

View from the Library 4/17/2017

History Lives Here at the Library in May

History Lives Here is celebrated in the islands throughout the month of May, and the San Juan Island Library has a full schedule of local history programs. We start off the month with a *Know Your Islanders Talk* featuring Boyd Pratt and Sandy Strehlou, who will be describing some very local travel: "Know Your Island Barns" featuring Barn Watching 101 via the interactive maps on the *Historic Barns of the San Juan Islands* website. On May 17th, Mike Vouri will revisit two of the local history publications in the *Images of America* series that he co-authored with his wife Julia: *Friday Harbor* and *San Juan Island*. Robin Jacobson, "From Oddfellows to Orcas," will explore the history of the Oddfellows Hall in Friday Harbor on Friday, May 19th. Then on May 20th, there will be a day-long workshop on "Writing Our History," with speakers teaching how to use local, regional, state and federal archives as well as the Internet for researching local history and genealogy. In honor of Memorial Day, Lorraine McConaghy will speak about "Washington at War," assessing World War I's impact on our state, on Wednesday, May 24th. Finally, On Wednesday, May 31st Katrina Jagodinsky will discuss her book *Legal Codes and Talking Trees: Indigenous Women's Sovereignty in the Sonoras and Pugel Sound Borderlands, 1854-1946*.

And remember, the Library has resources for researching local history all year round: there's a whole section of print materials (to the right of the fireplace) and online there are the *San Juan Island Heritage*--a digital collection of historic materials--and *Ancestry Library Edition* (for use in the Library only) and *HeritageQuest Online*-- two great sources for genealogy. *History Lives Here* in May (or anytime, for that matter) at the Library!

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