



NEWSLETTER

The mission of the Mercer Island Historical Society is to collect, preserve, research, record, and make available the heritage of Mercer Island.

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Spring 2018 Newsletter

David Buerge

Chief Seattle and the Town that Took His Name

Sunday, February 11th, 3 PM
Aljoja Mercer Island

Many know that the city of Seattle was named after a prominent Suquamish and Duwamish chief. But there hasn't been a thorough account of Chief Seattle and his times—until now.

Join us to hear historian David Buerge share stories from his latest book, ***Chief Seattle and the Town that Took His Name***.

Buerge spent 20 years researching this book, drawing on oral histories from Duwamish, Suquamish, Muckleshoot and other tribe members and mined historical records, newspaper reporting and pioneer diaries. He'll share details of how Chief Seattle advocated for peace during a time of tremendous flux, and how his influence resonates to this day.

Copies of his book will be available for purchase through Island Books.

Thank you to Aljoja, Mercer Island 2430 76th Avenue SE Mercer Island for graciously hosting this program.

The Pine and the Cherry: Japanese Americans in Washington

Wednesday, March 7th, 7 PM
Mercer Island Library

Leading up to WWII, Japanese in Seattle and Eastern Washington thrived and prospered. Then came Executive Order 9066, forcing 120,000 Japanese and their American -citizen offspring to concentration camps, without due process.

When they returned, most had lost everything and could not find obs. How did they face this injustice and rebuild their lives? How does a lively immigrant community face racist or religious hatred? Mayumi Tsutakawa will reveal her family's 100-year History against the backdrop of this dramatic American story.

Mercer Island Library
4400 88th Avenue SE
Mercer Island

Bandanas to Badges: Songs and Stories of Northwest Workers

Saturday, April 21st, 2 PM
Aljoja. Mercer Island

Acoustic trio Trillium-239 shares stories and songs of working life in the Northwest, beginning with American settlement of the West and ending with modern high-tech industries.

Thoughtful music selections, toe tapping music and interesting historical tidbits reflect the evolution of these workers experiences.

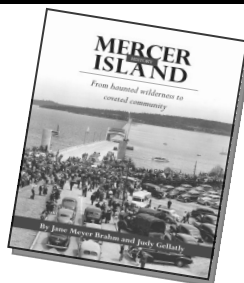
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Don't forget!
Our award winning and best-selling book, *Mercer Island History, From Haunted Wilderness to Coveted Community*, is available at Island Books, 3014 78th Ave SE or call 206.232.6920



President's Message:

I am pleased to announce my retirement after eight-plus years as President and Co-President of the Mercer Island Historical Society and to welcome Jane Meyer Brahm and Terry Moreman as the new Co-chairs of our organization. Terry and Jane bring years of knowledge and experience along with fresh ideas and energy to our Board. We also welcome former City Council member Joel Wachs to our Board.

Our year of retreat and reflection allowed us to re-group and assess our mission and performance.

We're excited about our new projects especially one that includes having past issues of the Mercer Island Reporter digitized for easy access to anyone interested in Mercer Island history and access to a computer. Once on line, these papers will be keyword searchable and downloadable. Watch for more information about this.

We have also resumed our monthly programs. In addition to the three included in this newsletter, there are two more: May 10th about Seattle Parks and Charles Olmstead and June 23,- Double Exposure, Edward Curtis. Our partnership with KCLS and Friends of the library has benefited all three organizations.

A 2018 membership form is included with this newsletter. Please fill it out, including an e-mail contact. We look forward to welcoming returning and new members to our organization.

Susan Blake,
Now Past President

Save these Dates!

May 10th—7 PM

A Park System for All: The Olmstead
Vision for Seattle
Speaker: Jennifer Ott,
History Link

June 23rd, 2 PM

Double Exposure: Edward Curtis
Speaker: Tamara Moats,
Former curator of Education,
UW Henry Art Gallery

Mercer Island Historical Society Board of Directors

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