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A New Life for the Horner Museum

Saturday, January 14, 2006
10:00 a.m.

Benton County Historical Museum
1101 Main Street, Philomath

We have an interesting program planned for our AAUW meeting in January. When all of the holiday dust has settled, it will be the perfect time to take a Saturday morning to visit the Benton County Historical Museum in Philomath. The staff which is working hard to see the Horner Museum become a reality as well as seeing to the established museum in Philomath is located here and Executive Director Ann Schirado will share with us the plans for the Horner collection and its new location in Corvallis.

Ann joined the Benton County Historical Society in April of 2005 as Executive Director. She came from the Crocker Art Museum in Sacramento, California where she held the position of Corporate & Foundation Relations Officer. As Executive Director, Ann is fully engaged in the Benton County Historical Society's strategic planning and capital campaign to build a new museum to house the collection of artifacts that were once the Horner Museum on the campus of OSU. She is also committed to expanding the education activities, exhibitions and public programs currently being offered by the Benton County Historical Society Museum in Philomath.

Ann's program, *A New Life for the Horner Museum*, will share the progress of the capital campaign and building project and tell how it relates to the Museum in Philomath and the community of Corvallis.

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President's Message

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Jan's Jottings

Our Holiday Tea was lovely! Thanks to all the bakers for those "tasty morsels" (and they were!). And thanks to Marge Bromley and Dorothy Ruff for their work in organizing, ordering, and tagging the poinsettias! The profit from your orders and donations goes to AAUW's Educational Foundation (EF). A BIG "thank you" to Shirley Wirth for hosting us (oh, those decorations!!!). What a festive and fun afternoon!

Now about my upcoming newsletter articles: I so enjoyed choosing quotes for the November and December newsletters that I've decided to find a quote for each of the monthly articles remaining in my term. There are literally centuries of wise and wonderful sayings to peruse, so I'm going to start looking right now! My aim is to choose quotes appropriate for each month or ones that are pertinent to our AAUW mission statement.

Here is the quote for this month. (And it will break your heart to read who wrote it.)

"Everyone has inside of him [her] a piece of good news. The good news is that you don't know how great you can be! How much you can love! What you can accomplish! And what your potential is!"

I was drawn to the above quote because this is the time of the year when our AAUW local scholarship applications are distributed to Oregon State University and Linn-Benton Community College. There are many women out there who need financial assistance in getting their degree—support to enable them to reach *their* potential. How terrific it is that *we* can offer help to at least two local women.

Ann Mills is our Scholarship Chair. She'll need a few of you to join her when the time comes to review the applications and select our recipients.

And how is it that our branch has local scholarship money available? In large part because of our fundraising projects—especially the Bridge Marathon and our bi-annual Murder Mystery. I seem to be saying "Thank you" a lot these days; but for those of you who help or participate in these events—you *are* owed a big "Thank You"!

You'll be touched to know that the person who wrote the above quote was Anne Frank.

Jan Rounds
President



Membership

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Welcome New Members



Hazel Scharfer is new to Corvallis, but not to Oregon. She has lived in Medford and Coquille before moving here. She is a retired teacher and received her degree from Southern Oregon University. She has two daughters in Corvallis, one daughter in Portland, and a son in Eugene. Hazel said that she traveled a lot with her husband in earlier years. She now enjoys reading and playing bridge.

Barbara Edwards, Hazel's daughter, is a professor of mathematics at Oregon State University. She holds a BA in English from University of Oregon; MS in mathematics from Portland State University, and a PhD in mathematics from Penn State University. She has three children, two grandchildren and two cats. Barbara has lived in Oregon, Texas, Massachusetts, Iowa and Pennsylvania. She learned about the Corvallis Branch of AAUW on-line and joined to be in a book club.

A hearty welcome to our new mother-daughter team!



Public Policy

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USA PATRIOT Act

After the tragedies of September 11, 2001, Congress overwhelmingly approved -- with little deliberation or debate -- the Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism Act (USA PATRIOT Act; PL 107-56). President Bush officially signed the Act into law on October 26, 2001. The law dramatically increased the government's ability to monitor its citizens, removed or minimized important checks and balances by reducing judicial oversight and limited public accountability by allowing the government to skirt sunshine laws under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).



The PATRIOT Act further reduces expectations of privacy under the Fourth Amendment by granting the government enhanced surveillance powers under the infamous Section 215. This section has stirred considerable controversy because it grants law enforcement the ability to obtain -- without an ordinary criminal subpoena or search warrant and without probable cause -- a court order giving them access to any records or "tangible thing," which includes personal records from libraries, booksellers, doctors, financial and educational institutions and Internet service providers.

On Dec. 8, 2005, a group of Republican lawmakers signed on to legislation to reauthorize portions of the Patriot Act, without making needed substantive corrections to the anti-terrorism law to protect the privacy of innocent Americans unconnected to suspected foreign terrorists. If adopted, this reauthorization bill would continue to permit the FBI to access a huge array of extremely private records of innocent Americans without having to demonstrate a connection between the records sought and a suspected foreign terrorist or terrorist organization. AAUW has long supported civil rights and believes true equity requires a balance between the rights of the individual and the needs of the community.



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Famous Women in US History

Can you identify these famous women? Thanks to the National Women's History Project for this quiz: www.nwhp.org

1. Which mother led a 125-mile march of child workers all the way from the mills of Pennsylvania to President Theodore Roosevelt's vacation home on Long Island?

The feisty labor organizer, Mary Harris Jones (1830–1930), did just that in 1903. Called “Mother” Jones by everyone, her goal for the march was to bring the evils of child labor to the attention of the president and the national press.

2. One of the most important Union spies and scouts during the Civil War was an African-American woman who had escaped from slavery. Can you name her?

Harriet Tubman (1820–1913), who also led over 300 people in their escape from slavery via the system of safe-houses known as the Underground Railroad.

3. Before the 1960s, farm workers in the U.S. were not paid even the minimum wage, and had no influential representatives to fight for their rights. What part did Dolores Huerta play in changing this situation?

Dolores Huerta (b. 1930), a long-time Chicana labor activist, co-founded the United Farm Workers union in 1962. She served for over two decades as the union's vice-president and chief lobbyist, savvy labor contract negotiator, and nationwide speaker.

4. The line of beauty products she created for African-American people made her the first African-American woman millionaire in the United States. Who was she, and when did she do this?

In 1905, Madam C.J. Walker (1867–1919) began developing an effective hair lotion, and then a special comb to straighten curly hair. She eventually employed 3,000 people, mostly African-American women, to work in her factories and sell her line of products.

5. She came to the U.S. when she was a teenager to study science and stayed to become “the world's foremost female experimental physicist.” Her most famous experiment disproved what had been thought to be a fundamental scientific law. Who is this outstanding Asian-American scientist?

Chien-Shiung Wu (1912 – 1997) received both the National Science Medal and the internationally respected Wolf prize for her scientific research. Her most famous experiment showed that conservation of parity could be violated in nature.

6. She took her job as “First Lady” seriously, traveling the country and the world to gather information about the problems and concerns of workers, children, minorities, and the poor. She wrote a daily newspaper column and made frequent radio broadcasts. Who was this active wife of a president?

Eleanor Roosevelt (1884–1962) was America's First Lady for 12 years. Later, she served as U.S. delegate to the United Nations where she was instrumental in securing passage of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

News & Notes

Oregon State University Women's Leadership Conference

Last year, the Corvallis Branch of AAUW received a \$2000 grant from AAUW of OR which was used to co-sponsor the 2005 Oregon State University's (OSU) Women's Leadership Conference. Recognizing that this Conference challenges and encourages some of Oregon's finest women college students to excel in all areas of their lives, the Corvallis AAUW Board voted \$500 in support of the 2006 Conference.

The 17th Annual Women's Leadership Conference will be held on February 11, 2006 at the OSU Memorial Union. The keynote speaker is author and journalist Alisa Valdes-Rodriguez who has been named one of *Time Magazine's* 25 most influential Hispanics. The Conference planners have invited us to staff the registration table and an AAUW information table. If you would like to help with the Conference and then stay to hear the keynote speech, please call Martha Jenkins (759-4390) or email marthaj@peak.org.

Our Branch Supports OSU Women's Concerns

Recently a letter of endorsement was requested from us. The letter was from two OSU women—Associated Students of Oregon State University Interns. They were seeking our endorsement for their class project. Their class is Leadership & Social Change, and the two students were seeking to improve the lighting (and thus safety) on OSU's campus.

Our letter was sent, and a thank you was received from Christine A. Stephen, OSU's Director of Women's Affairs. She indicated that the university was very cooperative and has already added several additional lights and that the students hope to expand this project to improve lighting throughout the Corvallis community. Kudos to them!

Directory Additions

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LUNAFEST Corvallis

Linda Lovett, 738-6875

On January 28, 2006 at 7:00 p.m., the Benton County Breast and Cervical Cancer Coalition, in collaboration with the Oregon State University Women's Center, will host the second annual LUNAFEST Corvallis at OSU's LaSells Stewart Center Austin Auditorium. This festival of short films "by, for, or about women" is produced by LUNA, the company that makes the whole nutrition bars for women. The films range from documentaries to animated shorts and cover topics such as sexuality, child care, menopause, and cultural pressures. Proceeds will benefit the Benton County Breast and Cervical Cancer Coalition for its early detection and outreach programs; the OSU Women's Center for health education; and The Breast Cancer Fund for research and advocacy on environmental and other preventable causes of the disease. LUNAFEST Corvallis also will feature the irrepressible hilarity and positive energy of the Free Range Chix (www.freerangechix.net) and a show of healing quilts by local artists.



Tickets are for sale now at <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2886>

and will be available January 1st at LaSells, the OSU Women's Center, Grass Roots Bookstore, and Rice's Pharmacy. Tickets are \$10 for general admission and \$8 for students. Learn more about LUNAFEST at www.lunabar.com; for information about LUNAFEST Corvallis, call Linda Lovett at 738-6875.

Interest Groups

Afternoon Literature Group

Meets the second Tuesday of the month at 2 p.m.

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January 10

To Kill a Mockingbird, by Harper Lee

Hostess: Irene Lilja
4628 SW 47th Place, off Country Club Drive

Reviewer: Urchyl Bohard

Evening Literature Group

Meets the first Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m.

Mary Gray, 752-5970
Shirley Wirth, 754-7186

January 4, 2006

Founding Mothers, by Cokie Roberts

Hostess – Dianne Jackson
6484 NW Sisters Place
738-6875

Reviewer – Julie Searcy

Great Books Discussion Group

Great Decisions American Foreign Policy Discussion Group is organizing for 2006. We'll meet for eight weeks in February and March at the Regent on Wednesday afternoons. Discussion topics include UN Reform, US and Iran, Energy Policy, Brazil, Human Rights, China and India, Turkey, Pandemics. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to join this dynamic group. Call Charlotte Drost at 753-7253 or Marilyn Treiman at 758-6337 for more information.

Gourmet Group

I think those who attended the German Dinner in November would agree it was a wunderbar event. There will be completely different fare on the 28th of Jan. when we will partake of foods apt to be enjoyed in San Antonio, Texas. A few empty places remain at our Jan. table. To participate in the preparation and consumption of this Tex-Mex Dinner, please make your reservation with Brenda Rowley at 752-6779.

Thanks from your committee co-chairs: Christine Cantey, Denise Nervik and Brenda Rowley

No-Host Lunch

A wonderful Holiday Gathering was enjoyed by the nearly 20 members who attended lunch on 12/15/05 at Michael's Landing. Unfortunately I was attacked by the creeping crud and was not able to attend, but I understand it was a great event. I look forward to next year. . .

On Thursday, January 19th, 2006, please plan to drop in for lunch at Tommy's 4th Street Grill, downtown on 4th Street. We haven't had lunch there yet, so it will be a new spot for many of us--something "new" for the New Year. We'll meet to eat at 11:45 a.m. Contact me, Carolyn Simmons, or just drop by. CrCAROLYN@aol.com 758-0271



Events Calendar

JAN	Activity	Time	Location
2	Board Meeting (note location and date change)	12:30 p.m.	Jan Rounds, 3111 NW Norwood Place
4	Evening Lit Group	7:30 p.m.	Dianne Jackson, 6484 NW Sisters Place
10	Afternoon Lit Group	2:00 p.m.	Irene Lilja, 4628 SW 47th Place
14	Branch Program	10:00 a.m.	Benton County Historical Museum 1101 Main Street, Philomath
15	Newsletter deadline		
19	No-Host Lunch	11:45 a.m.	Tommy's 4th Street Grill
28	Gourmet Group		Contact Brenda Rowley, 752-6779
28	LUNAFEST	7:00 p.m.	OSU's LaSells Stewart Center, Austin Auditorium