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THE RICE MUSEUM TO HOST ONLINE TALK WITH AUTHOR LESLIE MOCLOCK

Author and past Rice Museum Curator will present an online talk about the recently published *Rocks, Minerals, and Geology of the Pacific Northwest* on Friday, May 14 from 6:00 to 8:00pm. This event is free but advance registration is required. This program is sponsored by the Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund and Cultural Coalition of Washington County.

Copies of the book are available for purchase at the Museum gift shop.

"This event is the first of what is hoped to be a series featuring regional authors related to the themes and topics featured at the Rice Museum," says Executive Director [Aurore Giguet](#).

Rocks, Minerals, and Geology of the Pacific Northwest features many specimens that visitors can view in the Museum's Northwest Gallery and is a resource for rockhounds, hikers, and geology enthusiasts alike. Explaining everything from minuscule crystals to regional plate tectonics it highlights 100 rocks, minerals, and fossil types, complete with color photography and descriptions of the defining physical properties and textures. Readers will develop a greater appreciation for the world around them and the earth beneath them.

ABOUT THE AUTHORS

Leslie Moclock has an MS in geology from the University of California–Davis, where she taught field and laboratory geology. She held the position of curator at the Rice Northwest Museum of Rocks and Minerals in Hillsboro, Oregon, for five years.

Jacob Selander grew up in Oregon and holds a PhD from the university of California–Davis. He is an instructor at Highline College in Des Moines, Washington, where he teaches introductory geology, geomorphology, and geologic hazards classes.

ABOUT THE MUSEUM

Housing a world-class collection of rocks and minerals, the Rice Museum is recognized as the finest in the Pacific Northwest and one of the best in the nation. Its educational programs include organized school field trips as well as ongoing educational outreach throughout the community at large. The Museum is listed on the National Register of Historic Places for its unique architectural style and its use of natural stone and extraordinary native Oregon woodwork throughout the building.

The Rice Museum is a Smithsonian Affiliate, one of only three in Oregon. The Affiliation serves as an endorsement to the quality of a museum's facilities, the training and professionalism of its staff, and its mission to educate the public. More information about the Smithsonian Affiliations program and Affiliate activity is available at www.affiliations.si.edu.

For more information about the Rice Northwest Museum of Rocks and Minerals, call (503) 647-2418 or visit www.ricenorthwestmuseum.org.

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