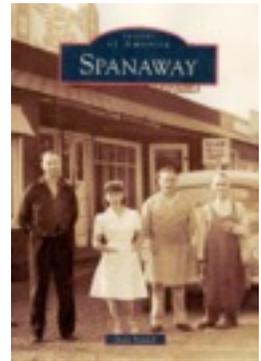


History Beyond the Book

Presentations by Jean Sensel, author of *Images of America~Spanaway*
The people and politics that shaped the South Puget Sound region, told from Spanaway's point of view through vintage photographs and historical documents. Presentations can be adjusted from 15 minutes with 5-minute Q & A to 45 minutes with 15 minute Q & A. Contact Jean at jean.sensel@gmail.com. Cost negotiable and free with opportunity for book sales for non-profits.



Invasion of the “Bostons”

Friend of the Native Americans, stewards of the land, and lifeline for distressed travelers, the British Hudson Bay Company gently governed the South Puget Sound until armed and hostile American pioneers forced them from the land. Illustrated through photographs, maps, and excerpts from the Hudson Bay Company journals.

Puget Sound Indian War of 1855

Controversial, little-known stories of Spanaway's involvement in the Indian War and injustices wrought by the territorial army. Brought to light through maps, photographs, and readings from eye-witness accounts.

Railroads - tracks of perfidy

From the nation's east coast to Seattle, Tacoma, and Portland, powerful men, including Tacoma benefactor Charles Wright, caught Spanaway in their fight to exert personal control over South Puget Sound trade and resources, revealed in records and images collected from local and national archives.

Slavery in Washington Territory

Buried as best forgotten, few know that many who governed Oregon and Washington territories fought to preserve slavery as their “property rights.” Told through readings from the seminal work by historian Gregory Nokes and the story of Spanaway's first African American resident.

The Great Land Grab

The “inconvenient truth” behind the creation of the South Puget Sound's main economic engine, - the military bases - highlighted by photographs and stories of Spanaway's residents and the political machinations involved.

Booze, Broads, and Brazen Harlots

Temperance and women's suffrage were intrinsically tied in Washington State. The trials, tribulations, and (now) humorous stories and images propelling these campaigns, as seen from Spanaway's point of view.

Chop it up! Sell it off!

Tragedy, greed, fraud, and Tacoma politics underline the story of Spanaway Lake Park. Trace the truth through the myths, misconceptions, and obfuscations surrounding the park with photographs, maps, and government documents.

A-Spire

Few know the fascinating story of the people, the inspiration, the struggles, and the meaning behind Sprinker Field's popular SPIRE rock, told from interviews with key players, with contemporaneous photographs.

Glimpses of fame (and infamy)

Many Spanaway pioneers had fleeting moments of fame now lost to dusty archives. Other well-known pioneers have had their Spanaway connection inadvertently - or deliberately? - disconnected. Vintage images tell the story of these noteworthy contributors to Spanaway history.