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An Evening with Vancouver's Historian Pat Jollota

When Vancouver Missed the Boat: Those who kept Vancouver from Growing

Vancouver, Wash. – The Chapter DJ PEO and the Clark County Historical Museum are partnering on Monday, March 4, 2024 to host a presentation by Vancouver's Historian, Pat Jollota, titled "When Vancouver Missed the Boat: Those who kept Vancouver from Growing." The event is both a presentation and a fundraiser for the Chapter DJ PEO scholarship program. All proceeds will go to the Women's Educational Scholarships Program. The event will occur in person at the Clark County Historical Museum (1511 Main Street, Vancouver, WA 98660). Doors open at 5:15 p.m. and the presentation begins at 6:00 p.m.

Renown local historian, Pat Jollota, will guide the audience through the trials and tribulations surrounding the development of Vancouver. From the early endeavors to bring a railway to the burgeoning town to the numerous battles over bridging the Columbia River. Jollota's encyclopedia knowledge of our area's history and expert and often humorous oration style will make for an evening not to be missed.

When one thinks of history in Clark County the first person who comes to mind is Pat Jollota. Pat has devoted decades of her life to gathering, saving, and sharing the stories of Vancouver, Washington, and Clark County.

Pat arrived in Vancouver in 1982. In that same year, she started her 18-year career at the Clark County Historical Museum. In her roles as curator at the Museum, Pat would spend innumerable hours reading through the Columbian newspaper, hearing the stories of guests to the research library, and telling newly uncovered stories of Clark County. She started writing down the history of Clark County in the pages of the Clark County historical Museum's annual, *Clark County History*. However, her first book *Naming Clark County* was an immediate hit. To this day, *Naming Clark County* is one of the most popular local books available.

Since then, Pat's authorship of local history has been prolific, writing *Darkness Next Door*, *Downtown Vancouver*, *Camas*, *Legendary Locals of Vancouver*, *Vanishing Vancouver*, *The Murder of Joanne Dewey in Vancouver*, *Washington*, and *Haunted Vancouver Washington*. Pat Jollota's story is one of a historian who has made history while saving and sharing it.

This event is sponsored by the Clark County Historic Museum. Tickets are \$15 and are limited. Cookie and coffee will be served. All proceeds from ticket sales, donations made at the event, and sales of *Darkness Next Door* and *Naming Clark County* will go to the Women's Educational Scholarship of PEO.

Purchase tickets online at www.cchmuseum.org/an-evening-with-pat or visit the museum at 1511 Main Street. For more information, contact Carol Jean McClelland, Events Director, chapterdjpeo@gmail.com.

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