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Here's to the Women!

Performance at Chehalis library showcases Washington women's history

Both the silencing of women's experience and the empowering of women's voices will be showcased in "Here's to the Women," a presentation by Bellingham songwriter, performer and educator Linda Allen. The event takes place on Thursday, February 18 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Chehalis Timberland Library.

Ms Allen's performance features sing-a-long songs, images, stories and readings. Meet Spokane's Helga Estby and other women of Washington. Estby walked across America in 1896, yet her story was concealed and nearly lost. Meet Emma Smith Devoe and May Arkwright Hutton, suffragists instrumental in winning the vote in Washington in 1910, Alice Lord who organized Seattle waitresses in the 1930s, Rosie the Riveter, an icon from the '40s and Rosalinda Guillen, a contemporary activist.



Allen has released seven original recordings and two Northwest songbook collections. She has worked with the Washington Women's History Project, the World YWCA, the Washington Centennial Commission (as Washington's Resident Songwriter), the Washington Women's History Consortium, the Cultural Enrichment and Folklife Programs of the State Arts Commission and the Folklife in the Schools program. She also facilitates classes on voice and creativity and directs a women's choir. Her Web site is www.lindasongs.com.

This Inquiring Mind presentation is sponsored by Humanities Washington. The Chehalis Timberland Library is located at 400 N Market Blvd. For more information, please contact the library at (360) 748-3301 or go to www.TRL.org.

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