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Northwest Occupational Health Conference

October 21-23, 2026
Bothell, WA



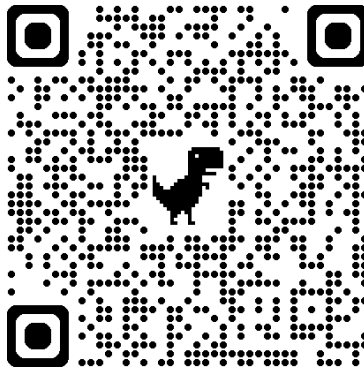
For 70 years, we've established the NOHC as a high quality, multi-disciplinary conference, one of the best offered by a local section of AIHA. We welcome you and invite you to learn, get involved and become an active part of the community of professionals advocating for worker protections.

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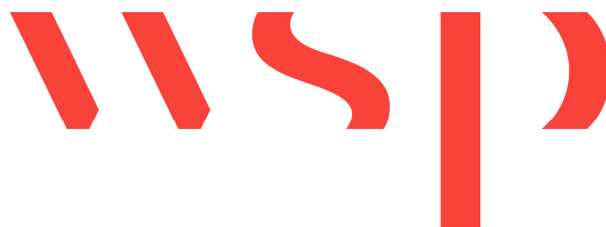
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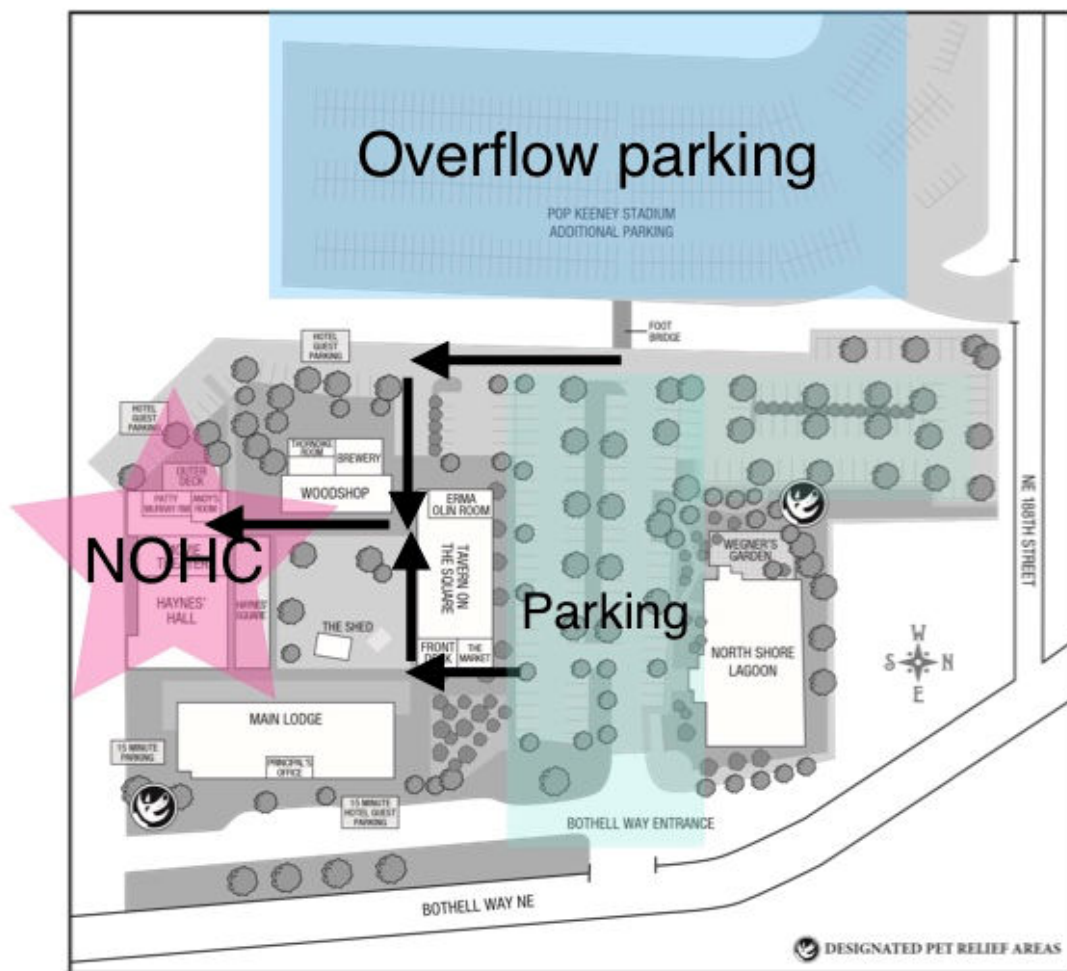
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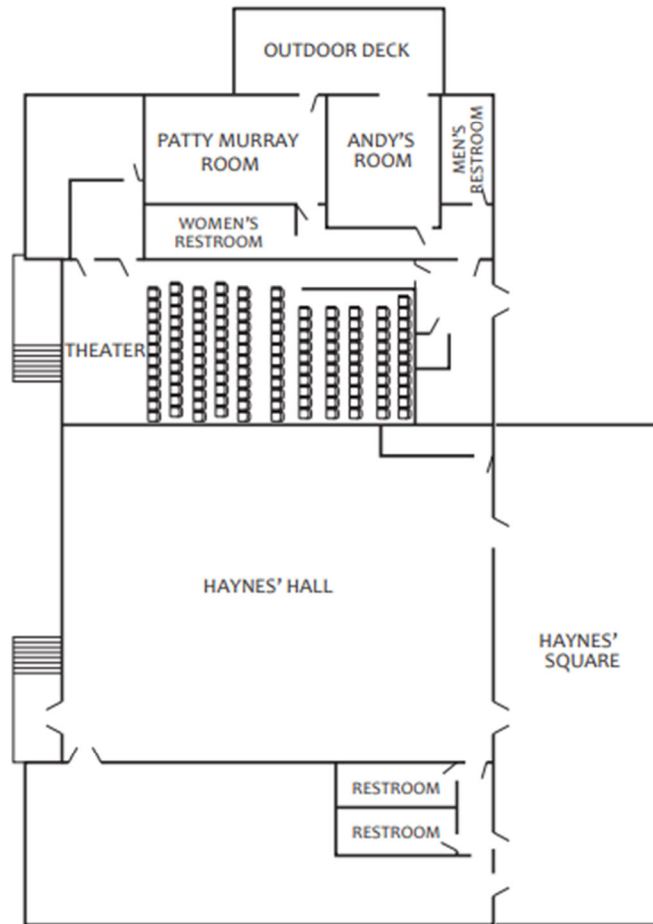


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EVENT SPACES



HAYNES' HALL

Located in the old gym, our largest space, Haynes' Hall, is 4300 square feet and can accommodate up to 285 guests seated and up to 600 for an event such as live music.

Capacity up to 600 guests.

HAYNES' SQUARE

Named for an early farming family in the acres nearby, this outdoor venue is available in conjunction with Haynes' Hall from June 1 - October 15.

PATTY MURRAY ROOM

Named for this Bothell native, a daughter of a Bothell merchant, Patty Murray became the first female U.S. Senator from Washington state in 1993. This Room is our second-largest event space at 608 square feet, and opens onto a deck shared with the adjacent private event space.

Capacity up to 40 guests.

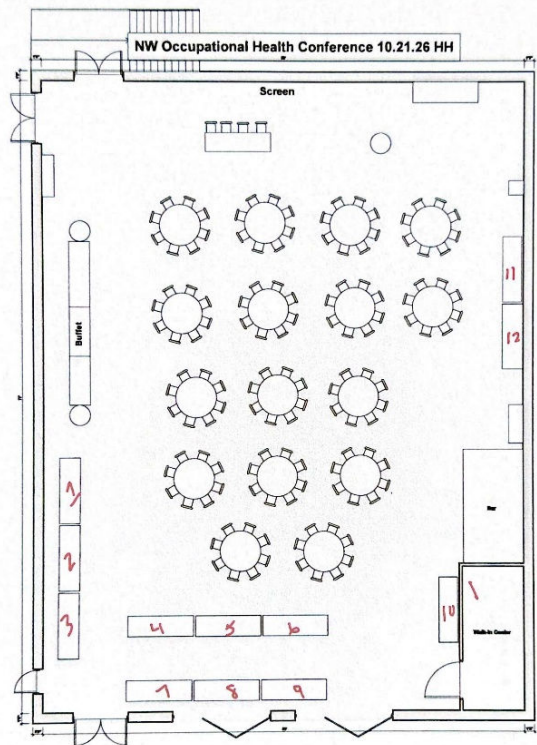
ANDY'S ROOM

Named for one of Bothell's first settlers, Andy's Room is 460 square feet and is set up with comfortable lounge furniture and a large table. It opens onto a deck shared with the Patty Murray Room.

Capacity up to 25 guests.

Exhibitor Booth Layout

Table	Exhibitor
1	NVL Laboratories, Inc.
2	WSP USA
3	Washington Audiology Services, Inc.
4	Life Safety Corporation
5	PNS-AIHA/NAOEM
6	3M
7	UW Dept of Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences Continuing Education
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9	SKC West, Inc
10	BSI Consulting
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12	ALS Laboratories



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Welcome to the Northwest Occupational Health Conference 2026!

As President-Elect of the Pacific Northwest Section of AIHA and Chair of this year's conference, I am honored to welcome you to the historic McMenamins Anderson School. As we celebrate the 70th year of NOHC in the Pacific Northwest, it has been a privilege to work alongside our dedicated 2026 planning committee to bring together occupational and environmental health professionals from across the region for this exciting event.

This year's short course focuses on emerging issues and practical updates for occupational health professionals, including evolving TSCA chemical regulations, safer material alternatives, odor thresholds, and the growing role of artificial intelligence in the workplace.

Our technical sessions on Thursday and Friday explore the profession's evolution from traditional compliance-based occupational health programs to intelligence-driven worker health protection. Through advancements in technology, AI, real-time exposure monitoring, and multidisciplinary collaboration, organizations are gaining new tools to better understand and protect worker health. Throughout the conference, you will experience thought-provoking presentations, expert speakers, engaging discussions, and opportunities to exchange ideas with colleagues from a wide range of industries and disciplines.

We are especially pleased to welcome the Northwest Association of Occupational and Environmental Medicine (NWA OEM) physicians and allied health professionals as partners in planning this year's conference. Their collaboration has enriched the conference program by bringing together expertise from industrial hygiene, occupational medicine, and allied health disciplines. We are also proud to offer a dedicated occupational medicine continuing education session, creating additional opportunities for learning, professional development, and interdisciplinary collaboration.

One highlight of this year's program is our closing panel featuring some of the Pacific Northwest's most experienced industrial hygiene consultants. Their perspectives on how the profession has evolved, the challenges they have encountered, and the enduring principles that continue to guide our work promise to be both insightful and inspiring. For students and early-career EHS and IH professionals in particular, this session may be one of the conference's most valuable opportunities for learning, mentorship, and networking.

In addition to the educational program, we encourage you to attend the annual Welcome Party, where you can reconnect with colleagues, build new relationships, and strengthen the professional network that makes our occupational health community so exceptional.

I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to our planning committee, sponsors, exhibitors, speakers, and volunteers for their dedication and support in making this conference possible. Together, we are advancing our profession and helping to build a safer, healthier, and more resilient future for workers throughout the Pacific Northwest and beyond.

Thank you for joining us. I look forward to learning, connecting, and engaging with you throughout the conference.

Erin Walker

President-Elect, Pacific Northwest Section AIHA

Chair, Northwest Occupational Health Conference 2026

Conference Overview

Wednesday, October 21, 2026

Location: Haynes Hall

8:00AM to 9:00AM

Registration, Continental Breakfast & Welcome

9:00AM to 5:00PM

Short Course:

This short course updates occupational health professionals on emerging TSCA chemical regulations, safer material alternatives, odor thresholds and artificial intelligence applications in the workplace.

Exhibitors

12:00PM to 1:00PM

Lunch & Snacks Provided

5:00PM to 7:00PM

Welcome Reception

sponsored by:

NVL Laboratories, UW DEOHS and WSP

Hors d'oeuvres Provided, No Host Beer & Wine with tickets

Conference Overview

Thursday, October 22, 2026

Location: Haynes Hall

7:00AM to 8:00am

Registration, Continental Breakfast & Welcome

**Location: Haynes Hall, Theater & Patty
Murray Room**

8:00AM to 5:00PM

Industrial Hygiene / Occupational Medicine / Safety

Concurrent Sessions, Keynote Presentations, Lunch, &
Exhibitors

6:30PM to 8:00PM

After Dinner Activities - meet in the Patty Murray Room:

- **McMenamin's Scavenger Hunt**
- **McMenamin's Historical Tour**
- **Pub Crawl**

Conference Overview

Friday, October 23, 2026

Location: Haynes Hall

7:30AM to 8:30AM

Registration, Continental Breakfast & Welcome

8:30AM to 12:00PM

PNS AIHA Annual Business Meeting

Snacks Provided

2026 Northwest Occupational Health Conference

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McMenamin's Anderson School

**18607 Bothell Way NE
Bothell, Washington**

General Information

Restaurants & Bars

Nui Nui [At Anderson School](#)

Hours:

Monday-Thursday, 3-10pm

Friday, 3-11pm

Saturday, noon-11pm

Sunday, noon-10pm

Happy Hour:

Monday-Friday, 3-6pm

Friday & Saturday, 10pm-close

21 & over after 9pm

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South Seas Pub Overlooking North Shore Lagoon Pool

Venture upstairs from the North Shore Lagoon to Nui Nui along a wall paneled in teak recycled from 100-year-old Balinese fishing boats, and be sure to look up at fixtures made from Balinese chicken cages and hand-blown glass. When you arrive at this island-style “hut,” monolithic Polynesian statues greet visitors, and carved sandstone from Bali points the way. Make yourself at home overlooking the North Shore Lagoon swimming pool; choose from a bench made from a teak tree trunk pulled from a river in Bali, oil drum furniture from Indonesia, or perch at a bar made of Balinese monkey pod tree, then unfold a menu like no other in Bothell.

Potions and cuisine from the South Seas, Caribbean, South America, and places that only exist in myth and tales may be found. We're home to more than 80 rums and plenty of cocktails to showcase them. Coconut prawns paired with a mango daiquiri will transport you south in minutes.

Have a Seat by the Lagoon

Enjoy seasonal outdoor dining in our patio adjacent to the pool - and order the specialty rum cocktails and menu offerings from Nui Nui for your own little slice of paradise.

Principal's Office [At Anderson School](#)

Hours:
Thursday-Saturday, 4-10pm

Were you sent here for disruptive behavior in class? We've got just the discipline, whether it be in cider, wine, ale or spirits form. Can a glass of wine cure you? If not, an Irish Coffee surely will, because you get special treatment in this cozy space.

Tavern on The Square [At Anderson School](#)

Hours:
Sunday-Thursday, 7am-10pm
Friday & Saturday, 7am-11pm
Brunch served daily, 7am-3pm (Dine-in and Takeout)
Dinner served daily, 3-10pm (11pm weekends) (Dine-in & Takeout)

Happy Hour:
Monday-Friday, 3-6pm

Call in your order: [425-219-4362](tel:425-219-4362)

Delivery also available: [DoorDash](#)

Open daily for breakfast, lunch, dinner and later-on, this Northwest-style café offers comfortable yet sophisticated atmosphere. Menus feature market-fresh seafood, local produce and house-made pastries and desserts--including ice cream from the Anderson School Creamery. An extensive cocktail menu of upscale classics and modern inventions are featured alongside McMenamins' handcrafted ales, wine, spirits, hard cider and coffee.

Located in what was once the school cafeteria, this farm-to-table restaurant fills with light beaming through the full-length windows and stained glass. Take note of the stained glass along the top of the windows; you'll see the musical notes to the song "Scarlet Begonias" by The Grateful Dead. McMenamins' signature light fixtures bask diners in a warm glow. Choose from seating along the classic bar, at tables or adjacent to the warmth of the fireplace.

The Market At Anderson School

Hours:
Open daily, 9am-9pm

If you're lucky, you will still have unopened souvenirs of McMenamins beer, wine, cider and spirits to take home. If the temptation is too great to crack one open in your room, well, that's lucky too (we won't tell)! In addition, the Market offers fun tees, hoodies, other McMenamins gear, and all kinds of fun goods for the bar and beyond.

Stop by for a drink from our espresso bar, or fill a growler with your favorite beer or seasonal cider. And you're welcome to purchase a pint to sip while you shop!

The Shed At Anderson School

Hours:
Sunday-Thursday, 4-10pm
Friday & Saturday, 4-11pm

Here in the cozy shed, the specialty is whiskey and classic cocktails best consumed next to a fire-and we've got fireplaces indoors and out, for warmth and patio or bench seating to gather.

We invite you to envision these cocktail highlights--just a sampling of our finer points that make this more of a souped-up speakeasy than a mere shed:

Sazerac Cocktail - James E. Pepper 1776 rye whiskey, Peychaud's bitters, gomme syrup, Lucid absinthe rinse, lemon zest
-1873, *Thomas Handy, Sazerac Coffee House, New Orleans*

Vieux Carre - Old Overholt rye, Carpano Antica Formula Vermouth, Courvoisier VS cognac, Benedictine, Angostura & Peychaud's bitters, served over large bitters-infused cube
-1938, *Walter Bergeron, Hotel Monteleone, New Orleans*

The Shed also features Whiskeys in the Shed specialty menus exclusively for our Whiskey Club members. Interested in partaking? Check out the [Whiskey Club](#).

The Woodshop At Anderson School

Hours:
Sunday-Thursday, 11am-midnight
Friday & Saturday, 11am-1am

All ages are welcome at the Woodshop, but you must be 18 or older to play pool or shuffleboard.

*Happy Hour:
Monday-Friday, 3-6pm and Sunday-Thursday, 9pm-close*

Call in your order: (425) 354-4711

In a nod to its former function as the school's woodshop, this space was designed around an old cigar shop solid wood bar that still boasts hidden compartments behind the displays, as well as our largest spirits selection on property. The tap list is expansive as well - all of which can be enjoyed over some live sports on our big screens, a game of shuffleboard, pool or pinball (the pinball machines are: *Stranger Things*, *Star Trek*, *Star Wars* & *Mustang*, so take your pick-or flip!)

This is also where you'll find our classic pub fare: Country Natural Beef burgers (with names such as 'JR's Jumbo Deluxe' and 'Captain Neon'), tots, pizza, and salads. Menus with happy hour and dessert items are here, too; black & tan brownie, anyone?

Day 1 - Short Course

Location: Haynes Hall

Wednesday, October 21, 2026

- **8:00AM REGISTRATION & CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST**
- **9:00AM WELCOME & INTRODUCTION** - Erin Walker, President-elect, PNS AIHA, and Nancy Simcox, Associate Teaching Professor, UW DEOHS
- **9:05AM Breyse Lecture** - From Surveillance to Prevention: Interdisciplinary Strategies for Occupational Health and Safety, **Dr. Robert Harrison, MD, MPH**, University of CA San Francisco Occupational Medicine Program and the California Department of Public Health, Occupational Health and Safety Surveillance Program
- **9:45AM Overview of TSCA Regulations in the Workplace**, **Holly Davies, PhD**, Senior Toxicologist at the Washington State Department of Health
- **10:05AM Exhibitor Demonstration and Exhibits - Exhibitor Spotlight**
- **10:35AM TSCA Discussion Panel** with representatives from state, federal, labor, and business representatives
 - **Marissa Smith, MS, PhD**, Special Assistant to the Director, WA State Department of Ecology
 - **Penny Wolf-McCormick**, Industrial Hygienist, Statewide Health Enforcement Manager, OR OSHA
 - **Leah Mickelson, MS, CIH**, Boeing
 - **Elliot Lioi, CSP**, Safety Specialist II, Oregon DEQ Labor representative
 - **Erwin Rommel**, United Steelworkers Local 12-591
- **11:15AM Small Group Activity** to apply TSCA and OSHA regulations
 - **Stephanie Carter, PhD, CIH**, Industrial Hygienist, iWorkwise
 - **Kat Gregersen, MPH, CIH**, Director, UW DEOHS Field Research & Consultation Group
 - **Nancy Simcox, MS**, Associate Teaching Professor, UW DEOHS
- **12:00PM LUNCH & SPONSOR APPRECIATION**
- **1:00PM Safer Alternatives & Green Chemistry: An Application in Industry** - **Dr. Brittany Weldon, PhD, ATF**, Senior Toxicologist-Boeing and Affiliate Assistant Professor - UW DEOHS
- **1:30PM From Perception to Protection: Odor Testing, Thresholds, and Chemical Structure**, **Patrick Owens, CIH**, Editor of AIHA Odor Threshold Book (editions 2, 3, & 4)
- **2:30PM Exhibitor Demonstration and Exhibits /Break/Door prizes**
- **3:00PM Transforming Occupational Health Practice with Artificial Intelligence**, **Molly Breyse Cox, PhD**, Director, UW OSHCE
- **4:45PM Wrap-up**, Erin Walker and Nancy Simcox
- **5:00PM to 7:00pm Welcome Reception** - Sponsored by NVL Laboratories, UW DEOHS & WSP

Day 2 - Industrial Hygiene Session 1

Location: Haynes Hall

Thursday, October 22, 2026

- 7:00AM REGISTRATION & CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST
- 7:55AM WELCOME - Erin Walker
- 8:00AM Nancy M. McClellan - Professional Ethics in Industrial Hygiene (Part 1)
- 8:45AM Nancy M. McClellan - Professional Ethics in Industrial Hygiene (Part 2)
- 10:00AM Networking/Exhibitor Break
- 10:30AM Renee Kalmes - Unrecognized Cr+6 exposure in paper and pulp industry
- 11:10AM Brian Bell - Human Environmental Intelligence™: Moving Beyond Compliance to Continuous Worker Exposure Intelligence
- 12:00PM LUNCH (Awards Presentation, Sponsorship)
- 1:00PM KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Nancy M. McClellan, AIHA President - National AIHA Update
- 1:40PM Brian Hughes - The Third Dimension: Adding AI to Multidimensional Causal Analysis
- 2:20PM Abigail Sutphen - Industrial Hygiene in the Aerospace Industry
- 3:00PM Exhibitor/Break and Prizes
- 3:30PM Chris Robertson - Are Your Noise Dosimeters Lying to You?
- 4:10PM Chris Hamrick - Psychosocial Hazards at Work: Why Wellbeing Is an Injury Prevention Issue
- 5:00PM Conference Day Two Ends
- 6:30PM to 8:00PM After Dinner Activities - meet in the Patty Murray Room:
 - McMenamin's Scavenger Hunt
 - McMenamin's Historical Tour
 - Pub Crawl

Day 2 - Industrial Hygiene Session 2

Location: Theater

Thursday, October 22, 2026

- 7:00AM REGISTRATION & CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST (Haynes Hall)
- 7:55AM WELCOME - Erin Walker (Haynes Hall)
- 8:00AM Kent Kennedy - State of the Art and Technology Offerings in Portable Gas Protection - Selecting the Right Product
- 8:45 Rick Neitzel - What's New in Occupational Noise and Hearing Loss Prevention?
- 10:00AM Networking/Exhibitor Break
- 10:30AM Chris Robertson - How to Collect Good IH Field Notes
- 11:10AM Leah Mickelson - AIHA TSCA Advisory Group and the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals decision
- 12:00PM LUNCH (Awards Presentation, Sponsorship) (Haynes Hall)
- 6:30PM to 8:00PM After Dinner Activities - meet in the Patty Murray Room:
 - McMenemy's Scavenger Hunt
 - McMenemy's Historical Tour
 - Pub Craw

Day 2 - Occupational Medicine / Safety

Session 3

Location: Patty Murray Room

Thursday, October 22, 2026

- 7:00AM REGISTRATION & CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST (Haynes Hall)
- 7:55AM WELCOME - Erin Walker (Haynes Hall)
- 8:00AM Dr. Stephen Hunt, MD, MPH & Dr. Ella Kuchmiy, DO - The Role of OEM in Exposure-Informed Health Care: Embedding OEM Clinicians in Primary Care
- 8:45 Dr. Nicholas Reul - Regulatory Protections for Artificial Stone Workers
- 10:00AM Networking/Exhibitor Break
- 10:30AM Rafael Mendoza, MD - Comparative Legionella Source Attribution Across Cruise Ships, Hotels, and Hospitals
- 11:10AM Thomas Haycraft, MD - When the Work is Complete, but the Rash Persists: Chronic Dermatitis After an Occupational Insult
- 12:00PM LUNCH (Awards Presentation, Sponsorship) (Haynes Hall)
- 1:00PM Dr. Debra Cherry, MD, MS - Evidence Based Medicine
- 1:40PM Sayed Hussaini - A Day in the Smoke: Understanding Wildfire Smoke Exposure Patterns and Practical Controls for Worker and Community Protection
- 2:20PM Adebayo Desile - Predicting and Preventing Occupational Injuries with AI and Big-Data Analytics: A Practitioner's Methodology
- 3:00PM Exhibitor/Break and Prizes (Haynes Hall)
- 3:30PM David P. Gilkey - 10 Common Flooring Surfaces: SCOF and DCOF
- 4:10PM Patrick Clark - From Averages to Alarms: Real-Time Exposure Monitoring as an Alternative to Traditional Sampling
- 5:00PM Conference Day Two Ends

- **6:30PM to 8:00PM After Dinner Activities - meet in the Patty Murray Room:**
 - **McMenamin's Scavenger Hunt**
 - **McMenamin's Historical Tour**
 - **Pub Crawl**

Day 3 - General Session 1

Location: Haynes Hall

Friday, October 23, 2026

- 7:30AM REGISTRATION & CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST
- 8:30AM WELCOME - Erin Walker
- 8:35AM Reproductive Health: Employment Law with Practical Implications (moderated by Sue Swan)
 - Dr. Debra Cherry, MD, MS, Harborview-University of Washington
 - Dr. Linda Moore, MD, MPH
 - Chaila Stallings-Ala'ilima, Special Counsel for Civil Rights Policy, WA Attorney General's Civil Rights Division
 - Desiree Schott, Staffing Plan Compliance and Pregnancy Accommodations, LNI
- 10:05AM Refreshment Break
- 10:20AM A panel with the OG IH Consultants in the PNW (moderated by Stephanie Carter)
 - Mike Krause, J.S. Held LLC
 - Larry Lee, Pacific Industrial Hygiene, LLC
 - Nancy Lee, NVL Inc.
- 11:50AM PNS-AIHA Business Meeting
- Until 2:00PM Social Time, celebrating the OG IH Consultants
- 1:00PM TOURS
 - Boeing Everett Factory Tour, 8415 Paine Field Blvd, Mukilteo, WA 98275: provide own transportation and purchase tickets at Boeing Tour for 1:00PM on 10/23 (\$42)
 - Cepheid Tour, 1631 220th St SE, Bothell, WA 98021: Explore the science, safety, and people behind modern molecular diagnostics

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Welcome to McMenamins Anderson School, a special place with a long tradition of nurturing dreams and imagination and bringing people together. Here, remarkable teachers have inspired students to become, among other things, the first female U.S. Senator from the State of Washington, a NFL football player, a pioneering physicist to do groundbreaking studies of late stellar evolution and cosmology and the first American woman to sail solo around the world! These folks were adventurous explorers in their respective fields.

Now, we encourage you to do your own explorations on property. There's a mix of wondrous spaces, beautiful gardens and creative structures. Go forth light of heart and beer in hand because the joy of discovery is afoot.

The primary and oldest structure on site is the Anderson school building itself. Constructed in 1931 with Art Deco-style flourishes and big windows that flood the interior rooms with natural light, it was Bothell's first junior high school. Celebrated Seattle architect Earl Wilson Morrison, designed the building. He was known for infusing artistic elements into the most basic, utilitarian buildings. The general contractor/builder of the school, Alfred Sundholm, was a Bothell resident who formerly had been a shipwright. He clearly knew how to make a building shipshape.

Just 45 years earlier, in 1885, Bothell had opened its first school, a small, one-room structure. Most of the students were children of loggers and millworkers, as timber was the main source of employment in these formative years. In 1941, illustrating the community's evolution, ten years after Anderson School's construction, another bay of classrooms was added to the south end of the 1931 junior high structure to accommodate increasing enrollment. By this point, very few parents were working in the timber industry. Many more were farmers, merchants and professionals including an increasing number of Seattle commuters.

Then of course, with the start of World War II, many Bothell families found work in the shipyards and other war-era industries that had Seattle booming.

In 1965, when a big, new junior high was built elsewhere in the district, Anderson School was “demoted” to serve as overflow classrooms and administrative offices until 1973 when it was given a new lease on life as home to the district’s alternative high school. Known as Secondary Academy for Success (SAS), it thrived here for nearly 40 years, a longer period than it had served as a junior high!

Bothell’s SAS program has been remarkably successful and inspiring for students at risk of dropping out of high school. It has become a model for other alternative high school programs around the country. Then, in 2009, SAS relocated to a new, state-of-the-art building in the Canyon Park area of Bothell, creating an opportunity for a completely new incarnation of the old school, and McMenamins was offered the chance.

From the school’s three floors of large, original classrooms, McMenamins created 72 lodging rooms. Each has been named for a person notably connected with Anderson School’s history or that of the community. Outside the rooms, the hallways have been transformed into colorful galleries brimming with original artwork by our team of talented Seattle and Portland-area artists and historical photos depicting Bothell and its citizens at work and play. There are also great pieces from around the world, Indonesian panels, old signs, as well as event posters, each echoing its own story. The walls are talking!

Before moving on from the old school building, be sure to stop in at the principal’s office for some refreshment and stories about its first principal and namesake, Wilbert Andell “Andy” Anderson. He was an adventurer at heart, loved to fish the rivers in and around Bothell. He made a batch of beer once in his basement. It was terrible. No one wanted to drink it, and eventually, the container it was in exploded. Andy had a wonderful sense of humor and pulled pranks on friends and family. He relished being a storyteller.

At school, Mr. Anderson was a very popular and effective administrator. He did not possess a booming voice, but got his message across in a kind and gentle, though firm manner. He commanded respect among his students and faculty. After a 25-year career, he retired as Bothell Junior High principal, at which point, the school was renamed for him, the W. A. Anderson School, as a tribute to his good, work.

Walking out behind the 1931 school building, things quickly take a further turn toward the unexpected, a botanical adventure-featuring plantings of all sorts, including some exceptional, existing Scots Pines—amidst a mythical-like setting, ideal for conversing with friends and soon-to-be friends. Called Haynes Square for the local family that had such a lasting, positive impact on both the community

and the school, the square is the heartbeat of the property, with its stage for live music, small bar and outdoor seating. Follow the red brick path (which includes original red bricks from the thoroughly modern 1913 road built through Bothell and right by the future Anderson School site) through the courtyard, over the hill and alongside plumbing artist Jeff Allen's wildly creative fence and fabulous torch. Order a drink and find a seat or spot to perch in The Shed, a wonderful shoebox with a two-sided fireplace and a bat chandelier, from which boundless adventures will be launched.

Enclosing the courtyard is a series of buildings constructed in a practical, multipurpose/generic design back in 1959—a perfect blank canvas for more creative fun. On the right (north) end was the cafeteria, now the main restaurant, called Tavern on the Square. Inside, is a grand space pleasantly interrupted by light fixtures, stained-glass partitions, timbers and other elements of varying sizes and designs. On the south wall, light filters through a high musical ribbon of stunning stained glass crafted by David Schlicker of Portland. Follow the notes and you'll find the melody of "Scarlet Begonias," a song by the Grateful Dead with the lyric, "Once in a while you get shown the light, In the strangest of places if you look at it right." Another highlight of the restaurant are the two Lyle Hehn paintings on either side of the fireplace, entitled appropriately Divination and Distillation, which feature bits of Bothell history and lots of great alchemistic imagery. The building also houses the hotel front desk, a very warm and welcoming spot, indeed, and a gift shop of myriad items of interest and curiosity.

To the left of the restaurant on the west perimeter of the courtyard are the old wood shop and industrial arts classrooms. Still called the Wood Shop, it is now home to a delightful pub and game room featuring a stunning back bar, shuffleboard tables and pinball games. There also is a window that looks into the property's new brewery. From here, you can watch the brewer at work as grain, barley, water and hops are artfully combined to make delicious concoctions that are pouring on site.

The one remaining building along the courtyard, on the south end, is the former school gym. Now it houses beautifully and creatively appointed group event spaces, available to rent for private events, and the property's first-run movie theater, where you can take in the latest Hollywood release with a beer or glass of wine and something tasty to eat, right at your seat. Two permanent attractions of the theater are the massive vintage posters for early-day conjurers and performers Carter the Great and George. Forget the movie, you could stare at these all day. Before leaving the theater building, check out the deck off the back, which looks west toward Pop Keeney Stadium. It's a quiet spot to watch a sunset, except on game day when it will offer a view of the beehive of activity and excitement in and around the stadium.

As you stroll over to the property's other remarkable and storied structure, the North Shore Lagoon building and restaurant, take time to explore the grounds, with its lush and exotic plantings and secret gardens, ideal settings for outdoor weddings and other events, or just for discovering on walks with a friend.

The Northshore Pool building was constructed by King County in 1972 for use by the community, schools and swim clubs. From the start, one particular organization, the Seattle Aqua Club, had a special connection to the pool. Club founder and coach Charlotte Davis was instrumental in moving synchronized swimming to a national and international stage. She trained many girls and young women here through the 1970s and '80s, raising the popularity and technical skill of the sport in the process. In 1984, synchronized swimming was named an Olympic event, Charlotte was named U.S. Olympic coach and two of her Northshore pool swimmers, Tracie Ruiz and Candy Costie, won gold. Bothell threw a huge celebration, including a parade upon their return and the pool was renamed for the two swimmers. Quite a legacy and no doubt that Olympic energy continues to reverberate throughout the building. What was built as a rather bland, boxy-looking structure in 1972, has been reimagined today as a veritable concert of space, texture, colors, and tastes. The combination is really unique and special. Yes, there's still a full-sized swimming pool but the temperature is much warmer and it's surrounded by tropical flora. Skylights, kept permanently open, allow natural light, rain and even snow inside. Then on the west wall, gorgeous stained-glass windows created by David Schlicker cast sparkling shafts of ruby red and amber throughout the pool space. On the facing wall is a sight just as remarkable: a fantastically creative and artful sculpture of a full-faced sun with long, willowy rays made from an ancient tree's root ball. Head upstairs next to enjoy the restaurant and bar, which continues the South Seas theme with lots of beautiful bamboo, primitive African and Indonesian statuary, sandstone bas relief panels, fantastic light fixtures with shades to match. You'll want to pause to take it all in. So order a mai tai, sample some items from the menu and gaze out over the great expanse of the pool below.

