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### SKAGIT COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM

501 South 4th Street at the top of the hill  
in historic La Conner, WA  
360.466.3365  
museum@co.skagit.wa.us  
www.skagitcounty.net/museum  
Open Tuesday - Sunday 11am to 4pm

### ADMISSION:

\$5 Adults / \$10 Families  
\$4 Seniors & children 6-12 (under 6 Free!)  
Members Free!



The Skagit County Historical Museum is owned and operated by the Skagit County Historical Society, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Brochure funded by Skagit County Lodging Tax Funds.



Skagit County Historical Museum  
PO Box 818  
La Conner, WA 98257



*Calendar of Events*  
WINTER TO SPRING 2018

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## Old Time Tools and New-Fangled Furniture: Woodworking... A Process

Featured Exhibit  
Opening February 24, 2018

Come to the "top of the hill" in La Conner for a spectacular view of local history at the Skagit County Historical Museum. Enjoy our deck with a panoramic view of the valley. Spacious parking available.

### EXHIBITS

Three galleries of fascinating Skagit history. Our permanent exhibits include the Native Americans of the area, early industry—logging, mining, fishing, farming—and the home life of the pioneers. Stories of the Mexican American families who have made Skagit county their home. We have two spaces for rotating exhibits—our East Wing Gallery Featured Exhibit Space and our North Wing Special Exhibit Space.

### TOURS

Hands-on activities and knowledgeable docents make for a memorable tour of the Museum. Students to Seniors—tours for all ages. Bring your classroom, your club or a group of friends: 20% discount on admission price for groups of 10 or more. Contact our tour coordinator, Katie Bunge, at katarinab@co.skagit.wa.us or 360-466-3365 to schedule your tour.

### RESEARCH/ARCHIVES

Our research library contains documents, records, newspapers, photographs and books. Research sessions are available by appointment. Contact our Archivist, Mari Densmore, at marid@co.skagit.wa.us or 360-466-3365.

### MUSEUM STORE

Books and toys, jewelry and baskets – an ever-changing inventory of treasures including Skagit-made crafts and Native American items.

## EXHIBITS

### OLD TIME TOOLS AND NEW FANGLED FURNITURE: WOODWORKING....A PROCESS

February 24 through May 13

This exhibition features the new work of Skagit furniture maker Stuart Welch. A former student and studio assistant to noted furniture maker Wendell Castel, Stuart's work reflects a high level of craftsmanship and imagination. He has exhibited internationally and in prominent galleries here in the United States. Stuart uses vintage hand tools in the creation of his furniture. The exhibition will also feature woodworking tools from the museum's historic collection.



### 50 YEARS OF HISTORY AT THE TOP OF THE HILL

June 15 through March 2019

Join us as we celebrate 50 years of presenting Skagit History. The Skagit County Historical Society was founded in February of 1959, and opened the Museum in June of 1968. Join us for this wonderful celebration of our journey from a small idea to today!

## SPECIAL EXHIBITS

As we celebrate our 50th year, we will be sharing a variety of items from our collection.

### GREETINGS!

February 9 through April 22

Valentines and postcards. See how folks communicated before Facebook and Twitter!

### LET'S HAVE A PICNIC!

April 26 through Sept 2

Treasures from the collection that will put you in the summertime picnic mood!

## EVENTS

### OPENING RECEPTION OLD TIME TOOLS AND NEW FANGLED FURNITURE

February 23, 6 - 8 PM

Join us for an early viewing of this beautiful exhibit.  
RSVP to 360-466-3365

### SKAGIT RIVER POETRY FESTIVAL

May 17 to 19

We are pleased to be a host location for part of the 10th Biennial Skagit River Poetry Festival. For schedule details about the event go to [www.skagitriverpoetry.org](http://www.skagitriverpoetry.org)

## SKAGIT TOPICS

All Skagit Topics are from 2 to 4 PM  
at the Museum

March 10

### EVERYTHING YOU EVER WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT WOOD FURNITURE.

A lively presentation with Stuart Welch – sharing his expertise in the creation and care of wood furniture.



## TOPICS @ THE SCHOOL

From 2 to 4 PM  
at Skagit City School

April 14

### ENVIRONMENTAL HISTORY OF SKAGIT COUNTY WITH TERESA TREBON

All of us who call Skagit County home, whether we are newcomers or long-established residents, know how special this place is. Our county's doorstep, bordered by the Salish Sea on the west, sweeps up the broad fertile expanse of the Skagit Valley to green foothills and the steep mountains of the Cascade Range to the east. This landscape has changed dramatically in the past 165 years since non-Native settlement commenced here. How so? What social and economic forces have shaped our surroundings?

Join historian and author (First Views:

An Early History of Skagit County, 1850-1999) Theresa Trebon for a slide show and lecture that examines the environmental changes in Skagit County since pre-settlement time to present.

### ORCAS IN PUGET SOUND WITH SUSAN MADSEN

May 5

Susan Madsen, Restoration Ecologist for the Skagit Fisheries Enhancement Group will give a presentation about restoration projects that are reconnecting floodplain habitats in the Skagit River watershed to increase habitat availability for Puget Sound Chinook salmon. Chinook Salmon are the primary prey species of Orca whales so these restoration projects will help increase the amount of food available to our dwindling Orca populations

### GLACIERS OF THE NORTH CASCADES WITH JON RIEDEL

June 2

Join Jon Riedel, geologist for North Cascades National Park, to explore the last 30,000 years of glacial history in Skagit County. Learn about how glacial activity shaped the land in the North Cascades and the lower Skagit Valley, and how glaciers continue to impact our community today.

For information about other events and activities at the Museum, check our website  
[www.skagitcounty.net/museum](http://www.skagitcounty.net/museum).