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CCHM Speaker Series

A Search for Acceptance: The Joys and Challenges of Clark County's LGBTQ+ Community from Early Contact Through Today

Vancouver, Wash. – Clark County Historical Museum welcomes April Buzby (she/they) to present “A Search for Acceptance: The Joys and Challenges of Clark County's LGBTQ+ Community from Early Contact Through Today” for this month’s CCHM Speaker Series. The event will occur on Thursday, June 1, 2023, at the Clark County Historical Museum (1511 Main Street, Vancouver, WA 98660). Doors open at 6 p.m. and the event begins at 7 p.m.

From the life and times of Kutenai spiritual leader, Kocomenepeca, through waves of public “hysteria” over homosexuality throughout the 1900s and the tragedy of Nikki Kuhnhausen in 2019, Clark County's lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer/questioning (LGBTQ+) population has long found themselves the target for criminalization, victimization, and erasure. Yet, in spite of the challenges, they have built a strong and vibrant community in Clark County that celebrates its rich history. With each setback, they have continued to persevere and push for the protections and rights afforded the heterosexual community. In this talk, April will look at the history of the LGBTQ+ community in Clark County – from their struggles to their victories.

April Buzby is a recognized leader and speaker in social justice and public policy issues that impact low-income and marginalized communities. They hold a BA in Geography from Keene State College and a Master of Community and Regional Planning from the University of Oregon. Buzby spent 10 years working in community planning and public policy at the national level before changing their focus to local advocacy and decolonization of historical narratives. They are currently the Outreach and Public Programs Manager for the Clark County Historical Museum and principal consultant for Lymantria Consulting, a social impact consulting firm. Buzby is lead author on the white paper, “Crime Has No Home Here: Affordable Housing and Crime in Rural America,” which pushes back at the criminalization of affordable housing in rural communities.

The CCHM Speaker Series is sponsored by the Clark County Historic Preservation Commission and League of Women Voters of Clark County. General admission is \$5; seniors and students are \$4; children under 18 are \$3; and the evening is free for CCHM members, veterans, and active-duty military personnel.

Attendees are encouraged to arrive early, as seating is limited.

For more information, contact the museum at 360-993-5679 or outreach@cchmuseum.org.

About Clark County Historical Society and Museum



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The Clark County Historical Society and Museum is committed to responsible collections stewardship, innovative collaboration and inspiring exhibitions and programs that engage the community in an exploration of Clark County's past, present and future.

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