



NOVEMBER 2010 NEWSLETTER

Meeting Tuesday November 16th

The long needed and eagerly awaited book on state trails is here and author, Judy Bentley will talk, read, and show slides from her *Hiking Washington's History* which was published by the University of Washington Press this fall. From Cape Flattery in the northwest to Chief Joseph's Summer Trail in the southeast, she brings her first hand descriptions of tramping the state's historic trails. Her 40 hikes range from short jaunts to a bluff overlooking the Pacific to backpacking on an ancient trail to Cispus Pass, in search of lookouts, wagon ruts, basket trees, mines, rails, and petroglyphs. This is a book that won't be superseded: her mileage may have reached four figures and she hiked some portions more than once.

Judy retired from full-time teaching but continues to teach a hybrid course (half on-line, half on-campus) in Pacific Northwest History at South Seattle Community College. She spent more than 15 summers hiking and writing this book which is a combination armchair history and trail guide. Her previous books were young adult nonfiction, including biographies of Sandra Day O'Connor, Desmond Tutu, Fidel Castro, Harriet Tubman, Thomas Garrett and William Still. She is the Historians Guild's long-time treasurer and a board member. Her website can be found at www.judybentley.com.

LOCATION: The meeting is at 6pm on November 16th in the Northeast Branch of Seattle Public Library. As always it is open to all and guests need not be members.

March Conference & Proposals Deadline Near

The Annual Conference is again planned for the first weekend of March. The two day event is already several months in the making. The Program Chairman is Alex Morrow and the theme will be "Pacific Waterways." The full title is "Pacific Waterways: Connecting Local, Regional, and Global Histories" and the organizing committee welcomes discussion about the environment, labor, economics, immigration, technology and social justice. This year is also the 100th anniversary of the Port of Seattle, which pioneered the idea of publicly owned ports.

We encourage the historical community to submit proposals on how land *with* water have shaped the Pacific Northwest, how native tribes formed economic and social networks, and how ports and usages developed or disfigured the region. To see a fuller account of possible topics please go to [PNW Waterways](#). Or contact [Alex](#) for further information. Please Note---proposals need to be received by Nov. 15, 2010.

The conference takes place at the Museum of History and Industry on March 5, 2011.

Annual January Banquet

After many extremely distinguished politicians, the Guild board looks forward to a change with a no less distinguished historian. Jack Nisbet, the author of some of the Northwest's most praised histories, joins us for dinner on Tuesday, January 11th. The event takes place at the UW Club, as usual, and we will send out specifics soon about entrees, registration and prices. Our 2011 historians' award will go to Spokane's Robert Carriker. This year's banquet is being organized by Bridget Quinn and Chuck Lewarne.

Renewing Memberships

There are no more monthly meetings this year after November's. The end of the year, however, does not mean you won't hear from us. We will be contacting you about the renewing your membership and, of course, also sending you a registration form for the January 11th banquet with Jack Nisbet.