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Re: History Center's "Olympic Outdoors" exhibit opens June 20 at Port Angeles
Main Library
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The North Olympic Library System (NOLS), in partnership with the North Olympic History Center, presents the exhibit "Olympic Outdoors: Recreation and Relaxation on the North Olympic Peninsula" at the Port Angeles Main Library, 2210 S. Peabody St. The opening reception is set for Friday, June 20, 6:30 to 8 p.m. and features a History Tales presentation.

The exhibit explores the history of outdoor recreation on the Olympic Peninsula—highlighting activities such as hiking, skiing, fishing and soaking in hot springs. Unique artifacts and artwork from the North Olympic History Center's collections are on display, as well as previously unpublished photographs of the Olympic backcountry by amateur photographers and brothers Ray and Roy McClinton.

"We're providing a glimpse back at the many ways people have enjoyed the great outdoors on the Peninsula," said David Brownell, Executive Director of the North Olympic History Center. "More than 50 items are in the exhibit, including a lantern backpack, caulk boots, an oak ski, hand-carved maple dishware and vintage resort souvenirs. You'll also see mementos from the Port Angeles Salmon Derby Days, historic fishing gear, and a king salmon that weighed in at 68 pounds when Bill Blakey caught it on 20-pound test at Freshwater Bay."

As part of the opening reception, Larry Lang will present “Early Photos of Familiar Place – Digitizing the McClinton Family Photo Collection,” a History Tales talk that begins at 7 p.m. Lang will share insights into the photos of Ray and Roy McClinton, fraternal twins and amateur photographers who started taking photographs as teens in the 1890s, working with tripod-mounted cameras and glass-plate negatives. They captured some of the earliest known images of Marymere and Sol Duc falls, Fairholme and lakes Crescent and Sutherland.

The “Olympic Outdoors” exhibit will be on display June 20 through Aug. 30. It is part of the NOLS Art in the Library program with generous support from the Port Angeles Friends of the Library.

For more information about the exhibition, visit NOLS.org, call 360-417-8500 or email discover@nols.org.

The North Olympic History Center offers a variety of membership levels for people who would like to help preserve local history. Learn more at www.northolympichistory.org or by calling 360-452-2662.



Camping scene, ca. 1895, McClinton Bros. Photographers.

Image courtesy of the North Olympic History Center.



“Deer Park,” 1940, oil painting by Thomas Guptill. From the collection of the North Olympic History Center. The painting was in the Duck Inn Restaurant in Port Angeles for many years.

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