



Pacific Northwest Chapter

Please join the Geological Society of the Oregon Country and the Association for Women Geoscientists' Pacific Northwest Chapter for a special joint Zoom meeting featuring **Keith Ronnholm** presenting:

Eyewitness to an Exploding Volcano - Mount St. Helens

Date: Wednesday, January 27

Sign in / Social: 6:45 pm

Presentation: 7:00 pm

We'll have 15 minutes for people to get signed in and socialize a bit. The presentation will start at **7:00 pm**, and Q&A will end around 8:30. After the Q&A, we'll have up until 9 pm for people to meet in breakout rooms. The presentation will last about an hour. This meeting will NOT be recorded.

You **MUST** register for this meeting [HERE](#). Within a few days, you should receive an email from Zoom with a link to enter the meeting. **Please register by 5 pm PST on January 27.**

Abstract:

In 1980, Keith Ronnholm was a graduate student in the geophysics program at the University of Washington. On May 18th, he was camped at Bear Meadows, 10 miles from Mount St. Helens, and captured photographs of the explosive eruption, before racing away from the onrushing blast cloud and dodging falling rocks. He has an extensive collection of eyewitness photos from numerous vantage points, and he will narrate the events of that morning and discuss how the mountain has evolved since that time. The talk will be a visual treat as Keith will draw from an extensive collection of images, both his and those from other eyewitnesses, to document the dramatic events that occurred in 1980.

Now retired, Keith was a research scientist with the University of Washington Joint Institute for the Study of the Atmosphere and Ocean (JISAO), deploying and maintaining climate monitoring buoys for NOAA.