

Press Release



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GUEST SPEAKER: Rex Ziak, Author/Historian

PRESENTATION: John Jacob Astor: Ships, Furs and the Columbia River

DATE: March 24th, 2011 - 1:30 p.m.

On March 24th, 1811, John Jacob Astor's ship *Tonquin* crossed the Columbia River's bar and sailed onto the pages of early Oregon History. Astor had grand ambitions for the mouth of the Columbia River as an emporium for a global trade network.

On March 24th, 2011, you are invited to the Columbia River Maritime Museum for a special presentation by local author/historian Rex Ziak. Ziak's lecture will describe the maritime aspect of Astor's plan for the North American fur trade and will thoroughly describe the nightmarish and tragic voyage of the *Tonquin*.

Highly regarded as a dynamic public speaker, Rex Ziak conveys the adventures of history with enthusiasm and excitement. Rex has written two books on Lewis and Clark, won an Emmy for cinematography, and been profiled on NBC's Today Show for his forest conservation work. Rex was recently named one of the Mark O. Hatfield Distinguished Historians for his scholarship and writing.

Ziak's enthusiasm is contagious. We invite you to share in that enthusiasm and enjoy the commemoration of this important period in Astoria's history.

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

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General Museum Information: Admission is charged

Museum Members are Free

Adults \$10 - Seniors (over 65) : \$8

Children (ages 6-17): \$5 - Children under 6: Free