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at 11:30 a.m.**

and close at capacity.

FREE ADMISSION

Donations are gratefully accepted.
Talks begin at noon.
Light refreshments provided.

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The Olympia Tumwater Foundation

The Olympia Tumwater Foundation honors both the history and future of Thurston County through its commitment to a wide range of community projects including student scholarships, historic preservation, and stewardship of Tumwater Falls Park and the Schmidt House.

Through such civic involvement, the Foundation continues the tradition of philanthropy and responsible citizenship established by the Schmidt family and the Olympia Brewing Company.

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September 13, 2018

The Darker Side of Tumwater's History

Public History Manager Don Trosper begins the new season with an aspect of Tumwater's past that is seldom highlighted. Every community has a darker, negative side of its heritage and Don presents it as if there were a tabloid magazine called *The Tumwater Enquirer*.

January 10, 2019

The State Capitol Dome History

We welcome back Dr. Susan Meyer who will speak about the origin, evolution and dominant feature of our state capitol building. She will show us the dome's symbolic meaning and structure, early history models, and the U.S. Capitol and other state capitols.

April 4, 2019

Coast Salish Wool: The Indigenous Weaving Style of our Region

Dr. Susan Pavel will present a program about the vibrant and empowering woven blankets of the Coast Salish people, still in use today. With over 20 years of experience, Dr. Pavel continues to study the intricacies and symbolism of Coast Salish weaving and to teach her skills to others.

October 11, 2018

Shelton and Washington's Timber Industry

Mike Fredson from Mason County focuses his presentation on the Simpson Timber Company, its impact upon Shelton, and the role it played in Northwest forestry. Fredson will look at the post-war boom and bust of the industry and the Sustained Yield Forestry Management Act of 1944.

January 24, 2019

The Art of Oral History

John Hughes, the chief historian of the Secretary of State's 'Legacy Washington' program, is our guest for this unique look at well-known public personalities in Washington's 20th Century history. Hughes will highlight his many legislative oral histories and document extraordinary stories in Washington history.

April 25, 2019

The History of the Olympia Airport

The Olympia Airport is part of the Port of Olympia, but is located in Tumwater. It has been a part of our history nearly since airplanes were invented. The illustrated history of the airport will be presented by the administrator of the Olympic Flight Museum, Jeff Johnson.

October 25, 2018

Geology of Puget Sound and the Washington Geological Survey

This program focuses on our local geologic history and how it affects our modern society. Corina Forson, L.G. from the Department of Natural Resources presents an illustrated program about how the land we live on was formed and what the latest studies reveal about how to prepare for future events.

February 7, 2019

Black History of Washington State

Many of us are familiar with George Bush, a well-respected man of color who helped establish Tumwater. To celebrate Black History Month, we are privileged to host a presentation about the broader aspects of African American history in the region by retired University of Washington professor Dr. Quintard Taylor.

May 9, 2019

Historic Rails to Modern Trails at Tumwater Falls Park

The new Deschutes Valley Trail extension of the Thurston County trail system is being built upon the historic railroad grade of the Olympia Tenino Railway through Tumwater Falls Park. Tumwater Parks and Recreation Director, Chuck Denney, will talk about the history and the plans for the trail system through Tumwater.

November 8, 2018

Nothing Worthwhile is Easy: An Early History of St. Martin's University

The University Chaplain of St. Martin's University, Fr. Peter Tynan, OSB, brings us a look at the early struggles of the school in Lacey, begun in 1895 by a handful of Roman Catholic monks from Minnesota. Learn how the school overcame prejudice, economic realities, and unrealistic expectations as it has grown over the past century.

February 28, 2019

The History of OBee Credit Union

OBee Credit Union got its name from its roots in the Olympia Brewing Company. The story of its connection to our brewery history will be shared by the Board Chair of OBee, Carolyn Caruso. It's an aspect of local Tumwater history that is not well known. Carolyn's late husband, Frank Caruso, worked for the brewery as a cellarman and later as a tour guide.

May 30, 2019

Panorama: An Intimate History of Lacey's Retirement Community

As Panorama's resident archivist, Deborah Ross has been delving into over 50 years of scrapbooks, ephemera, blueprints, photo albums and videos. She will share her discoveries about this pioneering concept in retirement living and the resultant social, creative, and supportive community.

December 6, 2018

Arborists Talk About Historic Trees

There have been many stories in recent years about historic trees in the South Sound area, including the Bush Butternut Tree. Two area arborists, Michael Dolan from Burnt Ridge Nursery in Lewis County and Ray Gleason from Cascade Tree Experts, LLC in Thurston County, both work with historic trees and will give us their insights.

March 14, 2019

Historic Letterhead of Thurston County

A program originally scheduled for last season, we are glad to welcome local historian Drew Crooks this season. With his interest in historical art and artists, Crooks has examined a large number of historical letterhead in public and private collections. He will share the stories of people and businesses behind some of the most intriguing letterhead designs used in Thurston County.

June 13, 2019

Heritage Roses and the Centennial Rose Garden

From the ancient Greeks and Romans, to the War of the Roses in 15th Century England, to the Oregon Trail, roses have left their mark on history and civilization. Many of these so called "heritage roses" are on display today in the Centennial Rose Garden adjacent to the Schmidt House. Master Rosarian Gary Ritchie, PhD, will present some interesting facts in this talk.

