News Release

JOYCE AGEE, NICOLETTE BROMBERG AND HANNAH PALIN RECEIVE THE DAVID DOUGLAS AWARD

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TACOMA – May 5, 2014 - The University of Washington Libraries Special Collections and Joyce Agee, Associate Director for Advancement; Nicolette Bromberg, Visual Materials Curator, and Hannah Palin, Film Archives Specialist have been awarded the Washington State Historical Society’s David Douglas Award for the documentary Grays Harbor Happenings: The Newsreels of C.D. Anderson.

The Libraries and Director/Producer Ann Coppel of UWTV worked in partnership over sixteen months with John Larson, Director of the Polson Museum in Hoquiam, Washington; Mickey Thurman of the 7th St. Theatre, Hoquiam, Washington, and Roy Vataja, researcher with the Aberdeen Museum of History to tell the story of how rare nitrate newsreels from the 1920s filmed by Charles D. Anderson were discovered, preserved by the Libraries and returned to the Grays Harbor community after eighty years. The documentary reveals Anderson’s rich legacy and shows an affectionate portrait of small America at a time of boundless optimism. Grays Harbor Happenings: The Newsreels of C.D. Anderson was generously funded by the Apex Foundation and the Grays Harbor Community Foundation.

The David Douglas Award recognizes the significant contribution of an individual or an organization through projects, exhibits, educational products or any other vehicle that informs or expands appreciation of any field of Washington State history during the previous year.

The award will be presented at the Annual Meeting of the Historical Society on June 21, 2014 at the Washington State History Museum in Tacoma at the noon luncheon. For reservations, contact Laura Berry at 253-798-5899 or e-mail lberry@wshs.wa.gov.

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research centers, and programs offering a variety of services to researchers, historians, scholars, and lifelong learners. This includes the Washington State History Museum in Tacoma and the State Capital Museum in Olympia. The Washington State Historical Society is a non-profit 501 c 3 membership organization, open to any and all individuals, families, or firms. The Society is also recognized in statute (RCW 27.34) as a trustee agency of the state of Washington with enumerated powers. For more information, or to become a member, please call 1-888-BE-THERE, or visit WashingtonHistory.org.

The Washington State History Museum, flagship of the Washington State Historical Society, is located at 1911 Pacific Avenue in downtown Tacoma, just off 1-5. The museum presents exhibits, programs, and events that bring to life the stories of Washington's history.