



Peak Perspectives 125th Anniversary Special Speaker Series

Join us in saying Happy Quasquicentennial, Mount Rainier National Park — but Happy 125th works, too! On March 2, 1899, President William McKinley signed into legislation America's fifth national park, Mount Rainier National Park. To celebrate the past, present, and future of the park, we invite you to a special speaker series featuring diverse perspectives and narratives focusing on natural and cultural landscapes orbiting the iconic mountain.

All presentations take place at the Paradise Inn Great Room every Wednesday from 7–8 pm throughout Summer 2024. For more details or other events, scan the QR code or visit: go.nps.gov/cal



1899 - 2024
Celebrating 125 years of Mount Rainier National Park and Tribal stewardship since time immemorial.

Date	Speaker	Organization	Presentation
June 5	Stephen Lias Composer-in-Residence	Composing in the Wilderness	Wild Music: A Composer's Obsession with National Parks
June 12	Randy King Former Mount Rainier National Park Superintendent	National Park Service, Retired	Management Challenges and Changes at Mount Rainier National Park
June 19	Jocelyn Atkins Founder & Executive Director	Cascades Carnivore Project	Rare Carnivores of the Cascades
June 26	Dr. Andrew Fountain Professor of Geography & Geology	Department of Geology, Portland State University	Glacier Change at Mount Rainier and across the American West
July 3	No events planned this week.		
July 10	Jeff Antonelis-Lapp Emeritus Professor	Evergreen State University	Tahoma's Biggest Stories
July 17	Rachel Heaton , Member of Muckleshoot Indian Tribe	Member of Muckleshoot Indian Tribe and founder of The Earth Gym	First all Native climb of Mount Tahoma and Tribal Use of Mount Rainier
July 24	Patrick Pringle Emeritus Professor	Centralia College	Deciphering how buried trees record geologic and environmental history in Cascadia
July 31	Stephen Lias Composer-in-Residence	Composing in the Wilderness	Wild Music: A Composer's Obsession with National Parks
Aug 7	Eric Simonson CEO & Owner	International Mountain Guides	Climbing Mount Rainier: Past, Present, and Future
Aug 14	Carolyn Driedger Emeritus Hydrologist & Outreach Coordinator	United States Geological Survey – Cascades Volcano Observatory	Mount Rainier: A landscape in transition
Aug 21	Greg Burtchard , former Cultural Resource Specialist. Faculty Fellow of Anthropology	Mount Rainier National Park, Retired Pacific Lutheran University	Foragers on the Mountain: 10,000 Years of Human Presence on Mount Rainier
Aug 28	Dr. David Vales Dr. Kurt Jenkins , Scientist Emeritus	United States Geological Survey – Forest and Rangeland Ecosystem Science Center	The Elk of Mount Rainier: Then and Now
Sept 4	Greg Burtchard former Cultural Resource Specialist. Faculty Fellow of Anthropology	Mount Rainier National Park, Retired Pacific Lutheran University	Foragers on the Mountain: 10,000 Years of Human Presence on Mount Rainier
Sept 11	Dr. Thomas Sisson Research Geologist	United States Geological Survey – California Volcano Observatory	Mount Rainier: Active Volcano
Sept 18	Dr. Claire Todd Professor, Department Chair Geological Sciences	California State University San Bernardino	Tracking Changes in Mount Rainier's Debris-covered Glaciers
Sept 25	Cynthia Iyall Former Tribal Chair	Nisqually Indian Tribe	Nisqually's Foundational History: Medicine Creek Treaty & Leschi
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