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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.

The Schmidt House is located at:
**330 Schmidt Place SW,
Tumwater, WA 98501**

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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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**History
Talks**
at The Schmidt House



**OLYMPIA TUMWATER
FOUNDATION**



September 26, 2019

On the Trail of a Legend: The Ox Rope Story, Fact or Fable

Noted historian **Ray Egan** begins the new history talk season by looking into the facts relating to Naches Pass and the steep grade where the pioneers may have had to lower their wagons with a long rope. Some early sources say extra rope was made from the hides of their own oxen. Ray explores a controversial topic: is the story truth or legend?

January 23, 2020

Mason County History Museum

Former director of the Mason County History Museum in Shelton, **Kristin Fabry**, will focus on the history of our neighboring county with stories brought to life in their museum. Their history relates to our area in many ways, including timber, oysters, shipping, and railroads. Kristin's illustrated presentation may inspire viewers to personally visit their museum.

April 9, 2020

Lacey: Then and Now

The Curator of the Lacey Museum, **Erin Quinn Valcho**, will present her captivating photographic outline of the history of Lacey, Washington, along with the stories of the people who made it all happen for this fastest-growing city in the county. She will also update us on the progress toward creation of the Lacey Museum & Civic Center.

October 10, 2019

Thurston County Suffragists

Historian **Shanna Stevenson** honors and shares stories of local women activists who played a major role in obtaining the right to vote in our state. 2020 marks the 100th anniversary of the ratification of the federal 19th amendment for women's suffrage, although Washington women won the vote in 1910.

February 6, 2020

Cowlitz Farm

Josiah Pollock is a young historian with the Fort Nisqually Living History Museum. He will share an illustrated talk about the Cowlitz Farm in Lewis County and the key role it played in Washington Territory history. Part of the Puget Sound Agricultural Company, the farm helped feed the Hudson's Bay Company and supply their contract with the Russian American Company.

April 23, 2020

Tumwater Historical Maps & New State Library-Archives Facility

Dr. Patrick McDonald works for the Secretary of State as a facility manager and project liaison for the proposed State Archives and Library Building in Tumwater. He is a specialist in Washington State political history and will share his discoveries of old maps and sites of Tumwater as part of the state Library-Archives Building planned for Tumwater Boulevard and Linderson Way.

October 24, 2019

History of the Olympia Airport

The administrator of the Olympic Flight Museum in Tumwater, **Jeff Johnson**, is our guest. He will share stories and photographs from the history of this Port of Olympia facility that has been part of our Tumwater history nearly since airplanes were invented.

February 20, 2020

George Washington of Centralia

Last history talk season, Dr. Quintard Taylor began telling the story of the son of a slave who became the father of Centralia, Washington. Local authors **Brian Mittge & Kerry MacGregor Serl** have looked into that history and will share stories from their book on George and Mary Jane Washington of Centralia.

May 14, 2020

Dick Pust's Memories: Olympia and Radio

We are honored to welcome back **Dick Pust** to the Schmidt House history talk series. Dick's work in local radio, first with KGY and more recently with KXXO, has given him a unique perspective on the people of our South Sound area. He continues to work on a book sharing stories and memories of Olympia, many of which he will reveal in this pictorial presentation.

December 12, 2019

Harry's Historic Holiday: President Truman's 1945 Visit to Olympia

Retired staff attorney for the Washington State Senate and current tour guide at the State Capitol, **Steve Jones** offers a lighthearted look at President Truman's historic vacation to Olympia in 1945. It's a story complete with Russian spies, late-night poker games, and presidential shenanigans, illustrated with photos from the Truman archives.

March 12, 2020

Women Who Dared

Dorothy (Dot) Wilson is a former history teacher and author who brings to life stories of young non-native women who were the first to come to the Northwest. Where did they come from and why? They were women who dared to risk all to explore and pave the way for our pioneer ancestors.

May 28, 2020

Rediscovering Captain Cook

Noted historian with roots in Tumwater, **Dave Nicandri** is our guest. He is a retired director of the Washington State Historical Society and has authored many books on local and regional history. Dave's most recent books deal with the impact early explorer Captain James Cook had on world history and the Pacific Northwest.

January 9, 2020

Edward Jay Allen in Early Olympia

Schmidt House Archives Curator **Karen Johnson** and historian and author **Dennis Larsen** are co-authors of two books that tell the story of early Northwest pioneer, Edward Jay Allen. Allen crossed the Oregon Trail in 1852 and lived in Olympia until 1855. Johnson and Larsen will talk about Allen's adventures during Olympia's formative years.

March 26, 2020

My Favorite Places

We are excited to welcome former Washington Secretary of State, **Ralph Munro**, to our history talk series. Among his many history projects are a series of videos produced for the Secretary of State Office called "My Favorite Places" from all around Washington. He will highlight some of his South Sound area favorite places for us.

June 11, 2020

Animals in Tumwater's History

Usually history talks focus on people. Our Public History Manager, **Don Trospen**, will approach Tumwater history in a unique way by highlighting the importance of animals, both in our past and today. His insights in this illustrated talk may reveal aspects of local history that people have not previously considered.

November 7 – December 7, 2019 SPECIAL EVENT
It's the Art! 2019: Olympia Beer Advertising Art Show

The month is set aside for It's the Art! 2019 – Olympia Beer Advertising Art Show. This free art show will feature over 50 original advertising artworks created for the Olympia Brewing Company during the 1930s through 1950s. Join us at the Schmidt House November 7 - December 7, 2019, Thursday, Friday and Saturday of each week (closed Thanksgiving Day), from 10 AM to 4 PM each open day. Cost is free. (Donations are appreciated!)