



City of Lacey, Washington Historical Commission Agenda

Refer to the bottom of the agenda for meeting information.

Wednesday, April 17, 2024

6:00 PM

Council Chambers and Online

Call to Order

Roll Call

1. Land Acknowledgement:

The Lacey Historical Commission meets on the ancestral land of the Tribal People of the Treaty of Medicine Creek, including the Nisqually Indian Tribe and Squaxin Island Tribe. We acknowledge and remember those Tribal People not recognized today who were absorbed or relocated into other tribes for survival. We recognize the ancestors and their descendants who are still here. We recognize and respect the Tribal People of the Treaty of Medicine Creek as the traditional stewards of this land since time immemorial and their role today in taking care of these lands in perpetuity. We recognize and have the responsibility to call attention to the histories of dispossession, forced removal, and abridged treaty rights that allowed our nation, state, and city to develop as they have today. We recommend that community members read the [Medicine Creek Treaty of 1854](#).

2. Approval of Agenda and Minutes:

- A. Approval of Agenda*
- B. Approval of March 20, 2024 Meeting Minutes*

3. Public Comment:

Please refer to the bottom of the agenda for instructions on how to provide public comment.

4. Business Items:

- A. **Lacey Depot Food Truck and Market**
Wesley Nguyen, Economic Development Coordinator
- B. **Ken Balsley Historian of the Year***
Erin Quinn Valcho, Museum Curator

- C. **Selma Street Request**
Erin Quinn Valcho, Museum Curator
- D. **Historic Preservation Consultant Update**
Erin Quinn Valcho, Museum Curator
- E. **Robert Chamberlain Artwork***
Erin Quinn Valcho, Museum Curator

5. Reports:

- A. Lacey Historical Society
- B. Policy StEPs Committee
- C. Commissioners
- D. Chair
- E. Museum Curator
- F. Director

6. Adjourn

*Item Action Requested

Next Meetings:

New Museum and Cultural Center Funding Strategy Committee Meeting: Thursday, April 25, 2024, 9:00am, Council Chambers and online

History Month Proclamation and Museum Report, City Council Meeting: Tuesday, May 7, 2024, 6:00pm, Council Chambers and online

Historical Commission Meeting: Wednesday, May 15, 2024, 6:00pm, Council Chambers and online

Upcoming Events:

HistoryTalks! Prince Hall Freemasons and Washington State, Wednesday, May 8, 2024, 6:30pm, Council Chambers and online

Lacey Spring Fun Fair, Saturday, May 18, 2024, 10am - 6pm and Sunday, May 19, 2024, 11am - 5pm at St. Martin's University

Attend Remote or In-Person

There are several ways to attend the Historical Commission Meeting:

- In-Person: Council Chambers at Lacey City Hall
420 College Street SE, Lacey, WA 98503
- Zoom: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_EpV7idl5Sc-lJAEHZQwdQQ
- Website: <https://cityoflacey.org/government/public-meetings/>
- YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jzjvitAr9Fs>



Phone: (888) 788-0099 or (877) 853-5247 (Webinar ID 843 4611 6577)

Verbal Public Comment

The opportunity for verbal public comment is available in-person or by Zoom:

In-Person: Use the sign-up sheet in Council Chambers

Zoom: Preregister using the following Zoom link no later than two hours prior to the meeting:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_EpV7idl5Sc-IJAEHZQwdQQ

Instructions and access details will be provided once registration is complete.

Written Public Comment

Please submit written public comments to PRPublicComment@ci.lacey.wa.us by noon the day of the meeting. Public comments received by the deadline will be sent to Commissioners prior to the meeting, but will not be read at the meeting.





City of Lacey, Washington
Historical Commission Minutes
Wednesday, March 20, 2024 - Council Chambers and Online

Call to Order

Chair Keogh called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Chair Jim Keogh, Vice Chair Kevin Wyckoff, Kimberly Goetz, Jon Halvorson, Ed Holm, Rory Line (Youth Representative), and Tula'i Patane.

Commissioners Absent (Excused): Alan Tyler.

Staff Present: Jen Burbidge, Director; Carter Gibson, Executive Assistant; and Jenny Wilson, Senior Parks Planner.

Public Present: Monte Pascual, Lacey Historical Society; and Cheryl Maulkmus, Lacey Historical Society.

1. Land Acknowledgement

Commissioner Halvorson read the land acknowledgement.

2. Approval of Agenda and Minutes:

A. Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Halvorson made a motion to move agenda item 4C, Stories of the South Sound Project Update, prior to agenda item 4A, then adjust the rest of the agenda accordingly. Commissioner Holm seconded. Motion carried.

B. Approval of February 21, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Holm made a motion to approve the minutes as printed. Commissioner Goetz seconded. Motion carried.

3. Public Comment

No public comment.

4. Business Items:

C. **Stories of the South Sound Project Update**

Felicia Rova-Chamroeun, Museum Coordinator

Museum Coordinator Rova-Chamroeun presented status updates for the Stories of the South Sound project. The Lacey Museum staff have scheduled several residents for interviews and will begin conducting them soon.

A. **New Museum and Cultural Center Funding Strategy Committee Report**

Jen Burbidge, Parks, Culture and Recreation Director

Director Burbidge reported the following from the New Museum and Cultural Center Funding Strategy Committee meeting held on February 29, 2024: a list of community partners, identified opportunities for funding, and next steps for the committee, which include coordinating meetings with potential funders.

B. **Ken Balsley Historian of the Year**

Erin Quinn Valcho, Museum Curator

In Museum Curator Quinn Valcho's absence, Director Burbidge reported that one nomination has been submitted to date. The Historical Commission will review nominations during their April 17, 2024, meeting.

D. **Recent Acquisitions**

Erin Quinn Valcho, Museum Curator

In Museum Curator Quinn Valcho's absence, Director Burbidge reported the recent acquisitions.

Commissioner Goetz made a motion to accept the recent acquisitions into the permanent collection. Commissioner Holm seconded. Motion carried.

5. Reports:

A. **Lacey Historical Society**

Trustee Monte Pascual reported:



- The Lacey Historical Society (LHS) has a new website, laceyhistoricalsociety.com.
- LHS is hosting a member meeting on June 6, 2024, and an annual picnic on June 29, 2024.
- LHS is currently accepting historical photos to showcase during the picnic.

B. Policy StEPs Committee

No report.

C. Commissioners

No report.

D. Chair

Chair Keogh reported:

- The Washington State History Museum in Tacoma currently has a display on the Medicine Creek Treaty and the Boldt decision.
- Development of the historical narrative kiosks at the Regional Athletic Complex is ongoing.

E. Museum Curator

Director Burbidge provided the Museum Curator's report in her absence:

- Curator Quinn Valcho drafted a request for estimates for a historic preservation consultant to conduct research for the McKinney Building, Jacob Smith House, and the Long Lake house.
- Curator Quinn Valcho and Senior Parks Planner Wilson attended the *Adaptive Reuse: Setting Expectations Through the Ages* webinar.
- The Lacey Women's Club's hot water heater broke and caused a flood. There are likely not any historical register related requirements,
- Both the March History Talk on local Jewish History and the February craft at the museum were well attended.
- Museum staff are making preparations to add an exhibit to the main room of the museum.

F. Director

Director Burbidge reported:

- The June Historical Commission meeting will be canceled as the meeting date falls on Juneteenth.



- The Lacey Parks, Culture and Recreation annual staff retreat is being held this week, and the City of Lacey's annual employee recognition event was last Friday, March 1, 2024.
- The rescheduled date for the Ken Balsley Memorial Bench dedication is still being coordinated.
- The Lacey Depot doors will be unlocked for the season starting April 1, 2024. In 2023, the Depot was reserved 72 times and brought in \$8,300 in revenue, a significant increase from the year prior.

6. Adjourn

Commissioner Goetz made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Wyckoff seconded. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:57 p.m.



Update – Pop-Up Market at the Depot

Historical Commission Meeting April 17, 2024
Wesley Nguyen, Economic Development Coordinator



Background

- Depot District Subarea Plan
 - Civic Presence – museum
 - Food truck plaza
 - Piloted in 2021
 - Made improvements
 - Expanded hours & vendors
 - In 2024:
 - Diversity of food options
 - Award-winning project
 - Duplicated by other jurisdictions



Market at the Depot

- Year 1 – one market event per month
 - Staff organized
- Year 2 – two market events per month
 - Contracted with a local event company to recruit vendors and execute the events
- Year 3 – 2024



Event Performance Data

- Year 2/2023 – event data (estimation)
 - Contracted with a local event company to recruit vendors and execute the events
 - Vendors – Averaged 30 vendors per event
 - Range from 23 to 55 vendors per event
 - Attendants - Averaged 600/700 visitors per event
 - Range from 500 to 1200 visitors per event
- Marketing and Promotions
 - Social media channels
 - Banner across College Avenue



Meggie Roldon – Meggie's Lumpia



2024 Timeline

Request For Proposal (RFP) opened in February 01 & closed on February 16

- Received 4 proposals at deadline date
- Formed a cross-department interview panel and Interviewed 3 top companies on March 5th
- Selected a contactor on March 18 to execute the 2024 Market events at the Depot



2024 Selection

Selected SWAE Night Market LLC

- Innovative proposal with doing a consistent event on every other Friday evening
- Experienced – last year organized multiple night events at the Ricardo restaurant area
- Budget proposal was within the project's budget
- Veteran and minority owned company



SWAE previous events



2024 Launch

Launch event is Friday, April 26th starting at 4 pm

- 25 vendors with a focus on local startup businesses
- Food trucks and other food vendors will be there
- Live entertainment
- Invite all Council members
to visit the launch market



Future Plan

Exploring and planning for a permanent location for the market and the food truck plaza

- Feasibility study on a proposed City-owned property
- Investigate for other properties
- Examine other services/facilities to assist small business to succeed in Lacey





Ken Balsley

Lacey Historian of the Year

Nomination form

Name of Nominee: Paul Webb
Address: 6320 118th St Ct SW Lakewood, WA 98499
Email: Paulwebb38@msn.com Phone: 253-377-3132

Nominated by: Margie Worden Wyllie
Address: 6801 33rd Ave SE Lacey, WA 98503
Email: _____ Phone: _____

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| ☐ Historical Commission | ☒ Citizen |
| ☐ Staff | ☐ City Council |
| ☒ Lacey Historical Society | |

Describe the significant contribution by the Nominee to the preservation or promotion of Lacey's history (attach additional page if necessary):

See attached

Nominations will be considered by the Lacey Historical Commission at the regular monthly meeting in April. The selection shall be made by the majority vote of Commissioners present at the regular meeting. The Historical Commission is not obligated to select a Lacey Historian of the Year from the nominations submitted, if, in the opinion of the Commissioners, the nominee has not made a significant contribution to the preservation or promotion of Lacey's history.

Nominations are due by March 31st.

Submit to: Lacey Historical Commission
c/o Lacey Parks, Culture & Recreation Department
420 College St. SE
Lacey, WA 98503-1238

NOMINATION OF LACEY HISTORIAN FOR 2024

There cannot be a more deserving Historian of the Year than Paul Webb. Paul knows Lacey's history beyond that written, but as he saw and lived through the progression and advancement by the proverbial "movers and shakers" of Lacey, who we all owe such a great debt. These "movers and shakers" were not only his dad, Dick Webb, but neighbors who he learned from and followed them to be far more than just a "good citizen."

One of the area's first priorities was the need for a fire department and the Lacey Fire Department proudly just celebrated their 75th anniversary on April 2, 2024. Paul, even though he retired after 45 years, this industry is very much ingrained in him, and he is still active with the history of it and Lacey, his birthplace. In 2022, Paul put his memories and knowledge on paper and published the HISTORY OF THE LACEY FIRE DEPARTMENT-THE FIRST DECADE.

After reading Paul's book, I learned it was so much more than just a book about the Fire Department. The book explained so many things, places, and people of this town. Paul also continues to enrich the City of Lacey by being a member of the Lacey Historical Society and co-editor sharing other historical articles about our town.

I would like to nominate Paul R. Webb as Lacey's Historian of the Year for 2024.


Margie Worden Wyllie



Ken Balsley

Lacey Historian of the Year

Nomination form

Name of Nominee: Paul Webb

Address: _____

Email: paulwebb@msn.com Phone: 253-377-3132

Nominated by: Nancy Miller

Address: _____

Email: nancy@NL76.com Phone: 360-259-1365

- ☐ Historical Commission
- ☐ Staff
- ☐ Lacey Historical Society

- ☒ Citizen
- ☐ City Council

Describe the significant contribution by the Nominee to the preservation or promotion of Lacey's history (attach additional page if necessary):

Paul, a life long Laceyite, spent most of his life in the fire service, both in Lacey & Lakewood. His father, Dick Webb, was one of the founding members of Lacey FD. In his book "Lacey Fire District #3 - The First Decade" he details these early years. His extensive research includes the history of the Lacey area in general; people, places & events that shaped our lives and the city we now call Lacey. Paul continues to research and archive valuable information so future residents and generations will know how Lacey came into being.

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Email: paulwebb38@msn.com Phone: 253-377-3132

Nominated by: Lacey Historical Society

Address: PO Box 3324 Lacey, WA 98509-3324

Email: lacey.hist.society@gmail.com

Phone: contact Kendra Hensley 360.485.9395

Historical Commission

Staff

X Lacey Historical Society

Citizen

City Council

Describe the significant contribution by the Nominee to the preservation or promotion of Lacey's history (attach additional page if necessary):

As Lacey Fire Department celebrates its' 75th Anniversary of service to the community this month, one could say Paul Webb was born to write the history of the Lacey Fire Department. Firefighting and civic involvement are in his DNA. Paul is the son of Richard Webb, who helped start what is now the Lacey Fire Department and served on Lacey's first City Council. Born in what is now known as 'historic' Lacey, Paul followed in his father's footsteps, serving 45 years in fire service and becoming involved in the rebirth of the Lacey Historical Society. In September of 2023, Paul narrated a lively presentation at the City of Lacey's monthly History Talks! – A History of the Lacey Fire Department – Their First Decade. The history of the City of Lacey and its' Fire Department are inseparable.

Paul spent thousands of hours researching early Lacey, it's service cub origins, and what is known today as the Lacey Fire Department. The same department that today provides 24 hour-a-day fire and medical protection that most of us take for granted. Paul's research culminated into a fascinating and lively read for all citizens of Lacey, young and old. His book is called, 'History of the Lacey Fire Department – The First Decade'.

Paul's commitment to the history and preservation of Lacey are not limited to the Fire Service. In 2023, Paul stepped up with other volunteers to ensure the Lacey Historical Society would continue 'to be a voice for the early citizens of Lacey, and to be their stewards protecting the historical heritage they have given us.'

It is for these reasons that the Lacey Historical Society proudly nominates Paul Webb for the Ken Balsley Historian of the year award.

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Email: chiefadam1@aol.com Phone: ~~360~~ 425-330-4466

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See Attached

Also see letter of Chief Steve Brooks

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I nominate Paul R. Webb for Lacey Historian for the year 2024, specifically for his research, writing and documentation of the HISTORY OF THE LACEY FIRE DEPARTMENT – THE FIRST DECADE, which he authored in 2022.

Paul, like his mother, Annabelle Walsh, was born in Lacey and attended Lacey's public schools. From the time Paul was 5 years old, we played together (mostly with toy fire trucks). Paul's dad, Dick Webb, was active in the community teaching Paul and others the importance of citizenship and serving as a roll model for others to help create the Lacey Fire Department.

At 17, Paul recruited both of us to join the Lacey Fire Department as volunteers and later to become resident firefighters in our senior year at North Thurston High School, while living upstairs in a building behind the Women's Club.

Then Paul married "the girl next door" --literally, Mary Miller. From that time on Paul knew what he wanted to do in life. But of course, the Army had different ideas. But following that, he attended Bates Technical College where he got a Degree in Fire Science.

After completing a distinguished 45-year career in the fire service, he served as President of the Pierce County Fire Chiefs Association and as President of the Clover Park Rotary Club where he remains an active member. He also continues to give talks regarding the Lacey Fire District Number 3 and to track down old fire apparatuses and restores them for history. Paul is an active member of the Lacey Historical Society and is one of the co-editors of its newsletter, and presently serves on the Board of the Sonrise Church of God in Olympia.

I am very proud to call Paul my lifelong friend and believe he deserves to be Historian of the Year for 2024.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John H. Turner". The signature is stylized with a large, looping initial "J" and a cursive script for the rest of the name.

John H. Turner

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Sylvia Roberts

FIRE CHIEF

Steve Brooks

March 21, 2024

Lacey Historical Commission
c/o Lacey Parks, Culture & Recreation
420 College Street SE
Lacey, WA 98503

Members of the Commission,

It is my honor on behalf of the members and Commissioners of the Lacey Fire District to offer our heartfelt endorsement of the nomination of Mr. Paul Webb to receive the Ken Balsley Historian of the Year Award. I believe Mr. Webb's now over fifty years of personal dedication to serving his community while working tirelessly to preserve its history personifies the traits this prestigious award seeks to recognize.

As the Fire District prepares to celebrate our 75th anniversary on April 2nd of this year, we have been actively working to recover and restore elements of our history that have been lost or overlooked. No one has been more engaged in this process than Mr. Webb. Paul grew up in the Lacey Historic District and his father was a founding member of the Fire District almost twenty years before the incorporation of the City of Lacey. In 2022, Paul wrote and published his book, *History of the Lacey Fire Department, Personal Remembrances of Growing up in LFD*. This work alone represents countless hours of research and writing in order to memorialize some of the most formative years of this wonderful community.

Paul's ability to recall key dates, locations, and characters is unmatched, and he is constantly offering his personal time and expertise to various organizations in Lacey who wish to preserve their history. I can think of no one more deserving of recognition for his selfless dedication to telling Lacey's story in ways only someone with such intimate and long-term involvement can do. Thank you for your consideration of Mr. Webb's nomination and let me know if I can offer any additional information.

Sincerely,

Steve Brooks, Fire Chief



Nomination Form

Ken Balsley Lacey
Historian of the Year

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Email: Lacey.hist.society@gmail.com Phone: N/A

Nominated by: Erin Quinn Valcho, Museum Curator
Address: 420 College Street SE, Lacey, WA 98503
Email: Erin.Quinn.Valcho@cityoflacey.org Phone: 360-413-3557

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CITY MANAGER

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April 9, 2024

Trustees
Lacey Historical Society
P.O. Box 3324
Lacey WA 98509-3324

Trustees of the Lacey Historical Society,

This letter is in response to the request we received on January 17, 2024 regarding the recognition of the Popkes Subdivision. We really enjoyed hearing about the Popkes and the history of Selma Street and appreciated it being brought to our attention.

Our understanding of your request is that you would like the City of Lacey to:

1. Designate Selma Street as a "Memorial Roadway";
2. Add a historic street sign at the corner of Pacific Avenue and Selma Street labeled "Selma Avenue"; and
3. Add a Tulip Poplar tree to Lacey's historic tree register.

Each of these requests is covered by its own policy or ordinance and only one of these (item 2) is the responsibility of the Historical Commission. However, we have consulted with other departments to provide you with a cohesive response from the City.

Item 1 is addressed in Section 5.15 Naming of Public Facilities and Memorial Roadways in the *Lacey City Council Policies and Procedures Manual*. We have consulted the Public Affairs Department who oversees this program and the policy does not apply here. A memorial roadway provides a "secondary memorial name other than its formal navigational address name." Because the name of the street is Selma, the memorial roadway proposal would need to be a name other than Selma. The addition of avenue or street onto a name is referred to as a designation (see Lacey Municipal Code 12.04.040) rather than a name.

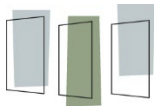
Item 2 is addressed in the Lacey Historical Commission policy, Historical Street Signs. Similar to the Memorial Roadway policy, the historic street sign program is intended to honor original the original name of a street or road. Since the name of the street was and is Selma, the policy does not apply to this request.

Item 3, the historic tree register, is managed by the Community & Economic Development Department. The process for nominating a tree to the register is described in section B of [LMC 14.32.072](#). You will need to submit the following to the attention of the Community & Economic Development Department Director, Vanessa Dolbee: a map, photograph and narrative description including the location, species, approximate age, and the characteristics on which the nomination is based.

We are very supportive of the work that you and/or Cheryl Malkmus are doing with the property owner to acknowledge the history of the area by providing historical information to the public on their site. A plaque or something of a similar nature is a great way to ensure that this important story is not lost.

Thank you so much for the work that the Lacey Historical Society does every day to preserve Lacey's history. We really are grateful to have such an invested partner in local history.

Sincerely,



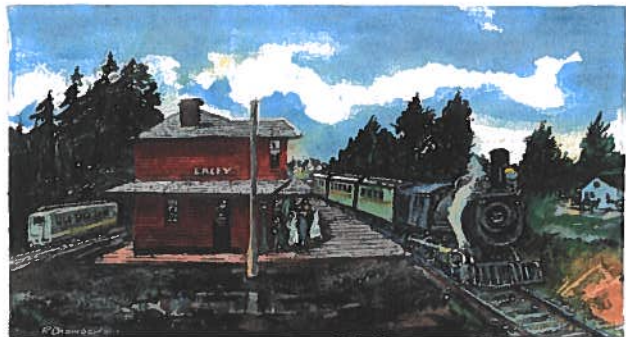
Erin Quinn Valcho
Lacey Museum Curator

To: Erin Quinn Valcho

From: David Chamberlain

re: two water color paintings of the historic Lacey depot

This document accompanies two watercolor paintings of the historic Lacey depot, which are portrayed here in these photographic snapshot reproductions:



The artist, Robert Chamberlain, passed away on March 18, 2024. These two paintings remained among his effects. I believe they were the last paintings he attempted to do. As Executor of his estate, I hereby bequeath them to you, Erin, as personal gifts, so they now become your responsibility instead of mine.

You may keep the two paintings together or dispense them separately. They are yours, and you may retain them as your own personal possessions, sell them, donate them to the City of Lacey or any other institution, give them away as gifts to other individuals, or destroy or otherwise dispose of them as you see fit.

As you and I discussed several years ago, better mats and/or proper framing might be desirable to optimize their presentability, such as it is.

You are also hereby made entitled to use or assign duplication rights as you see fit, though I would request proper attribution to the artist by anyone who makes use of the images. If you have reason to do so, and still have it available, you may also make use of the language I wrote when introducing the paintings to you years ago.

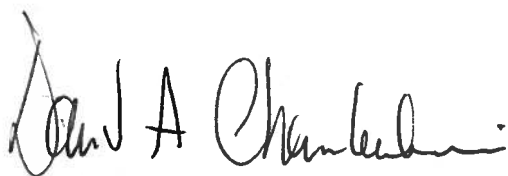
If you would like to offer one or both paintings as personal gifts to others, three individuals come to my mind whom I'd like to suggest – though as I said, the paintings are yours and any decision is at your discretion.

One is Lanny Weaver. Lacey was my childhood home from ages three through fourteen. Much of my memory-cache, imagination, and dream-life is rooted there, and my own interest in local history has grown from them. Lanny's work has provided wonderful knowledge and inspiration in that regard. Her writings about the old Lacey School, the race track, and other such topics have meant a lot to me.

Another individual, perhaps even closer to my heart, is Drew Crooks. As I mentioned to him at his recent Lacey historical lecture, he has done a variety of work regarding local history which means a great deal to me, over many years and across many venues. Furthermore, I make note of his interest in art, especially because of his beautiful book on Edward Lange. Also, I remember an impressive and meaningful poem he wrote about a historical painting (David's portrayal of Napoleon's coronation) when we were students together at Olympia High School. Although I cannot claim to have been close with Drew, he has always been friendly, kind, and helpful to me in our few conversations over the years. He also was supportive of Dad's work – in particular, his enthusiastic support of the *Sylvester's Window* paintings, which culminated in a wonderful speech he gave when they were dedicated at the Olympia Timberland Library. Dad always remembered Drew with appreciation and said so repeatedly. Perhaps Drew would enjoy owning one or both of these paintings.

The third person is Brian Van Camp, another former schoolmate. He and I were closest as classmates in ninth grade at North Thurston before I moved away from Lacey. Although we did not keep in touch after that, I remember him with fondness and admiration. Last I knew, he had attained the position of Chief of the Fire Fighters for South Bay. Maybe it's not my place to say this, but I am very proud of his service and what he has accomplished. I think now of Brian in particular because he has publicly expressed pride in his Lacey roots, especially his ancestors in the Franz family, who had intimate involvement with the original depot.

Or perhaps, if you're thinking of gifting these, you'll think of and choose someone else who might like to have them. Again, these two paintings are now yours to keep, sell, share, or dispose of, as you see fit.



David Chamberlain

State of Washington

County of Thurston

Signed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me

on 3-23-24 by David A Chamberlain

(Notary signature) 

My appointment expires 4-1-26

