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Local geology and earthquake hazards expert to speak at Shelton library

The geology of Mason County and South Puget Sound is fascinating and complex—and has its hazards, too. Tim Walsh, engineering geologist and manager of Washington's Geologic Hazards Program will present an eye-opening lecture on Thursday, February 4 from 6 to 7 p.m. at the Shelton Timberland Library (the William G. Reed Public Library).

"I'll talk about the geology of South Puget Sound with an emphasis on the geologic history and earthquake hazards of Mason County," wrote Walsh in an email. Walsh will project PowerPoint photos and maps to illustrate his talk and will answer audience questions.

Walsh has done extensive geologic mapping in all parts of the state as well as tsunami hazard mapping, active fault characterization, and landslide and abandoned coal mine hazard assessments. He has also directed and participated in a broad range of geologic hazard assessments and maps for land use and emergency management planning.

Walsh is a licensed engineering geologist and the manager of the Geologic Hazards Program for the Washington Division of Geology and Earth Resources of the Department of Natural Resources. He has practiced geology in Washington for more than 30 years and taught at South Puget Sound Community College for more than 20 years. He received Bachelors and Masters Degrees in geology from UCLA.

The Geology & Earth Resources Web page is a rich source of information that includes reports and maps. Access it at <http://www.dnr.wa.gov/AboutDNR/Divisions/GER/Pages/home.aspx>.

The presentation is sponsored by the Friends of the Shelton Timberland Library. The library is located at 710 W Alder Street. For more information, contact the library at (360) 426-1362 or go to www.TRL.org.

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