



FEBRUARY 2010

MEETING TUESDAY FEBRUARY 9th

AT MONTLAKE LIBRARY

It may be the last thing on your mind, but maybe you've given some thought to death.

Wendi Lindquist certainly has. Her presentation, “Red, White, and Dead: Death and Dying in the Pacific Northwest, 1774-1844,” will examine the rituals and cultural understandings of death and dying. She'll describe how different cultures “practiced” death, its causes, body preparation, funerals, sites of interment, mourning, and concepts of an afterlife. Beginning with the arrival of European and American explorers in the late eighteenth century, she will discuss how regional death practices evolved as natives and newcomers were forced to adapt to new economic, environmental, legal, political, and religious changes. Jackie Williams will introduce Wendi.

Wendi Lindquist was born near Portland, grew up loving the Pacific Northwest and its history, but in college set out to study diseases and immunology. Inspired by a great history professor, she decided to combine disease with history. She graduated from Carleton College and is currently a sixth-year graduate student in the University of Washington's history department. She is an editorial intern for *PNQ* and graduate assistant for the Center for the Study of the Pacific Northwest. Her dissertation, “Death and Dying on the Northwest Coast of North America, 1774-1858” shall be written, as it must be, in deathly prose.

The meeting is at the Montlake Branch Library located at 2401 24th Ave. East. The time is 5:30pm on Tuesday February 9th. The library is about eight blocks south of Husky Stadium.

ANNUAL GUILD BANQUET

The 2010 banquet drew a room filling crowd to hear Dan Evans speak about his experiences governing Washington state and legislating in Washington, DC. He was introduced by former state representative and Guild member George Scott.

Twenty four historians are listed on the Guild's first Annual Award plaque. We have now been

forced to start a new plaque. The first name is that of Charles Payton who was introduced by Paul Dorpat as the person he thinks of as "Mr. History." Charles LeWarne explained the background for the award and the selection process.

Judy Bentley assured us as Treasurer that we are still financially healthy. An election was held to select new board members following a successful appeal for new members. Rich Kolin, Jodee Fenton, Trish Nicola and Rob Foxcurran are joining the board.

CALENDAR

February 9th-----Wendi Lindquist at University Branch Library

March 6th-----Annual March Conference at MOHAI on the Pacific Northwest as a Border Land.

April 13th-----Alvin Ziontz, author of A Lawyer in Indian Country, will speak on his thirty years representing Indian tribes.

May 11th-----John C. Jackson has written several books on the early West, recently co-authoring a biography of Meriwether Lewis..

EVENTS

The History Day Contest for the North Puget Sound Region is coming up March 19th. To take part in this interesting experience, contact Randy Schnabel at randyschnabel@mac.com.

The Shoreline Historical Museum will disappear, Amy Kinsel informed us, if Proposition #2 passes in the Shoreline district on Feb. 9th. Friends of the museum urge its defeat.

With the 100th anniversary of women's suffrage in Washington State, the Washington State Library will be holding a celebration Feb. 10th at 6:30pm. The library is located at 6880 Capitol Blvd S., Tumwater.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP

Thank you to all those who have already sent in their membership renewal. Those who haven't, membership for 2010 starts now and, as always is \$20. Send to:

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