



**In Defense of Our Neighbors:  
The Walt and Milly Woodward Story  
A true story of one couple's fight for justice in a time of fear**

**Presentation and Book Signing by Author  
Mary Woodward**

**Sunday, December 7, 2008  
2:00 pm-4:00 pm**

**Port of Portland, Commission Room  
121 NW Everett Street  
Portland, Oregon**

**Free and open to the public, reservations required**

**Walt and Milly Woodward** ran the *Bainbridge Review*, the local paper on Bainbridge Island, Washington. Situated a half-hour ferry ride from Seattle, across the waters of Puget Sound, Bainbridge Island was home to more than 200 Americans of Japanese descent. When Pearl Harbor was bombed, the country was thrown into a state of fear and panic. These citizens were suddenly viewed with suspicion, and deep-seated veins of racism surfaced in communities across the nation. Walt and Milly used the pages of the *Review* to plead for compassion and restraint.

But on March 30, 1942, on President Roosevelt's orders, soldiers armed with rifles with fixed bayonets took 227 Bainbridge Island men, women and children from their homes, transporting them to a ferry that delivered them to a train on Seattle's waterfront, and from there, forced exclusion for the duration of WWII. This was the first community to be removed, the first to occupy Manzanar, and the last to regain their freedom. During the internment, the *Review* regularly published news of Japanese islanders' weddings, births, deaths and other milestones—as well as details about the conditions in the camps.

*In Defense of Our Neighbors* is a personal, stirring account of one couple's fight to help a community grapple with the internment of its Japanese American citizens—the first group in the country to be forcibly exiled. Written by the late couple's daughter, **Mary Woodward**, the book offers a unique perspective on a troubling chapter of American history. In her presentation, Woodward, who still lives on Bainbridge Island, will offer unique insights on both the community that approached this crisis like no other in the country, as well as the brave, principled couple that today remains a symbol of heroism to the Japanese American community and defenders of civil liberties.

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