology in his studies.

Tucker presented a talk on the Mt. Baker volcanics in a previous pro-

gram for the WCHS.



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Thank you to everyone else who donated for an engraved paver or contributed in-kind goods and labor (especially board members).

Thanks to Village Books for selling and promoting our Journals and books!

At Long Last! Time to Celebrate! Open House at the Territorial County Courthouse - 1308 E St. Sunday, May 8, 2016, 1 - 4 p.m. Refreshments, Tours, Displays

Hurray! It's finally time to celebrate the more than ten years of dedication and hard work that went into the restoration of the T.G. Richards building which we call the Territorial County Courthouse.

Invite family and friends and drop by any time between 1-4 p.m. to see the results, go on guided tours and see the results.

See your engraved brick paver installed and find out how to rent the building for your meeting or special event. WCHS members get a discount.

While you're there, stop by the historic George Pickett house for a tour. It's just a couple of short blocks away. See you then!

Additional Thanks Due for Building

In addition to Rick Tremaine and Wes Gannaway, we owe special thanks to the Akers Family, Glenn Eastwood, the Board, Jim Doidge, and Matt Aamot for their dedication to the restoration project.

Northwest Railroad, Streetcar, and Interurban Books Available

Paul Curtiss, of Tacoma, is publishing his second volume on the history of rail transportation in the Pacific Northwest. He has donated copies to the WCHS research room and other archives and is interested in working cooperatively with other researchers. You can contact him at: 6839 S. Prospect St., Tacoma, WA 98409 or call 253-473-2546.

Yes! Count Me in!

I want to help support the restored Territorial County Courthouse!

__I would like to support the maintenance and operation costs of the building by becoming a benefactor with a \$100 per year pledge.

__I would like to donate \$50 for an engraved paver brick to be installed at the site. I am attaching my inscription (limited to two lines, 18 characters total, including spaces).

__I would like to discuss the purchase of a Steve Mayo print or painting of the bark *Ann Parry*, which brought the bricks from San Francisco for the construction of the 1858 building.

__I would like to make a donation of \$_____toward the final installation costs of the ADA lift, which is needed to gain an occupancy permit. Thanks to a private donor, generous members, and a county grant, the cost of the lift has been covered, but the installation cost has gone up.

__I would like to make a donation of \$_____toward paying down the \$77,000 mortgage and interest.

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Mail check and this form to: WCHS, 1308 E St, Bellingham, WA 98225 Thank you!

Thank you to these members for renewing or joining:

Tim Baker, Anna & Noah Booker, Elaine Dorman, Ted Perry, Maria Rammerman, Linda Reed, Nancy Wright

Special thanks to Ted Perry for his donation in memory of June Spearin Perry and to Jim & Arlene Blunck, Robert H. Wilson and Susan Kingman for their donation to the Courthouse fund through engraved pavers.

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