



HISTORY TALKS AT THE SCHMIDT HOUSE

Presented by the Olympia Tumwater Foundation's Heritage Builders
in cooperation with the City of Tumwater and Thurston Community Media.

Free admission; donations gratefully accepted.

Doors open at 11:30 a.m. and close at capacity. Talks begin at noon.

The Schmidt House is located at 330 Schmidt Pl SW, Tumwater, WA 98501

JANUARY 18, 2018: THE HISTORY OF THE STATE CAPITOL BUILDING

One of the most visible landmarks of our South Sound area is the great dome of the Legislative Building in Olympia. Thousands of people visit it each year. Susan Mayer, Ph.D., presents a visual tour of the building, tracing its history and discussing its architecture and decoration. Dr. Mayer is an independent art historian who gives public presentations, leads many tours as a volunteer, and teaches at the college level.

FEBRUARY 1, 2018: LEARN ABOUT THE BREWHOUSE PRESERVATION PROJECT

Representatives from the City of Tumwater and South Puget Sound Community College will share an update on the Brewhouse Preservation project and the vision for the craft brewing and distilling center. The City of Tumwater is working with a team of partners to incentivize redevelopment of the brewery site and build on the historic brand.

FEBRUARY 15, 2018: THE SHADOW BOX: MAGIC LANTERN SLIDE SHOW

John Potter from Tacoma offers a unique presentation featuring an original image projector called the Magic Lantern. Potter will share a brief history of the projector, how it works, then show a variety of slides, including slides from the turn of the century to the 1930s, many of which are historical images of the Northwest.

MARCH 1, 2018: LOCAL WOMEN'S HISTORY

Local historian Shanna Stevenson has considerable experience on the topic of women's history in Washington State. Stevenson will highlight Thurston County women and their impact on our communities. Their influence goes well beyond getting the right to vote.

MARCH 15, 2018: "IT'S THE WATER": A HISTORY OF THE OLYMPIA BREWING COMPANY

When Megan Ockerman began researching the Olympia Brewing Company for her master's thesis, she discovered – and the Olympia Tumwater Foundation granted her access to – the brewery archives located in the basement of the Schmidt House. Ockerman's independent research resulted in a thesis that provides an in-depth look at the Schmidt family and their business which continues to impact our region. She will talk about what she has discovered about the brewery history.

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APRIL 5, 2018: HISTORICAL ILLUSTRATED LETTERHEAD OF THURSTON COUNTY

Local historian Drew Crooks has an interest in historical art and artists. Crooks has a large collection of logos and letterhead from the late 1800s and early 1900s. In this illustrated presentation he shares the stories behind the letterhead designs and local businesses.

APRIL 19, 2018: LEWIS AND CLARK AT FORT CLATSOP

Park Ranger Randy Francom presents a program about the Lewis and Clark expedition, which overwintered at today's Fort Clatsop site near Astoria. Francom appears in costume and offers an engaging talk, complete with artifacts representing the early 1800s.

MAY 3, 2018: FROM THEN, 'TIL NOW. LOCAL HISTORY AS I HAVE LIVED IT: 1967-2018

Karen Fraser will reflect on various aspects of local historical and cultural developments during her 51 years of active community life in Thurston County. This includes 43 years as an elected official: Lacey Mayor and City Council Member, Thurston County Commissioner, State Representative, and State Senator.

MAY 17, 2018: MEET LEOPOLD SCHMIDT

Noted actor Christopher Valcho portrays Leopold F. Schmidt Sr., the founder of the Olympia Brewing Company. Not just the owner of a brewery, Schmidt's life and travels make fascinating listening. Come hear the insights and observations of an extraordinary businessman and entrepreneur.

MAY 31, 2018: THE RETURN OF DOROTHY WILHELM

South Sound area columnist Dorothy Wilhelm is one of the most requested return speakers in our series here at the Schmidt House. She will partner with history buff Don Trospen in this program as they interview each other about history legends and stories that will entertain the audience.

JUNE 14, 2018: EZRA MEEKER RETRACES THE OREGON TRAIL

The Oregon Trail played a pivotal role in the founding of Tumwater. Ezra Meeker traveled that trail as a young man and later retraced the trail in his old age. Author, researcher and Meeker expert Dennis Larsen returns to talk about Meeker's adventures in his efforts to mark, preserve and promote the history of the Oregon Trail.

All History talks are recorded by Thurston Community Media and are available on YouTube. Search for "Schmidt House History Talks" on the Thurston Community Media YouTube channel.

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