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WHAT: **Mission Mill Museum Announces New Lecture:**  
***Place and History: In Search of the Pacific Northwest*** by William G. Robbins  
WHERE: Mission Mill Museum, 1313 Mill Street SE, Salem, OR, 97301  
WHEN: Saturday, March 29, 2008, 1:00 pm  
COST: Non-members Free with Museum Admission; Members Free

Mission Mill Museum is pleased to announce an Oregon Chautauqua program by William G. Robbins entitled *Place and History: In Search of the Pacific Northwest*.

America was once characterized by broadly distinct regions: New England, the Deep South, and the Midwest. Do these designations still have meaning? What do we mean when we identify the place where we live as the "Pacific Northwest?" William G. Robbins presents an illustrated talk in which he discusses the complex relationships between geography and history, and shows how cultural regions are intertwined with regional geographies and sense of place.

William G. Robbins is Emeritus Distinguished Professor of History at Oregon State University. Following a four-year enlistment in the United States Navy, Robbins earned a B.S. degree from Western Connecticut State University and M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Oregon. Interspersed with his graduate work were teaching experiences in public schools in Oregon and Maine. After a two-year stint at Western Oregon University, he joined the faculty at Oregon State University in 1971 where he has taught courses in the History of the American West and Environmental History.

Robbins has authored and edited eleven books, including *Landscapes of Conflict: The Oregon Story, 1940-2000 (2004)* and; *Landscapes of Promise: The Oregon Story, 1800-1940 (1997)* where Robbins tells Oregon history in a new and provocative way: he tries to do justice not only to the people who inhabited and shaped the land, but to the land, which no doubt shaped the people.

This program comes to us through, and is generously sponsored by the Oregon Council for the Humanities Chautauqua Program, funded by the Oregon Council for the Humanities.

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Mission Mill Museum is a non-profit, five acre, historical museum that preserves and interprets two homes from the 1841 Methodist Mission Station in Salem, the 1847 home of the Oregon Trail traveling John D. Boone Family, the oldest Presbyterian Church in the Pacific Northwest, and the Thomas Kay Woolen Mill established in 1889. The museum's histories are shared with visitors through daily and group tours, speakers, living history, children's programs, hands-on activities, special events, the museum store and rental facilities. For more information please call 503-585-7012 or visit the Mission Mill website at <http://www.missionmill.org>.

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