

The Funhouse and Orcas Island Historical Museum 2008 Women's History Month Lecture Series

The Funhouse and the Orcas Island Historical Museum, two of Orcas Island's leading educational non-profit organizations, are again collaborating this year to benefit our island's intellectual climate. In honor of Women's History Month, they are pleased to present the following prominent women speakers:

Saturday, March 8th, 2 pm, Dr. Angela Close will discuss "***Things They Never Told You About Prehistoric Women.***" Dr. Close will share her views on what life was like for prehistoric women. Common portrayals of our remotest ancestors (more than 2 million years ago) depict societies akin to the suburbia of the 1950s, thus implying that "This Is How Things Should Be." Based on evidence and logic, however, life then was most probably very different from that, and, indeed, different from anything we now know.

Dr. Close received her Ph.D. from Cambridge University, England, and is Professor of Anthropology at the University of Washington. She is an internationally recognized archaeologist who has worked extensively in Egypt, the Sinai, North Africa, South Africa, and our own San Juan Island.

Friday, March 14th, 3:30 pm, Dr. Julie Stein will present "***One Woman's Journey to Becoming an Archaeologist.***" She will provide an insider's perspective about the effort required to follow a dream, and discuss how gender affected and augmented her experiences. Dr. Stein will offer some suggestions on successful leadership in institutions of all sizes and types, and describe the realities of a career in archaeology.

Dr. Stein was appointed in 2005 as Director of the Burke Museum of Natural History and Culture, and remains a Professor in the Department of Anthropology at the University of Washington. She received her M.A and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Minnesota. Although she participated in excavations all over the world, she focused much of her efforts on the San Juan Islands, and is well known in the islands for her popular book "*Exploring Coast Salish Prehistory: Archaeology of the San Juan Islands*".

Tuesday, March 25th, 3:30 pm, Valerie Anders will speak on "***Adventures of an Astronaut's Wife - and 40 Years Beyond.***" In December 1968, Valerie Anders watched as her husband, William Anders, blasted off from Cape Canaveral and into history as one of the first three men to leave Earth's orbit and circle the moon. She will share her experiences of being an astronaut's wife, a mother of six, and an active space age participant during those remarkable times.

For the past 10 years, Valerie has served on the Board of the Yosemite National Institute, which is the parent board for field science campuses within three National Parks that provides educational adventures for students in nature's classroom. She is former chair and ex-officio member of the Board of Olympic Park Institute within the Olympic National Park. She is Secretary of Apogee Investment Corporation and The Anders Foundation. Valerie also currently serves as the President of the Board of Directors of the Orcas Island Chamber Music Festival.

Thanks to the generosity of an anonymous donor,
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All talks will be held in the Madrona Room at the Orcas Center.
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