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CCHM Speaker Series  
*The Brautigan Library: A Very Public Library Turns 30*

**Vancouver, Wash.** – The Clark County Historical Museum (CCHM) Speaker Series continues on CCHM’s Facebook Live Thursday, September 3 at 7pm with "The Brautigan Library: A Very Public Library Turns 30". Join CCHM and John Barber to learn more about this unique library and the inspiration behind it.

Author and poet Richard Brautigan established himself as a writer during the counterculture movements of late-1960s and early-1970s San Francisco. Since then, his works, including *Trout Fishing in America* and *The Abortion: A Historical Romance 1966*, have influenced countless writers and readers world-wide. In 1990, his works inspired the establishment of The Brautigan Library, a library for unpublished manuscripts. Find out more about Richard Brautigan, how the library came to being, and why it was brought to CCHM in 2010 during this month’s live stream.

“The Brautigan Library is a deep and rich collection of personal writing from people of all walks of like who never expected to achieve publishing success but were compelled, nonetheless, to share their writing.” said Jon Barber, “Major thanks to the Clark County Historical Museum for providing a space, and a mechanism, for sharing this writing, and for inviting me to talk about the interesting story behind this library and the man behind it, Richard Brautigan, a Washington native.”

John F. Barber, PhD is a professor in the Creative Media & Digital Culture Program at Washington State University Vancouver. He is the author of several articles on digital communication and the Humanities as well as on the life and writings of Richard Brautigan. In addition he is curator for the Brautigan Library and many other creative programs, including Re-Imaged Radio. Barber’s work focuses on the relationships between technology, art, science, and the humanities.

The CCHM 2020 Speaker Series is sponsored by the Clark County Historic Preservation Commission, and Wager Audio. In our effort to support social distancing, this event will be streamed free on Facebook.

During the live stream we will be collecting donations to help support digitization of the Brautigan Library. Please consider contributing to help keep this amazing piece of our history available for generations to come.

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