

## 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.

**January 14, 2016** Don Tjossem will present his new book "Mountain Climbing in Washington State".

**February 11, 2016:** Mike Imperio will give a presentation of his new book on the Mt. Baker Lodge.

**March 10, 2016:** Deb Morgan will present a program on the history of the Sumas Rodeo.

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

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# HISTORY NEWS



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## *Mountain Climbing in Washington State*

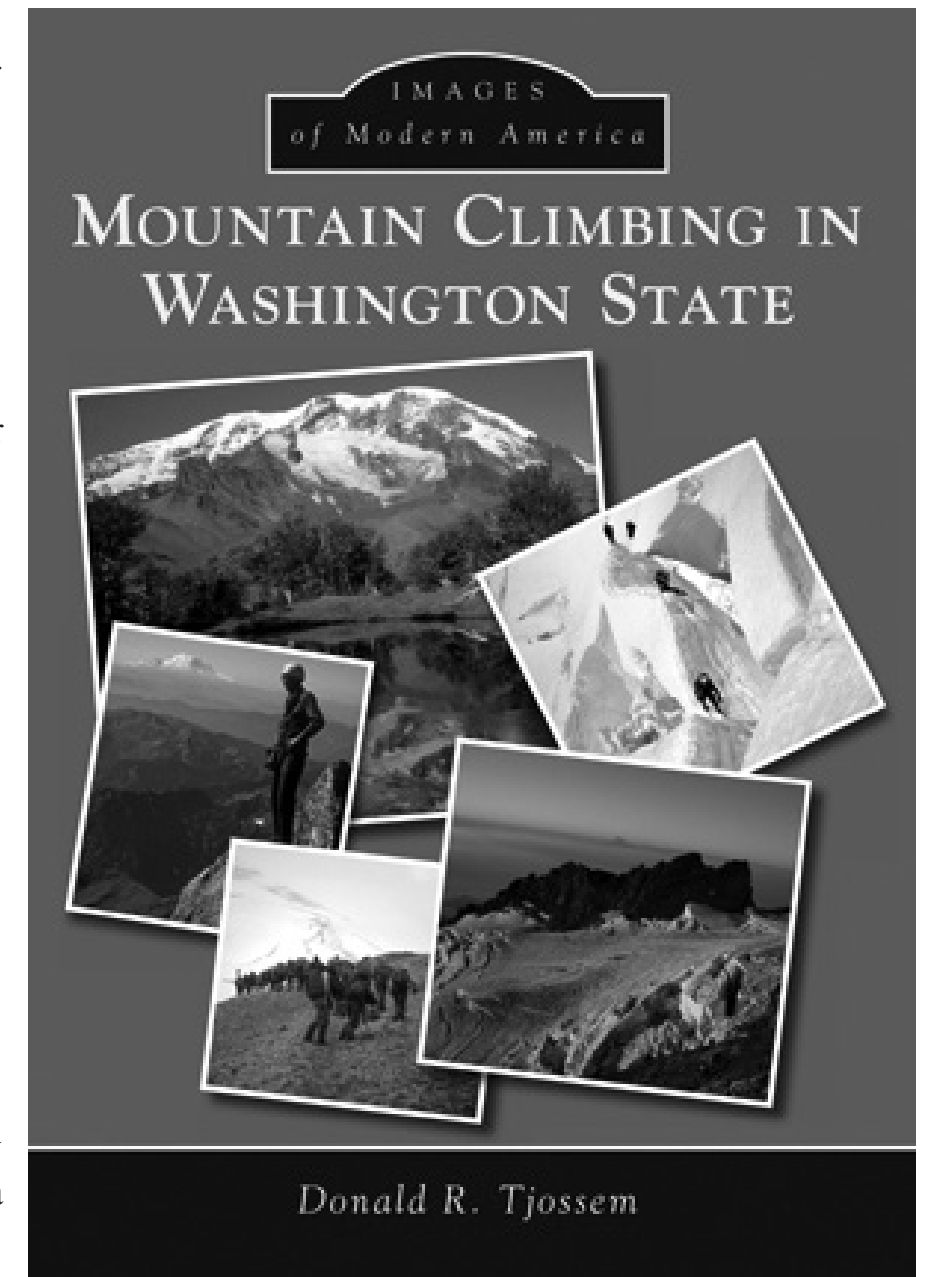
Thursday, January 14, 2016, 7:30 p.m.

Whatcom Museum Rotunda Room • 121 Prospect St. • Free

Donald R. Tjossem completed both the basic and intermediate climbing programs of the Seattle Mountaineers while he was a climbing instructor and climb leader. While living in Bellingham, he was the chairman of the Bellingham Mountain Rescue Council. He climbed the six major peaks of Washington State when Mount St. Helens was still included as one of them. These images were taken on his many trips with the Mountaineers and on rescue practices with Bellingham Mountain Rescue. He has been a resident of the state of Washington for over 60 years.

Donald's book contains images of many of the mountains and views that are available to be climbed in Washington State. Washington's mountains have been used for many years as a training ground for major international mountain climbing expeditions.

The very first Americans to climb Mount Everest trained on the mountains of Washington State. Many of these scenes have never been seen by the casual hiker or climber, merely because they cover such a large geographic area of the state and are otherwise very remote.



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# LOCAL HISTORY NEWS & NOTES

The December Society meeting had several presentations by our members. Lance Lindell and Kim Cunningham talked about the new journal, which is becoming a great publication with their work. Lanny Little talked about his new work on the mural at the Fairhaven Green. Whatcom County Genealogical Society member Linda Lawson gave a presentation. Todd Warger talked about his second book on local crimes. Brian Griffin presented his new book on the history of Fairhaven, a great story full of the history of one of the four towns that make up the great city of Bellingham today. Joan Elsworth and Kathy Ploeger gave a presentation on the Lake Samish neighborhood book, which is coming out in the spring. Candace Wellman is finishing her book on the Native wives of the early settlers and presented a short history on Lt. James Forsyth, Pickett's second in command of Fort Bellingham. Wes Gannaway had a short slide show on the restoration of the Territorial Courthouse. Gretchen Anderson called for volunteers to help decorate a Christmas tree for the museum next December. Email [whatcomhistory@gmail.com](mailto:whatcomhistory@gmail.com) for more information.

Reelected to another two-year term as board members were Janene Aker, Kim Thornadtson, Donna Pattinson, and Gretchen Anderson. The Board will elect officers at their meeting Jan. 7. All members are welcome to attend.

## Storytellers Return February 13

The Bellingham Storytellers Guild returns for another spooky, fun evening of scary stories for Valentine's Day, **Saturday, February 13, at the Old Territorial County Courthouse, 1308 E St from 7-8:30 p.m.** Tickets will be on sale only at Village Books. \$10 for couples, \$5 for singles. Don't wait too long to get your tickets as the Halloween shows were sold out.



The lift is in and the handrails are installed. The cement base for the engraved bricks will be poured when weather permits, and the bricks installed. We only have 40 bricks left to engrave, so reserve yours now online or by mail in form!

## Rent the 1858 Brick Building

The WCHS is pleased to offer a unique historic venue for your special event in the oldest brick building in Washington State. Hourly rental information and policies are available on the WCHS website: [whatcomhistory.net](http://whatcomhistory.net). Rental packets will also be available at programs and at the building. The Board is reviewing monthly rental policies for those who may wish to rent more frequently for classes, etc.

## Website problem with PayPal fixed

The website issue with Paypal should be fixed now. WCHS now accepts debit and credit cards for memberships, books, and donations at programs or on-line at [www.whatcomhistory.net](http://www.whatcomhistory.net).

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.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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

Thank you to these members for renewing or joining:

Donna Pattinson, Shelley Minge, James Boyhan, Jim and Arlene Blunck, Eugene Fairbanks, Diane Smith, Nancy Kuehnoel (sustaining), Howard Steiner, Bob Garbe, Jean Boulton, Todd Warger, Kim Cunningham and Lance Lindell, Wes and Deb Gannaway (sustaining), Roxanne Peterson, Robert Gaeta, Ted Van Dyk, and Kent Hollsather. Thanks to Howard Steiner for his donation to the courthouse fund.

A special thanks to our benefactors for 2016: Marion Heath, Candace Wellman, Robert and Jere Edwards, Wes and Deb Gannaway, and Richard Abbott.

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- Additional donation \$\_\_\_\_\_ In memory of \_\_\_\_\_
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