



## NORTHWEST GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

A regional association of professionals, students & others interested in geology  
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### March, 2024 Newsletter

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#### March 12 Program Speaker—No Speaker or Meeting This Month

**No meeting** as this month's gathering has been cancelled

#### Speaker: No Speaker This Month

**Title: Abstract:** We regret to convey that, due to circumstances beyond our control, we have been unable to secure either an in-person or a remote speaker this month, resulting in cancellation of this month's gathering. Please see below for upcoming speakers later this spring.

Please also note that we are still in need of filling the **President Elect** position. Having this position filled is vital to the viability of NWGS, as the President Elect is responsible (with assistance of the Board and membership) for securing speakers for the upcoming year. The last several years, our volunteers for the position of President have had to step immediately into this role without the support of a President Elect, which has at least partially contributed to our current challenges in finding speakers. Please carefully consider volunteering for this position. With the support of the other Board members, it is not that difficult, and our future depends on this.

#### IN-PERSON PROGRAM DINNER RESERVATIONS

**Cost:** NWGS member dinner: \$40; Non-member dinner: \$50; Student dinner: \$10; Talk-only: \$10; Student talk-only: free

**To register for attending in-person:** please [make your reservation here](http://nwgs.org/meeting-registration/) (nwgs.org/meeting-registration/) by the Thursday prior to the meeting.

#### Catered menu:

Fauntleroy YMCA next to the Fauntleroy UCC Church, West Seattle, 9140 California Ave SW, Seattle, WA. 98136. Use the parking lot on the north side of the building. Get [Google Maps driving directions here](#).

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#### Upcoming Speakers and Field Trips

**April 9:** Darrel Cowan, UW Emeritus, Evolution of ideas—1969-1985— about plate convergence along the western margin of North America.

**May 7:** Will Hoover, UW Postdoc, Earthquakes and baby powder: How chemical reactions influence Cascadia slow slip

**Spring Field Trip:** Tom Doe, Issaquah Highlands/Cougar Mtn (date TBD in May or June).

**Fall Field Trip:** TBD.

If you would like to volunteer to give a talk or lead a field trip for NWGS, please contact President [Maria Parente](#).

Please see the [NWGS website](#) for detailed announcements.  
Contact webmaster [Matthew Porter](#) if you have any announcements to post on the website.

- Note that the **May meeting will be on May 7**, the first Tuesday, so as to not conflict with the GSA Cordilleran Sectional meeting.
- Please notice below that there are still two open Board of Directors positions: **President Elect** and an **NWGS Board** position. The success and future of this fine organization depends on shared governance by its members. The time commitment is not enormous, and this is a rewarding opportunity to contribute to the direction of NWGS. Please contact President Elect [Maria Parente](#) or any Board member for more information.
- There are some other exciting **field trip** options on the horizon! These include possible trips to the **Jurassic coast of England** (Fall, 2024), and Wales to be led by Chris Darmon (Fall, 2025?).
- We are currently working on filling in the talk and field trip schedules for 2024. Please let [Maria Parente](#) know if you would like to volunteer or have any suggestions.
- Next **Board of Directors meeting**: March 19, 6:00 pm. Members are welcome to attend. Please email [nwgs.secretary.com](mailto:nwgs.secretary.com) for the Zoom link.

## About NWGS

The [Northwest Geological Society](#) is a non-profit educational organization which provides a forum for information and discussion on Northwest geology and related topics. The Society sponsors talks by leading academic and professional geologists at its monthly meetings, conducts field trips to locales of regional geologic interest, and publishes meeting summaries and field guides based on those activities. Membership is open to anyone interested in regional geoscience issues.

**Program meetings** are the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesdays, October through May. We are trying a new in-person venue this month at the [Fauntleroy YMCA in West Seattle, 9140 California Ave SW, WA, 98136](#). Reservations are required to attend in-person (Member dinner: \$40; Non-member dinner: \$50; Student dinner: \$10; Talk-only: \$10; Student talk-only: free).

**Field trips (members only):** The Society sponsors two overnight field trips each year, one in the fall and one in the spring, to locales of regional geologic interest.

**Membership** is open to anybody with an interest in geology. **Annual dues:** Professional: \$55; Student: \$10. **To join or pay annual dues:** go to the [NWGS website](#), or visit our website for more details. We look forward to seeing you soon!

## Recommended Readings

Please send your reading recommendations to Newsletter Editor [Tom Bush](#).

To update your account information,, go to [NWGS.org/membership](http://NWGS.org/membership).  
Questions or comments? Contact President [Francois Lalague](#).

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