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News Release

C. MARK SMITH RECEIVES THE JOHN MCCLELLAND AWARD

Presented by the Washington State Historical Society

TACOMA –May 2, 2011 – C. Mark Smith, a Richland resident and author, has been awarded the John McClelland Award for his *Columbia* magazine article, “‘Hurry’ Cain: Tacoma’s First Modern-Day Mayor,” by the Washington State Historical Society Board of Trustees.

The readable article, exemplifying *Columbia’s* popular history genre, is a detailed biographical sketch of Harry Cain’s early life and his remarkable years as a progressive Tacoma Mayor and World War II officer.

The award recognizes the best article in the 2010 volume of *Columbia: The Magazine of Northwest History* for its readability and general interest and includes a \$100 stipend.

The award will be presented at the Annual Meeting of the Historical Society on June 18, 2011 at the Washington State History Museum in Tacoma at the noon luncheon. To reserve seats, contact Laura Berry at (253) 798-5899 or lberry@wshs.wa.gov.

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The Washington State History Museum, flagship of the Washington State Historical Society, is located at 1911 Pacific Avenue in downtown Tacoma, just off 1-5. The museum presents exhibits, programs, and events that bring to life the stories of Washington's history.