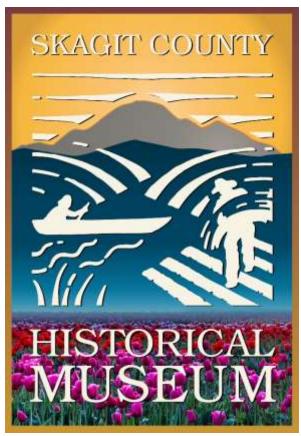
## Skagit County Historical Museum

# THE GREAT HUNT FOR MAGIC SKAGIT STORIES



Writing contest

April 1st- 30<sup>th</sup>

## WELCOME TO SKAGIT COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM'S 1ST ESSAY AND POETRY WRITING CONTEST

The Skagit County Historical Museum is tasked with preserving and presenting the unique and rich history of our beautiful county. The goal of introducing this writing contest is to invite stories of the Magic Skagit that have yet to be told or shared. We hope to inspire writers and poets young and old from diverse communities and cultures within our county to join in the "Great Hunt for Magic Skagit Stories".

Do you have a story that can tell us what happened how it happened and what resulted because it happened? Stories about current events like the Covid-19 pandemic or the Black Lives Matter Movement. How did your community within Skagit County support one another through isolation and for many loss?

Maybe you have a story that a grandparent told you about growing up in Skagit County. How about your earliest memory of why the Skagit is such a magical place? Do you have a story about the first time seeing snow geese or tulip fields? Today's events will be tomorrow's history.

Entries will be read by our esteemed panel of judges. Your story or poem will be judged based on:

75% Content and creativity

25% Mechanics and writing style

#### PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

- 1. Contest begins on April 1st and ends on April 30th, 2021
- 2. To participate you will need to write an essay or poem related to the theme "The Great Hunt for Magic Skagit Stories" and submit no later than April 30<sup>th</sup>.
- 3. There are two contest categories to be judged:
  - Essay
  - Poetry
- 4. There are 3 divisions:
  - Youth ages 13 and younger
  - Youth 14 to 18 years of age
  - Adults over 18 years of age
- 5. Contest deadline is April 30<sup>th</sup>
- 6. Entries can be submitted via mail or email
  - By mail send to : Skagit County Historical Museum PO Box 818
     501 4<sup>th</sup> Street

La Conner, Wa 98257

By email send to:

museum@co.skagit.wa.us

- 7. Winners will be notified on Thursday, June 3rd, 2021.
- 8. Prizes will be awarded to the top winners in each category.

#### **CONTEST RULES**

- 1. Essay entries must be at least 500 words and no more than 2,000 words in length with 1 entry per person.
- 2. For Poems, no more than 2 Poem entries per person and each Poem must be no more than 1 page in length
- 3. Each entry must have a cover page with the author's name, phone number, mailing address, email address and a brief statement telling us about yourself.
  - Do not write your name on the actual story pages. This will allow judging to be objective and focus on the story or poem.
- 4. All entries will be archived at the Skagit County Historical Museum