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You got books? We want them!

Got a favorite author who may be looking for a new home? Well, the Lakewood History Museum is launching a new program just in time for your annual Spring cleaning.

by Phil Raschke

Starting on Friday, 2 June the museum will begin accepting hardback and paperback book donations from our members and guests. Donations may be made during our normal business hours on Friday and Saturday from noon to 4 pm.

Naturally, every new program has rules so here's our's. Books must be in good condition and may be fiction, non-fiction, poetry, children's books or coffee table type books. Please no technical, fix-it, inappropriate subject matter or school text books. Also no periodicals, newspapers, magazines, pamphlets, cookbooks, books on cassette/tape or DVD, etc.

Books will be accepted from Friday, 2 Jun until Saturday, 19 Aug, 2023. As books arrive they will be sorted, placed on our shelves and available for Repurpose. A two dollar donation is suggested for each repurposed hardback book. Paperback donations are suggested at two books for a \$1.00 donation. Coffee

table donations are suggested at \$5 per book. Donations must be cash only, credit – debit cards will not be accepted.



Lakewood residents Jeanette Hurlow and Leanna Jensen hold newly donated hardback books destined for museum's shelves.

Lastly, please do not leave your book donations un-attended at the Museum entrance. Books left unattended at the front entrance will not be placed on shelves, but given to recycle. Thank you for your cooperation on this.

That's pretty much it for the rules. So, give your favorite author's books a second life and donate them to the Lakewood History Museum. Then, take a few extra minutes to search our collection for a new author to take home with you.

Please note: Repurpose display of all books is at the sole discretion of the Lakewood History Museum. Museum is located at 6114 Motor Ave SW, Lakewood, WA 98499. Phone-message number is 253-682-3480.

Looking forward to seeing you! Happy reading!



Museum welcomes young visitor from Japan

Yuta Yamada, who lives in Kawasaki city near Tokyo, Japan, took time to visit the museum and learn about northwest history as well as spend some time with "Ivan" his favorite gorilla.

Yamada was on his first visit to the United States and thoroughly enjoyed the museum.





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Ed Voie

For the past 20 years, I have been a probation officer for the State of Washington. I love it – it is like a Jerry Springer Show, you never know what the day will be like – it keeps you young.

More important I look forward to sharing the history of Lakewood for which I am grateful to share with great people such as out past President, **Sue Scott**.



Sue Scott

After six years serving as President, I am stepping down, but not out! I will go back to the Secretary position—while also assuming (at least temporarily) the duties of Treasurer.

It has been a pleasure but I'm handing over the reins to the very capable **Ed Voie** who has been serving as Vice President.

PRAIRIE GAZETTE

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MEETINGS

The Lakewood Historical Society formed in 1998 to preserve and share Lakewood's rich history through programs, displays and publications. The Society offers frequent programs on topics of historical interest. Most programs are free and open to the public. Visit us on Facebook or our website for information on events and activities:

www.LakewoodHistorical.org

Come "Banter" with us.

The Pierce County Library and the Lakewood Museum have joined together to offer a monthly "Book Banter".

The program is open to all and meets on the first Friday of each month from 2 to 4 pm at the Lakewood History Museum. Attendees are welcome to come and talk about their favorite book, learn new titles or hear recommendations from other attendees.



Attendees at a recent "Banter" session took a moment to pose for the *Prairie Gazette*. For more info, send an Email to nonniesue@live.com

Your museum has a new Talking Machine

by Phil Raschke

Thanks to a generous donation by the Fox Island Historical Society Museum, the Lakewood museum is now the new home of a working, spring-wound Victor Talking Machine commonly known as a Victrola. The first Victrolas came on the market in 1906 and played a flat quarter inch thick recording. The flat record was invented in the late 1880's by a creative entrepreneur named Emile Berliner. Emile's flat records were much easier to reproduce and



Highlighting new addition to the museum are Docent Linda Work and Board Member Kris Kaufman.

quickly replaced the difficult to re-produce Edison cylinder phonograph. Almost overnight flat records quickly became thinner and the worldwide standard for the recording industry.

The new cabinet design also allowed for the earlier external speaker horn to be placed below the record player along with a space for storing the records. This shape allowed the Victrola to be a more pleasing addition to a parlor or living room and helped increase early sales.

Lakewood Museum visits Tacoma Buffalo Soldiers Museum



As part of the "Can't Come to Us? We Will Come to You" initiative, Lakewood Historical Society Vice-President **Phil Raschke** (Right) was invited by **Jackie Jones Hook** (Center), Executive Director of the Tacoma Buffalo Soldier Museum, to present a program celebrating Black History Month. Following the program attendees posed for a photo in one of the museum's collections rooms.

Mark your calendar!

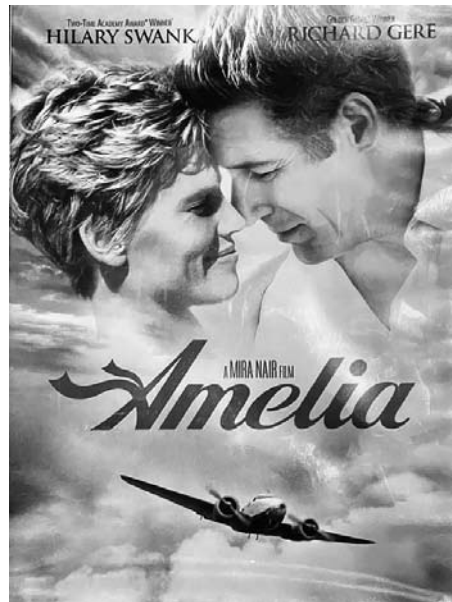
The legendary Amelia Earhart visits Museum on 1 August

On Tuesday, 1 August at 6 pm, the Lakewood History Museum will host a display of memorabilia related to the famous aviatrix Amelia Earhart.

Amelia mysteriously disappeared on 2 July, 1937 while attempting a dangerous, long distance flight to tiny Howland Island in the Pacific.

Our display is presented by Board member **Glen Spieth** and will include autographs, rare photos, personal items and more.

In addition, at 6:30 pm the museum



will be showing the acclaimed film **Amelia...A Love without Limits, A Life Without Fear** starring Hillary Swank and Richard Gere.

This powerful film captures Amelia's rise to fame and includes many unknown aspects of her legendary life.

Don't miss this exciting, highflying program. Admission is free and so is the popcorn!

Film is rated PG and runs 1 hour, 50 minutes.



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Save the Date 2023



Street Festivals

June 3 & Aug 12
Saturdays: 4:00 - 8:00pm
Motor Ave

Summer Concerts

June 27 - Aug 29
Tuesdays: 6:30pm - 8:00pm
Fort Steilacoom Park Pavilion

Farmers Market

June 6 - September 19
Tuesdays: 2:00pm - 7:00pm
Fort Steilacoom Park

SummerFEST

Saturday July 15,
10:00am - 11:00pm
Fort Steilacoom Park

Yoga & Meditation

4 days a week
cityoflakewood.us/yoga
Fort Steilacoom Park Pavilion

Fiesta de la Familia

Saturday, Sept 9
12:00 - 7:00pm
Fort Steilacoom Park

Truck & Tractor

October 14
12:00pm - 3:00pm
Fort Steilacoom Park

Christmas Parade

December 9
Lakewood City Hall

Stay up to date on all city events @ cityoflakewood.us/calendar/



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