

MEDIA ADVISORY

Washington State Historical Society
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Washington State History Museum

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Exhibit Openings

Ernest Oglby Punkweiler and the Fabulous-Miraculous Time Intrusionator. Opens May 17. A day full of exciting family activities. Discover the amazing world of "objectology" and find out what it's like to "intrusionate" in time. More to follow on the day's events.



IN THE SPIRIT: Contemporary Native Arts Exhibit. Opens June 19, which is Free Third Thursday. Free Museum Admission from 2-8pm. Beautiful works of art by Native American artists in an annual juried exhibition. More information at InTheSpiritArts.org.

Media Tours of Opening Exhibits Available On Request

Exhibits

Community Gallery: The new Community Gallery, which is free and open to the public, is currently showing Foss Waterway Seaport's exhibit "John Steinbeck in the Sea of Cortez." From May – July, the Puget Sound Sumi Artists will display paintings in their exhibit titled "Products and Services of Washington State."

Civil War Pathways in the Pacific Northwest: On display until July 6. Explore how the issues of the Civil War affected life in Washington territory and how those same issues relate to Washington State today. For a full press release, go to CivilWarPathways.org.



Ernest Oglby Punkweiler and the Fabulous Miraculous Time Intrusionator: May 17 – January 5.

Who will be the next Keeper? Could it be you? Enter the fabulous-miraculous world of Ernest Oglby Punkweiler and journey to unexpected places in time. Entrance is through the Teapot Curiosity Shop, the tiny-but-extraordinary empire of The Keeper. Based on a children's story of the same name, this exhibit allows you to explore along with young Ernest and "intrusionate" in time. The secret to success? Your camera and your imagination.

Community Events



2nd Annual Poker Run: June 7, Registration opens at 9:30 at the History Museum. \$20 per rider or \$25 for rider and passenger. The largest obstacle preventing Washington kids from coming to the History Museum for educational field trips is the cost of transportation. Many schools who have a high number of kids on the Free and Reduced Lunch Program simply can't afford the cost of renting a bus. In this 2nd Annual Poker Run, motorcyclists ride to raise money to provide transportation grants to schools that need assistance. Last year, the amount raised was enough to bring 700 kids to the History Museum. The Washington State Historical Society hosts this event in partnership with the Buffalo Soldiers Motorcycle Club.

Tacoma History Hike: June 22 at the History Museum. Register online at TacomaHistoryHike.org.



Discount registration for WSHS Members. Grab your sneakers, leash up the dog, and strap the kids into their strollers! The Tacoma History Hike is the chance to explore downtown Tacoma as you collect the answers to historical trivia in a race against time. Held in June, the Tacoma History Hike will actively involve your entire family in learning more about our area. The Tacoma History Hike begins at the Washington State History Museum and leads you to a variety of checkpoints within a 1.5-mile radius, allowing you to walk, run, or bike the

course. Each checkpoint provides the answer to a question of Tacoma-related historical trivia. Collect as many as you can in the time allotted, and return to the Museum for music, awards, goody bags, and free admission to the History Museum. It's a fun way to spend the day with family and friends, rain or shine.

- Participate solo or sign up as a team of up to five people.
- Easy to register online.
- Free admission to the History Museum the day of the Hike.
- Registration includes an event T-shirt!

Cost

Kids ages 6 - 17 = \$10 for WSHS Member or \$15 for Non Members
Adult = \$20 for WSHS Members or \$25 for Non Members
Family* = \$40 for WSHS Members or \$50 for Non Members

*The Family price is for teams with at least one child 12 and under.



The 2014 Tacoma History Hike is made possible in part by Franciscan St. Joseph Medical Center and museum admission sponsor Propel Insurance.



Other Programs & Events

123rd Annual Meeting: June 21. Join other members for lunch and a program featuring a state-of-the-organization address by Director Jennifer Kilmer, awards presentations, and an insightful lecture by the Head of Education Stephanie Lile. WSHS Members can expect a formal invitation by mail with additional details. Reservations highly recommended. For more information, contact Development Director Laura Berry at 253-798-5899 or laura.berry@wshs.wa.gov.



Figure 1 Jennifer Kilmer

First Friday Gallery Talks: History Museum – Included in Museum admission. Free to members. Each of these tours is led by exhibit staff or curators and spotlights a particular aspect of our current featured exhibits.

- April 4 at 3pm: “Civil War Pathways: Generals of the Pacific Northwest”
- May 2 at 3pm: “Civil War Pathways: A Woman’s Place Was Where?”
- June 6 at 3pm: “Ernest Oglby Punkweiler and the Fabulous Miraculous Time Intrusionator”

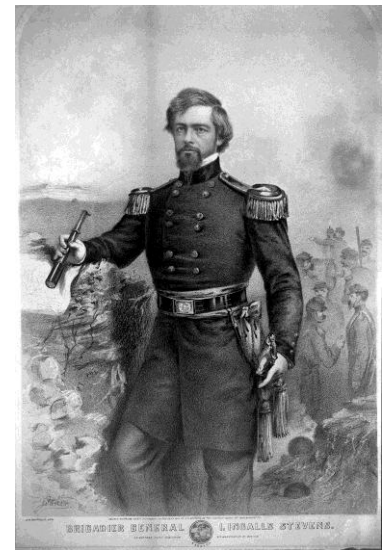


Figure 2 General Isaac Stevens

Second Wednesday History Speaks: Included in Museum admission. Free to members. Join historians, authors, community leaders, and more as they speak on a variety of historical topics relevant to Washington, and often, Tacoma specifically.

- April 9 at 12pm: “Pig War Connections: George Pickett and the Officer Corps in Washington Territory on the Eve of the Civil War” with Michael P. Vouri
- May 14 at 12pm: “Chinese Pioneers of the Pacific Northwest” with Dale Hom
- June 11 at 12pm: “New Hikes in Southwest Washington” with William L. Sullivan



Figure 3 Chinese Worker Charley Tuck

Scholarly Selections Lecture Program: History Museum – Free and open to the public. In partnership with the University of Washington Tacoma, the Scholarly Selections program offers a more academic in-depth look at our area’s history.

- June 17 at 6:30pm: “Local Political Cultures and the Cultural Politics of Place: The (Unlikely?) Case of Sheridan County, Montana” with Dr. Larry Knopp
- May 15 at 6:30pm: “Another Nature: Re-imagining the Green Poem” with Janie Miller

Miscellaneous: History Museum – Included in Museum admission unless otherwise noted.

- April 12 from 10am – 2pm: “Guided Tour of Three Native Plant Gardens in Tacoma”. \$15 Fee, which includes Museum admission. Meet in the History Museum Grand Lobby. Pre-registration required with Susan Rohrer at 253-798-5897 or susan.rohrer@wshs.wa.gov. In partnership with the Washington Native Plant Society, South Sound Chapter.
- April 17, 5 – 6pm and 6 – 7pm: Guided Tours of the Civil War Pathways in the Pacific Northwest exhibit with curator Lorraine McConaghy.
- April 27, 2pm: FAMILY CONCERT “Voices of Musical Cultures” with Gary Stroutsos
- June 4 at 12pm and 1:15pm: “Civil War Scoundrels of the Pacific Northwest.” Includes curator-guided tour.



Figure 4 Gary Stroutsos



SPECIAL DOCUMENTARY SCREENING

May 22 at 6:30pm: “Honor & Sacrifice,” Award-winning documentary screening with filmmakers Lucy Ostrander and Don Sellers. A poignant tale of the experiences of Japanese-American soldiers who fought in WWII and still had family in Japan. Meet the narrator, who is the daughter of the Japanese-American soldier whose story is told in the film. Learn more at <http://honordoc.com/> This screening is free and open to the public during the Free Third Thursday in May.

State Capital Museum
211 21st Avenue, SW, Olympia
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State Capital Museum Noon Lecture Series

Capital Museum – Free, \$2 suggested donation.

- April 7 at 12pm: “Historic Landscape to Natural Setting: The Evolution of the Gardens and Grounds of the Lord Mansion and State Capital Museum.” Presented in partnership with the Friendly Flower Garden Club.
- April 21 at 12pm: “Olympia in the Civil War” with Lorraine McConaghy



- May 5 at 12pm: “30th Anniversary of Women’s Olympic Marathon Trials in Olympia.” Panel Discussion.

- May 12 at 12pm: “Hiking Ancient Trails” and book signing of *Hiking Washington History* with Judy Bentley

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Figure 5 Judy Bentley

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