

Seaport Books

Newsletter and Coming Events

February is the perfect time to celebrate living in or visiting Skagit Valley.

February is the time of year that people take the time to enjoy our precious valley and all it offers. Seaport Books is always happy to see you and our staff loves to hear your stories. It seems that the customers who find us in February are the true



believers who feel in their hearts the values we also treasure. You are the devoted readers, the gardeners, cooks, and travelers who enjoy La Conner and the Magic Skagit just as much as we do. The geese and swans are here. The daffodils are budding and the views of Mt Baker are spectacular.

We love being your bookstore in La Conner and are delighted to share your experiences and tell you more about the local authors, the artists, farmers, fishermen, wildlife, and history of the Pacific Northwest.

Good reads abound just waiting for the right person to explore them. We hope to see you in the store soon and at one of our enticing events.

Meet the Author Events

Thursday, February 21, 2019, 4:30 PM. Shelter Bay resident, **Doug Vandegrift**, presents his non-fiction ***Guide to the Notorious Bars of Alaska***. As a career US Fish and Wildlife employee Doug traveled all over Alaska and became intrigued with its history and the number of memorable bars he discovered. If you are a former resident of Alaska, or going on a trip this summer, or just have an interest in Alaska, come meet Doug and hear the stories behind the stories of this interesting look at Alaskan history.

Thursday, March 21, 2019, 4:30 PM. **Mary Trimble** lives on Camano Island and has written six books to date. Her work ranges from non-fiction accounts of time in the Peace Corps and cruising the South Pacific with husband, Bruce, to contemporary novels for adults and younger readers. She has also written over 400 magazine and newspaper articles and keeps a weekly blog of interesting reads on her website: marytrimblebooks.com. In addition to all of this, Mary is a gregarious and interesting person to meet in any social context. You will enjoy every moment you spend with her!

Thursday, April 18, 2019, 4:30 PM. A **Fireside Chat** about the history of tulips in our valley and the historic La Conner Tulip Show with **Janna Gage**. Beginning in 1947 the La Conner Civic Garden Club ladies set up a massive floral display in the high school gym. It was open only one weekend but thousands of visitors came to town. Traffic was gridlocked on our narrow country roads and the entire valley was covered in tulips. Come join the discussion and learn how it all got started.

Friday, April 26, 2019, All Day! Come into **Seaport Books** and enjoy **Marion Melville's** fine homemade cookies as we celebrate our **Second Birthday**. We are happy to be here and would like to thank you for your support.

Thursday, May 16, 2019, 4:30 PM. **Candace Wellman**, the author of *Peace Weavers: Uniting the Salish Coast through Cross-Cultural Marriages*, now has a second history to tell us about. *Interwoven Lives: Indigenous Mothers of Salish Coast Communities* will be published in March by WSU Press and is every bit as informative and revealing as her first book. In this volume she tells us of four more Native American women who impacted our culture and history including Fort Bellingham Commander George W. Pickett's wife. Candace has more interesting stories to share with us.

Saturday, June 22, 2019, 12:30 PM. **Maple Hall, A Novel Affair**, a fundraiser for a new library building in La Conner. A Novel Affair, Volume II, features a delicious catered luncheon, live and silent auctions, raffle prizes and featured speaker, **Robert Dugoni**. Dugoni is a bestselling author of crime-suspense-mystery stories set in the Pacific Northwest. This popular

event will sell out quickly so be sure to buy your ticket early. Seaport Books will be on hand to sell all of Dugoni's lively, thought-provoking books.

Celebrating Pacific Northwest Authors

Alaska's Inside Passage by **Dale Pihlman**, published in 2018 in a limited edition, should be in every boat, RV, and duffle bag headed north. Pihlman has written a comprehensive and enjoyable look at the nature, history, native cultures, and the industries of Southeastern Alaska. Pihlman's firsthand view over the decades is part memoir, part guide, and 100% delightful, with 388 pages and 500 color images. His skillful writing brings it all to life in a most approachable fashion. Pihlman lives in Ketchikan but has promised to include us in a book tour when he heads our way. We have his lovely book for sale at \$39.95. Give it a look.

The next time you come into the store take a few minutes to peruse the art books of two La Conner artists: *Red Fox in Art* edited and published by John Orrelle, *The Art of the Sporting Life: The Wildlife Art of David Hagerbaumer*, and *David Hagerbaumer Sporting Images: Etchings, Drypoints, and Drawings*. Each book is beautiful and has specific attributes that make it unique.

Book Groups

The Second Thursday Evening Group, (meets 6:00 PM at Seaport Books) has selected *The Shipping News* by Annie Proulx. They will meet on Wednesday, February 13, this month only.

The Fourth Monday Morning Group, (meets 9:30 AM at Seaport Books) has selected *Clara and Mr. Tiffany* by Susan Vreeland.

We love being your bookstore in La Conner!

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