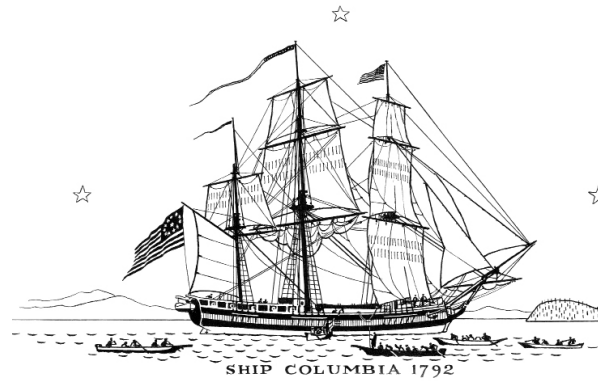


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GUEST SPEAKER: Scott Ridley, Author

PRESENTATION: REDISCOVERING HISTORY: John Kendrick's Daring American Odyssey in the Pacific

TIME: Saturday, March 19th, 2011 - 2:30 p.m.

The Columbia River Maritime Museum is pleased to welcome author and guest speaker, Scott Ridley, on Saturday, March 19th at 2:30 in the Kern Room. He will discuss the subject of his latest book, *MORNING OF FIRE*, a tale of maritime adventure, intrigue and high-stakes diplomacy.

This is the fascinating story of John Kendrick's seven year odyssey through the American frontier. Ridley traces the life and adventures of this charismatic and daring Revolutionary War veteran against a backdrop of intense territorial conflict between Spain and Britain and high-stakes politics among the rest of the world's powers. The story focuses on John Kendrick's bravery, charm, and remarkable resolve to navigate unknown waters, escaping the Spanish officials who wanted him captured and a British captain who wanted him dead.

Kendrick's journey began in Boston in October 1787 as the first American-flagged passage around the storm-blasted Cape Horn with two small ships and and fifty-two men. His mission was to start a trade in furs with China and establish an American outpost on the West Coast. In attempting to discover the Northwest Passage, Kendrick became a trusted ally of the native people on the Northwest Coast, and in a series of trans-Pacific voyages, he sailed the war-torn islands of Hawaii, and built up further alliances there in the cutthroat marketplaces of China.

Scott Ridley is a policy analyst and author who has written for the *Nation*, *The New Republic*, *Newsday*, *Denver Post* and a host of other publications. Among his other attributes, Ridley is descended from a long line of New England sailors and shipbuilders. He has studied and collected books and artifacts on maritime life for forty years. He lives with his family in East Harwich, Massachusetts.

Scott Ridley will be available after his talk to sign copies of his book in the Museum Store.

This presentation is free to Museum members or with paid admission to the Museum.

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