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## The OE History Night at the Edgefield in April

The Oregon Encyclopedia (The OE) continues its monthly series of History Nights at McMenamins pubs with programs at the Edgefield Power Station Theater. At each History Night, The OE will look back at the people and events that have shaped our communities. Visit [www.oregonencyclopedia.org](http://www.oregonencyclopedia.org) for History Night locations and more details.

**“Changing Shores: The Then and Now of the Columbia River”**

**Presented by William D. Layman**

**Tuesday, April 24, 2012**

**6:30 p.m., doors open at 5:00 pm**

**McMenamins Edgefield Power Station Theater, 2126 SW Halsey St., Troutdale**

**Free and open to the public**

How can one really know and experience the Columbia River when it has been so utterly transformed in the space of only a couple of generations? At this Oregon Encyclopedia History Night presentation award winning author, William D. Layman, showcases photographs both old and new and highlights photographers who have documented the river as it was and is today. A special focus is an extraordinary collection of 1962 slides taken by Wenatchee fire chief T. A. Weaver when the river was in its last throws of dam building. Weaver’s work was visionary in scope; unlike others, he paid no attention to jurisdictions or borders - it was simply his love of the river that took flight.

William D. Layman’s writing focuses primarily on the history and archaeology of the Columbia River. Author of numerous articles published in *Columbia Magazine* and elsewhere, Layman’s research was recognized in 1997 as one of two first recipients of the James B. Castles Award for deepening the appreciation of Columbia River heritage. He is author of three acclaimed books, *Native River: The Columbia Remembered* (2002), *River of Memory: the Everlasting Columbia* (2006) and *Atlas of the Canadian Columbia* (2010).

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The OE is an online resource for information on the state’s significant people, places, events, institutions, and biota. Over 1000 entries and essays have been published online and new entries are added every day. For more information visit [www.oregonencyclopedia.org](http://www.oregonencyclopedia.org).

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