

Schafer Bros. Logging film, and Authors of "Schafer State Park" Head to Westport Library

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WESTPORT, Wash. - Back by popular demand: Peter Schafer Reid will return to the Westport Timberland Library to show restored films of the 1926 logging operations of the Schafer Bros. Logging Company. Reid and Barbara Seal Ogle will also talk about their just-released book, “Schafer State Park,” published to celebrate the Washington State Parks System’s 100th anniversary. The event takes place on Saturday, April 27 from 1 to 2:30 p.m. The brothers Peter, Albert and Hubert Schafer began logging in 1893 on the family homestead six miles upstream from the mouth of the Satsop River. By the 1920s, the Schafers were running one of the largest logging, milling and shipping concerns in the Northwest lumber industry, employing about 3,000 people. Simpson Timber Company purchased the company in 1955. The book, “Schafer State Park,” includes more than 200 vintage images and history from pioneer days to the present. Copies of the book will be available for purchase and signing. The park itself, a US National Historic Site located north of Elma, was developed by the Schafer family and donated to the state in 1924. The park represents a unique example of 1930s craftsmanship by Works Progress Administration builders. It is also a window into the settlement of the Satsop River Valley.

A descendant of the Schafer Family, Reid was born and raised in Aberdeen. He is the great grandson of John and Anna Schafer who settled in the Satsop River Valley in 1872 and the grandson of Peter Schafer. Reid currently serves as Chair of the Board of Directors of the Washington State Parks Foundation. He and his wife, Barbara Ogle, moved to Olympia in 2006. Ogle’s childhood family vacations included camping and visiting National and State Parks. She photographs plants, animals and landscapes found in state, national and international parks. Ogle serves on the Board of Directors of the Olympia World Affairs Council. The Westport Timberland Library is located at 101 E. Harms Drive. For more information, contact the library at (360) 268-0521 or visit www.TRL.org.