

THIRD FLOOR MAIN LOBBY

Puyallup Fair
Mt. Rainier National Park
Port of Tacoma

SECOND FLOOR EDUCATION LOBBY

Pioneer Farm Museum
Heritage League of Pierce County
Tacoma-Pierce County Genealogical Society
Tacoma School District
Local Costumers

AUDITORIUM

3:35 Ron Magden: *A Visual History of Pierce County*
4:20 Bill Baarsma: *Past Mayors of Tacoma*
5:00 Chinese Reconciliation Project Foundation
5:30 Japanese American Community History,
Tacoma-Pierce County
7:15 Bart Ripp: *Collecting Postcards*

AMPHITHEATER AND PLAZA

3:35 Loose Threads (Choral Sextet)
4:20 Danny Marshall: *Traditional Stories from Puget Sound*
Ezra Meeker Historical Society and Mansion Museum (Plaza)

Pierce County was created by the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Oregon on December 22, 1852. Historians provided this description of our county: "Pierce County is not the largest in the state, but it is one of the most important; it has about 125 miles of salt-water shore line, with many bays and inlets and several important islands. It has a greater variety of elevations than any other county in the United States, reaching from the tide level of Puget Sound to the summit of Tacoma-Rainier, which mountain is wholly within the boundary of the county, thus giving a panorama of scenic beauty unequaled anywhere, and a climate ranging from a mild and salubrious temperate zone quality in the valleys to the most rigorous, up on the mountain side. The mountains and foothills are full of coal and precious metals. The rivers, fed by the glaciers of Mount Tacoma, possess almost immeasurable water power." Fittingly, the Pierce County Council on May 25, 1999 adopted as the Pierce County Slogan, "Majestic Pierce County, Window to Northwest Grandeur."



Pierce County 150 Years of History

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Washington State History Museum

