

Whatcom County Historical Society  
1308 E Street  
Bellingham, WA 98225  
Return Service Guaranteed

NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION  
US POSTAGE PAID  
BELLINGHAM, WA  
PERMIT NO. 161

# HISTORY NEWS



Whatcom County Historical Society Newsletter

Volume 23 Issue 1

October 2018

## Waterfront as Contested Space

by Anna Booker and David Jepsen

The history of the Pacific Northwest is a two-centuries-old story of people of all backgrounds contesting the boundaries that blocked their path to equality and justice. Few places were more contested than Bellingham Bay and the waterfronts of North Puget Sound. From a time when only indigenous people inhabited the region, to the arrival of Euro-Americans in the nineteenth century, and throughout the twentieth century, people and governments have fought for control of the waterfront and its vast natural resources. See how two historians are reimagining the past and changing how it's taught to college students.



Women packing salmon at the Pacific American Fisheries cannery in Bellingham around 1905. Washington and Oregon eventually passed laws limiting the hours women could work on their feet. A "woman's physical structure" and "maternal functions," the courts ruled, endangered her ability to produce "vigorous offspring." Image reprinted with permission from the Washington State Historical Society.

Anna Booker, history professor at Whatcom Community College, brings local history to life with the "Bellingham Working Waterfront" project. Using maps and interactive tools, Working Waterfront illustrates the ever-shifting boundaries as people vied for control over the waterfront's valuable natural resources. Booker will be joined by David Jepsen, coauthor of *Contested Boundaries, a New Pacific Northwest History*. Jepsen places Whatcom County at the center of an epic contest where people from throughout the region hurdled one boundary after another during settlement, industrialization, economic calamity, world war and globalization. Jepsen discusses the "urban pioneers," the daughters and granddaughters of the original pioneer women. Instead of venturing west into an unknown land, they ventured into the cities for the first time in search of jobs. ●

### WCCHS 2018-2019 Program Season

All are at 7:30 p.m. on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at the Whatcom Museum Rotunda Room

**Nov. 8, 2018**

"The Salish Sea, a new name for our area. How did it happen??" by Bert Webber. Webber was involved in naming the Salish Sea and contributes to environmental programming of WWU's Salish Sea Institute.

Link to map of Salish Sea: [http://staff.wvu.edu/stefan/salish\\_sea.shtml](http://staff.wvu.edu/stefan/salish_sea.shtml)

**Dec. 13, 2018**

Annual "History Holiday" open mike. Holiday treats and a very brief annual business meeting.

**Jan. 10, 2019**

"A Home on the South Fork, An Early History of Acme—A Northwest Washington Community," by Margaret Hellyer.

**Feb. 14, 2019**

"Fairhaven Development History as an Indicator of the Local Economy, 1856, 1889, 1970, 1994, & 2016," by Jackie Lynch.

**Mar. 14, 2019**

"Point Roberts Backstory: Tales, Trails, and Trivia of an American Enclave," by Mark Swenson.

**April 11, 2019**

"Local rock and roll bands of the 50s and 60s," by Wes Gannaway and Kent Holsather.

Our programs can be seen on City of Bellingham's BTV and on YouTube.com by searching "Whatcom County Historical Society."

whatcomhistory@gmail.com

www.whatcomhistory.net

whatcomhistory@gmail.com

www.whatcomhistory.net

### October 2018 Program

#### Waterfront as Contested Space

With Anna Booker & David Jepsen

Thurs., Oct. 11 at 7:30 p.m.

Whatcom Museum Rotunda Room

121 Prospect St.

Free and open to all

# LOCAL HISTORY NEWS & NOTES

## In memory of Glenn Eastwood, former Society President

Glenn Eastwood, age 84, passed away on Sunday, July 15, 2018 in Bellingham. He was born May 18, 1934 in Bellingham at St. Francis Hospital (now Columbia Place) to Clarence and Jessie Eastwood. He graduated from Ferndale High School in 1952 and attended three quarters at WWU before marrying Naoma Fralick on April 10, 1954.

Glenn was a talented woodworker and former supervisor at Uniflight Boat Builders. He started his own business in 1985 installing laminate and tile, with woodworking on the side. Glenn served 12 years in the US Naval Reserves. He was active in the Bellingham Theatre Guild and later the Whatcom County Historical Society, where he dedicated many hours to the restoration of the Territorial Whatcom County Courthouse Building. He also built a historic model of the building that is on display there. He will be greatly missed by the Society and his family. ●

## Thank you, supporters!

### New & Renewing Members

#### Individual Members (\$25)

Elaine Dorman  
 Rob Gaeta  
 Michael Impero  
 Lynn Osier  
 Steve Paus / Whatcom Maritime Assoc.  
 Diane Smith

#### Sustaining, Joint & Business Members (\$50)

Donna Pollman  
 Bill & Catherine Royer

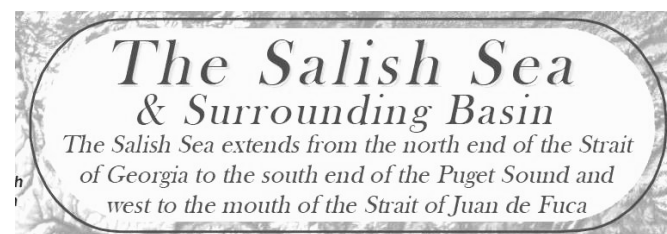
### Not a member?

Go to our website [www.whatcomhistory.com](http://www.whatcomhistory.com) or fill out the form on page 3.

Donations are greatly appreciated and are accepted through our website or mail.

Don't miss our November 8th program:

**"The Salish Sea, a new name for our area. How did it happen??"** by Bert Webber



### Whatcom County Historical Society Membership 2018-2019 Season

Clip or copy and mail with payment to WCHS Membership, 1308 E St, Bellingham, WA 98225, or pay online

- NEW     RENEW     I would like to volunteer, please contact me    Date \_\_\_\_\_
- \$15 One year newsletter subscription
  - \$25 Individual membership or non-profit organization, newsletter + one copy *Journal* + 10% member discount
  - \$50 Sustaining, joint or business membership, (same benefits as above) + discount on building rentals
  - \$100 Supporting member (same plus choice of historic photographic print from Whatcom Museum, call 393-6782)
  - \$250 Patron member (same as all above, plus special future recognition)

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

Additional donation \$\_\_\_\_\_ for:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  Check and leave blank if same as mail label

Business/Organization name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street/Box \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail (update) \_\_\_\_\_

Please send me information on Building Rentals \_\_ and/or Richards Building Preservation efforts \_\_



Expiration date on newsletter mailing label may not be updated until second issue after payment.

The Whatcom County Historical Society is a registered 501(c)3 organization. Your membership is tax-deductible, except for value of gift items. Please call (360) 393-6782 for information about your membership and benefits

## 2018 Whatcom County Historical Society

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**President:** Wes Gannaway, 384-4209  
 debnwes@comcast.net

**Vice President:** Kim Thornadtsson

**Secretary:** Gretchen Anderson

**Treasurer:** Janene Aker

**At-large:** Donna Pattinson  
 Al Currier  
 Edradine Hovde

### VOLUNTEERS

**WCHS Journal/New Publications:**  
 Lance Lindell, editor  
 Lance.lindell@gmail.com  
 Kim Cunningham, graphic designer

**Hospitality:** Jere Edwards

**Membership:** Carole Teshima  
 306-393-6782

**Newsletter:** Shelli Jones

**Our Mission**—WCHS is a nonprofit, 501(c)3 organization dedicated to the preservation, presentation and promotion of Whatcom County history through public programs, special events, education, research assistance, historic preservation and publications. Your contributions are tax deductible to the full extent of the law.