

# Seaport Books

## Newsletter and Coming Events

March 2019

March always brings new life to La Conner and the Skagit Valley. The frost finally gives way to sunshine, the merchants and farmers gear up for the spring visitors and the flowers replace the swans and geese in the fields. We thank our friend, Don Coyote, for this beautiful photo of our valley.



**Seaport Books has big news!** We have a new member on our Seaport Books crew! **David Menard**, who many of you already know from his long service to booklovers in retail and public libraries, has joined Seaport Books. We are excited to add his experience and knowledge to our store as we grow into our third year of providing the best possible service to our customers. David knows books and the Pacific Northwest and he may even know you!

We love being your bookstore in La Conner and are delighted to hear your stories and to tell you more about the local authors, 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 free events.

### Meet the Author Events

**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](http://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.

## For Our Young Readers

Readers of all ages will now find their way easily to those books that appeal to our young readers. You can use the apple sticker to guide your way through the adult fiction and also peruse the young readers separate collection. Classics for kids can also be found in our “Timeless Tales” collection.

The Seaport Books website ([www.seaportbooks.com](http://www.seaportbooks.com)) now has a category of popular books that especially appeal to younger readers. Graphic novels, fiction and non-fiction are all within reach at the store. Try the *Amulet* series by Kazu Kibuishi, *Ready Player One* by Ernest Cline, and *Wild Robot* by Peter Brown.

Our staff is always ready to help find just the right book for the young reader you have in mind.

### Book Groups

**The Second Thursday Evening Group**, (meets 6:00 PM at Seaport Books) has selected *The Art of Hearing Heartbeats* by Jan-Philipp Sendker.

**The Fourth Monday Morning Group**, (meets 9:30 AM at Seaport Books) has selected *Quicksand: What it Means to be a Human Being* by Henning Mankell.

Both groups welcome new members.

**We love being your bookstore in La Conner!**

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