



Make Tracks
TO WASHINGTON'S SIDE OF THE GORGE

Make Tracks for History

—Bid Upon a Star, The Sky's the Limit

March 11, 2006 6 PM to 10 PM

Columbia Gorge Interpretive Center Annual Auction

Silent Auction and music with Mark J and Too Much

Once a year, the Columbia Gorge Interpretive Center Museum in Stevenson, Washington hosts a Silent Auction. The single most important fundraiser of the year, this is not your traditional evening out.

Created as collection detailing the full history of the Columbia River Gorge, from the first migrations to the present day—the Columbia Gorge Interpretive Center Museum demonstrates the remarkable scope of geologic and human history in the region. From the established native population found by the Anglo explorers, to the development of the diverse economic base in the early part of the 20th century with logging and fish wheels powering the machine. With today's growth of the tourism and adventure related travel, this award-winning museum informs and educates locals and visitors alike.

The Silent Auction allows friends of the Center to step up creatively supporting the museum in one night of celebrating the history of the region to insure the museum continues as a fundamental block in our community. The support arrives in the form of donations to the auction and leaves as purchased "goods". A true "local night," this is an unusual auction. The items are as likely to be dried cordwood as they are to be a year of weekly pizza. For instance this year, Bear Mountain Products donated a pallet of fire logs and a pallet of stove pellets. Want to stay warm next winter? Local shops donate gift certificates. Skamania Lodge and the Columbia Gorge Riverside Lodge donate "nights". Napa Auto Parts donates the collectable model car of the year. And the list runs on and on. This is an evening of whimsy and practical. A night when shopping benefits the Center and you take home more than just an evening out.

This year's Master of Ceremonies will be Captain Tom Cramblett, Master of the Columbia Gorge Sternwheeler out of Cascade Locks. Like the Center, Captain Tom carries the history of the region into modern times. His deep appreciation of the Gorge becomes obvious in his narrative on the Sternwheeler's excursions from the Port of Cascade Locks. This night, though land bound, will be another interesting excursion with Captain Tom.

Join us. A bit of history. A bite to eat. And a bid to preserve it for future generations. Always a good time. Never a dud.

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