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### **Humanities Washington speaker Harriet Baskas presents “Weird, Wonderful, and Worrisome Objects in Washington State’s Museums” on Zoom, April 3**

The North Olympic Library System (NOLS) presents Humanities Washington speaker and author Harriet Baskas for her talk, **“Weird, Wonderful, and Worrisome Objects in Washington State’s Museums.”** The free presentation will be on Zoom, Wednesday, April 3, at 7 p.m. Registration is required at [nols.org/hw-talk](https://nols.org/hw-talk), or by contacting your NOLS branch.

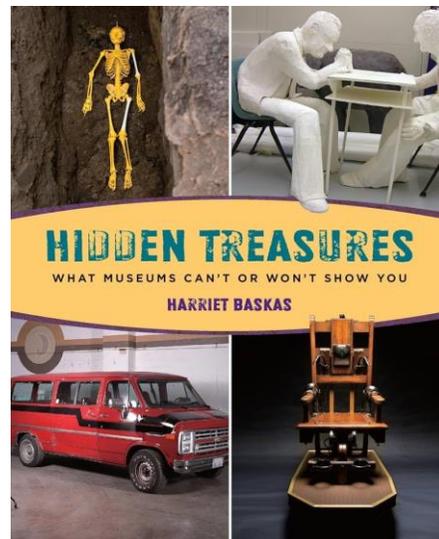
Most museums display no more than 10% of their holdings, often citing “not enough space” as the reason. But there are also a wide range of cultural, philosophical, political, environmental, historic, and even superstitious reasons why museums keep some objects from public view. In this Humanities Washington Speakers Bureau talk, Baskas explores a wide range of hidden objects found in the back rooms of museums in our state and around the country. Examples include a Spokane institution that holds Bing Crosby’s toupées and a museum in Lynden that’s home to a 150-year-old pickle.

Harriet Baskas is the author of nine books, including “111 Places in Seattle That You Must Not Miss,” and “Hidden Treasures: What Museums Can’t or Won’t Show You,” available for

checkout from NOLS. She writes about airports, museums, travel, and a variety of other topics for outlets such as NBC News, The Points Guy, and her own site, StuckatTheAirport.com. She produced a radio series on hidden museum artifacts that aired on National Public Radio. Baskas has a master's in communications from the University of Washington and lives in Seattle.

Humanities Washington is a nonprofit organization dedicated to opening minds and bridging divides by creating spaces to explore different perspectives. For more about Humanities Washington, visit [www.humanities.org](http://www.humanities.org).

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*Humanities Washington speaker Harriet Baskas talks about hidden objects found in back rooms of museums; photo courtesy of Humanities Washington. She is the author of "Hidden Treasures: What Museums Can't or Won't Show You."*

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