



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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Original Social Media Face to Face

Monday, September 21st, 1PM

Through the 1950s and into the 1960s, the residential build-out of the island progressed. This included architect designed homes that respected the unique geography and nature of the region. We will be discussing this mid-century legacy and how it can be preserved in an era witnessing rampant tear-downs.

Chris Moore is Executive Director, Washington Trust for Historic Preservation and an Island resident. Michael Houser is Architectural Historian, Washington Department of Archaeology & Historic Preservation. Todd Scott is Preservation Architect, King County Historic Preservation Program.

Monday, October 19th, 1PM

This region is rich in maritime history and Lake Washington is home to much of this legacy - ferries, logging, and industry. Michael will discuss this and the larger picture of Puget Sound's roots in boats and the maritime industries.

Michael Luis is an author, lecturer and City Council Member from Medina and current Executive Director of Seattle's Center for Wooden Boats. His history newsletter can be found on-line. Century 21 City Seattle's Fifty Year Journey From World's Fair to World Stage

Monday, November 16th, 1 PM

A Mercer Island graduate, Clay will be talking about how history is not just 100 years ago but is in our lifetimes and how we are making history and must document and preserve it. There will be a short VHS tape shown which depicts a late 1960s windshield-eyes view of a drive on Mercer Island.

Clay Eals is Executive Director of the Southwest Seattle Historical Society, located in the Log House in West Seattle. He graduated from Mercer Island High School and the University of Oregon with a degree in journalism. He worked for the Portland Oregonian and other newspapers before returning "home" to the Seattle area.

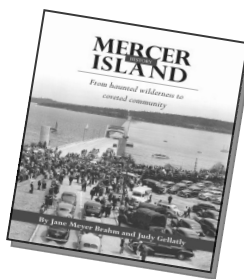
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President's Message:

After a long, hot summer, we welcome Fall and the return to our routines.

Our lineup of speakers for our General Meetings is stellar. September 21 we will explore mid-century modern architecture on Mercer Island with Chris Moore from the Washington Trust for Historic Preservation. Staff from the Development Services Department of the City of Mercer Island will be on hand to clarify city policies on historic preservation issues as well.

On October 19, Michael Luis, author, lecturer and City Council Member from Medina and current Director of Seattle's Center for Wooden Boats will tell us about the history of the watercraft that serviced the shores of Mercer Island and the region before the bridges were built.

November 16th former Mercer Islander Clay Eals, Executive Director of Southwest Seattle Historical Society will share old photos of MI from the 1930s to 1950s. This should be a trip down memory lane for some and a peek at the past for others.

Join us at the Community Center at 1 pm for all the above dates and enjoy!

See you there,

Susan Blake

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