

201 5-16 PROGRAM SEASON

Second Thursdays at the Whatcom Museum Rotunda Room at 7:30 p.m. Free and open to all.

October 8, 2015: "Bellingham", a new Arcadia publication, is being presented by author Cecil Jentges, President of the Historic Fairhaven Association.

November 12, 2015: The 100th anniversary of the Bellingham Music Club will be celebrated.

December 10, 2014: Annual History Holiday, open mike sharing, annual membership meeting and festivities.

January 8, Don Tjossem will present his new book "Mountain Climbing in Washington State".

February 12, 2015: Mike Imperio will give a presentation of his new book on the Mt. Baker Lodge.

March 12, 2015: Deb Morgan will present a program on the history of the Sumas Rodeo.

April 9, 2015: TBD

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"Bellingham" by Cecil Jentges

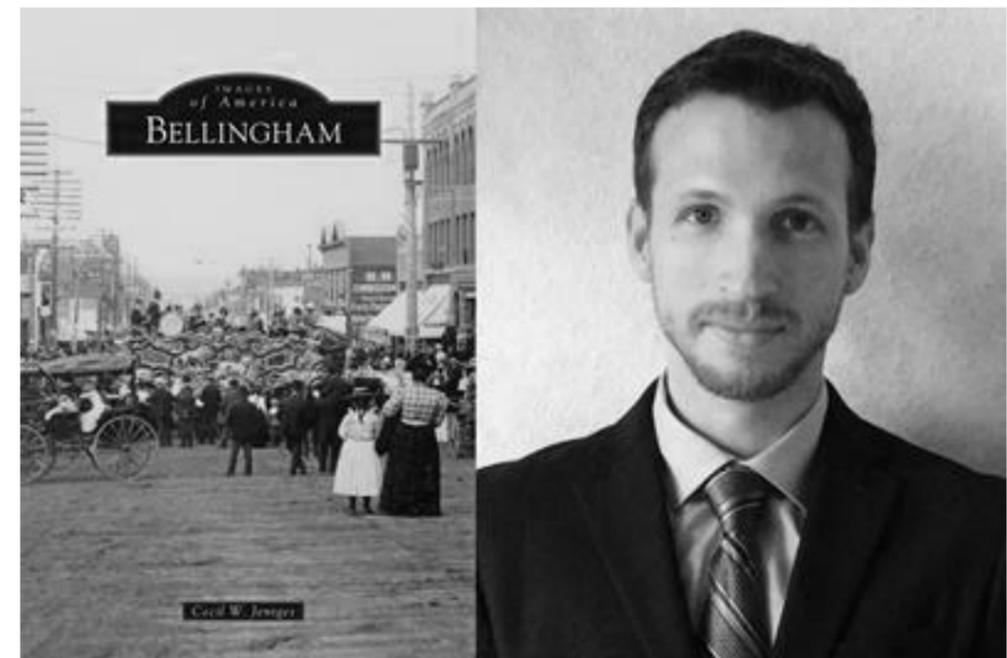
Thursday, October 8, 2015, 7:30 p.m.
Whatcom Museum Rotunda Room • 121 Prospect St. • Free

Bellingham is known as the city of subdued excitement, but it was not always this way. From its discovery by a British naval captain to its coal, lumber, and fish industries and to its riots and social movements, Bellingham has had quite a rich and sometimes controversial past. Starting out as four separate towns, it took the leadership of a few and the work of many to bring a community together and create one of Washington's secret masterpieces.

Cecil Jentges has put these facts together and more on Bellingham in a book published by the Arcadia Publishing Company for its Images of America series. In keeping with the rest of the series, the book is loaded with historical photographs of the city.

Cecil W. Jentges is a native to the Northwest. He was born in the Portland, Oregon, area and moved to Bellingham in 2004. Cecil owns and operates a martial arts training center called Karate Quest in the Fairhaven District. He also teaches at Western Washington University and does contract work for Risk Solutions Unlimited. When not doing historical research, he finds time to enjoy rock climbing, kayaking, and many of the other pastimes that make Bellingham so unique.

Cecil is also the president of the Historic Fairhaven Association, a group of persons promoting the historic and commercial aspects of the Fairhaven District of Bellingham.



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LOCAL HISTORY NEWS & NOTES

Member Janet Oakley and Her Literary Award-winning Books

Board member and local historian Janet Oakley has received several awards for her two historical fiction books, "Tree Soldier", and "Timber Rose". Both books are set in the woods of the Pacific NW.

"Tree Soldier" is the story of a man who goes to work in a CCC camp during the Great Depression of the 1930s. This book has won several awards and is currently on the preferred reading list kept by all librarians. The book was published in 2012 and received the Amazon Epic ebook Award. It was also awarded the Chanticleer Grand Prize. The Chanticleer prize is awarded to the best book in its category in the U.S. by a group of book editors.

"Timber Rose" is the story of a woman who falls in love with the idea of leaving her secure environment to live in a more rural setting as the wife of a forest ranger, and the impact this has on her family and on her. This book takes place in 1907, when women were supposed to stay within certain confines dictated by their parents and social status. "Timber Rose" is on the preferred reading list and is also in the running for a Chanticleer Grand Prize.

Janet has also written two other novels, "Saddle Road", a mystery set in Hawaii, and "The Christmas Well", a story set in a suburban area. When the water is shut off and a water tank is set up for the residents, it becomes the focal point for the community.

Janet is also featured in the February 2015 issue of the WWU magazine, the Klipsun.

1858 Brick Building Open House

Starting in November, the members of the WCHS will hold an open house in the 1858 brick building on E Street the second Sunday of every month from 1-4 PM. Please come and see the restoration and listen to the history of the oldest brick building in Washington State.

Photos and display boards show the history of the building and the early settlements on Bellingham Bay. Walk on the same floor that early pioneers, gold seekers, and Captain Pickett and his troops walked on. Donations are accepted.

The Pickett House is open for tours on the same day.

SOCIETY NEWS

The day is growing closer when we can be using the brick building to its full capacity. A bid has been received for the installation of the wheel chair lift and the contractor is in the process of planning the lift installation. This will allow us to use both floors at the same time, and allow all persons to be present for events and activities.

The annual garage sale brought in \$1225, which will be used to pay for utilities and maintenance, and pay down the loan. Thanks to those members that contributed time and items to the sale.

We still need \$100 a year Courthouse benefactors. This helps us pay for insurance for the building.

December 11 is our annual History Holiday, and there will be a short business meeting, followed by those persons that wish to do a show and tell about their projects or findings on local and regional history. Be sure to sign up with Wes Gannaway when you arrive. A projector and laptop computer will be available if you need to show slides. Your presentation shouldn't be any longer than 5 minutes.

Scary Halloween Stories

The Bellingham Storytellers will be performing two programs at the 1308 E Street Brick Building on October 24th. These are SPOOKY Halloween tales to give everyone the shivers. The first session is for families with children and will start at 4:30 PM and last for 1 hour. Tickets for the family session are \$3 per person.

The second session is for the older adult crowd and goes from 7 PM until 9 PM. Costs are \$5 per person for the second session.

Tickets will be sold from October 1st at Village Books. Only 42 tickets per session so get yours as soon as they are available.

A Presentation on Ella Higginson

Laura Laffrado will be at Village Books on October 15 at 7PM to read Selected Writings of Ella Higginson. Laura is the author of a WCHS publication about the famous poetess and writer. The book will be for sale at all WCHS programs.

Yes! Count Me in!

I want to help support the restored Territorial County Courthouse!

I would like to support the maintenance and operation costs of the building by becoming a benefactor with a \$100 per year pledge.

I would like to donate \$50 for an engraved paver brick to be installed at the site. I am attaching my inscription (limited to two lines, 18 characters total, including spaces).

I would like to discuss the purchase of a Steve Mayo print or painting of the bark *Ann Parry*, which brought the bricks from San Francisco for the construction of the 1858 building.

I would like to make a donation of \$_____ toward the final installation costs of the ADA lift, which is needed to gain an occupancy permit. Thanks to a private donor, generous members, and a county grant, the cost of the lift has been covered, but the installation cost has gone up.

I would like to make a donation of \$_____ toward paying down the \$77,000 mortgage and interest.

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Mail check and this form to: WCHS, 1308 E St, Bellingham, WA 98225 Thank you!

Thank you to these members for renewing or joining:
Rick Maricle, Meg Hayes, Beth Sizer, Kristin Zuanich, Tom and Carol Torgeson

Thanks to Suzette Cook for her donation to the Carl Akers Memorial building fund.

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