



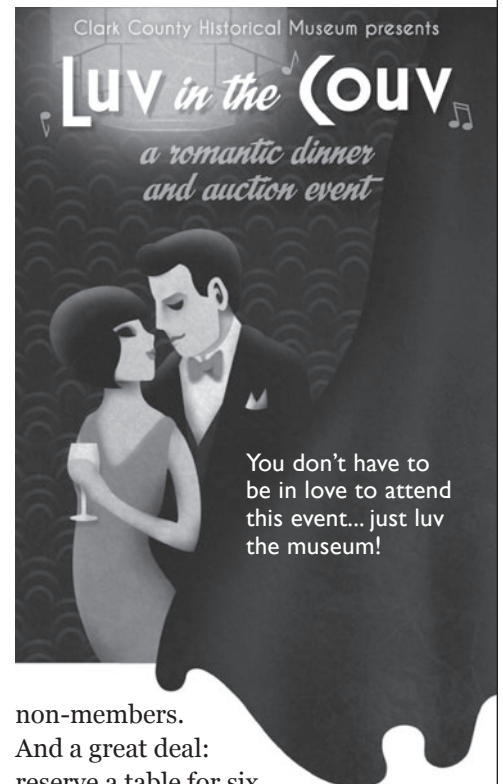
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On Saturday, May 21, from 5 to 9 P.M. at Clark College's Gaiser Hall, we will hold our Annual fundraising event, themed *Luv in the Couv* in keeping with Vancouver's recent distinction as the 11th most romantic city in the United States! The evening will feature live entertainment courtesy of North by Northwest Jazz Trio, chocolates and wine, a full dinner, and silent and live auctions. Our co-auctioneers this year are Clark College President Bob Knight and Bill Roller, president of BR Capital, Inc. ***This event is critical to the financial survival of your museum.*** Every year we raise 71% of our operating budget. We hope you can join us this year and help raise money for museum programs while having a great time! If you can't attend this unique event, please consider sending in a charitable contribution to the CCHM to show your continued support of museum programs. Reservations and prepayment are required for this event. Tickets cost \$65 for members and \$75 for



non-members. And a great deal: reserve a table for six at the member rate for a total of \$390! Call (360) 993-5679 to make your reservations, donations or to contribute to the auction! For *Luv in the Couv* YouTube videos visit www.youtube.com/clarkchm.

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BRIDGING The GAP

The history of the Interstate Bridge



For residents of Vancouver and Portland, it's difficult to escape the controversy over the Interstate-5 Bridge. Plans to modify the bridge in order to accommodate the weight of automobile commuters over the Columbia River have been in progress since 1999, when WSDOT and ODOT first began to consult on the need for a higher-capacity link between Vancouver and Portland. The present incarnation of the bridge project, the 'Columbia River Crossing', coalesced in 2005 and has been the subject of debate ever since.

However, this isn't the first time issues over the capacity of the bridge have arisen: the original 1917 span and the additional 1958 second span of the Interstate Bridge are two of the subjects of our newest exhibit, *Bridging the Gap: the History of the Interstate Bridge*. Thanks to a \$7,355 grant from Humanities Washington, a partnership with Washington State University Vancouver's History Department, and support from our media sponsors *The Columbian*, and the *Vancouver*

Business Journal, we were able to create this exhibit which spans the time between the initial need and planning for the original bridge to the present day. The exhibit includes photographs, bridge related artifacts, oral history quotes and film footage of the 1917 bridge dedication ceremony (courtesy of the Oregon Historical Society) and an OPB Oregon Field Guide special on the peregrine falcons that nest on the bridge (courtesy of OPB). The February 3 exhibit opening was attended by 250 people and included a lecture by WSUV's historical geographer Jorge Lizárraga on the impacts of urban renewal. A heart felt thanks goes to Dr. Laurie Mercier, graduate student McKenzie Cullen, Jane Leonard, John Kimbrough and Larry Sickles for all their hard work on this exhibit. *Bridging the Gap* will be on exhibit through October 29.

In an effort to engage the community in conversation about the future of the bridge, we held a panel discussion on April 16 to discuss the challenges and debates surrounding

the proposed new crossing for the Columbia River. Extended thanks go to our panelists and moderator: C-Tran Executive Director/CEO Jeff Hamm, Columbia River Crossing Director Nancy Boyd, University of Oregon Sustainable Cities Initiative Executive Director Robert Liberty, Portland State University's Vivek Shandas (urban planner) and Washington State University Vancouver's Jorge Lizárraga (historical geographer) and Steve Fountain (historian). The Honorable Barbara Johnson, Presiding Judge of the Superior Court of Clark County was our panel moderator.

Interested in reading about WA bridges? Looking for a unique Mother's Day or Father's Day gift? Our museum store has available for purchase the book, *Spanning Washington: Historic Highway Bridges of the Evergreen State*, which is an encyclopedic 268-page illustrated history of the bridges of Washington State on sale for \$24.95 plus tax.

National Unpublished Writers' Day

On Sunday January 30, 2011 more than eighty writers and readers from Clark County and the Portland Metro area convened on the Clark County Historical Museum for our first annual National Unpublished Writers' Day. Held in honor of noted author and poet Richard Brautigan (January 30 was his birthday), who inspired a collection of unpublished works now

on display at the museum, local writers and teachers from the Washington State University Vancouver



Creative Media & Digital Culture Department, the WSUV Writing Center, and the WSUV Creative Writing Department partnered with the CCHM to host a one-day free workshop for aspiring and established writers.

Work stations around the museum included poetry, playwriting, journalism, flash fiction and the literary genre of horror. For more information on this annual event visit www.thebrautiganlibrary.org.

CCHS expands the Board

The Clark County Historical Society would like to welcome the following new members to its Board of Directors.



Robert E. Dingethal

After earning his BA in Communications from San Jose State University, Bob went on to earn a Master of Public Affairs from Washington State University. His work experience includes 20 years as a senior

executive in the telecommunications industry and four years as SW Washington regional director for US Senator Maria Cantwell. He is also the former owner of Sweet Science Boxing Gym, Red Mountain Vineyards and Sand Hill Winery, of which he was co-founder. He is currently president of Stinger Consulting.

Bob was formerly the Co-Chair of the Vancouver Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee. He continues to serve on the Gifford Pinchot Task Force.



Judy Dresser

Judy is a long-time educator who moved to Vancouver in 2001 after retiring from 25 years in community college administration in Nebraska, Washington, and Oregon. She served as President of Emil Fries School of Piano Tuning

and Technology in Vancouver for three years. A native of Washington State, Judy grew up in eastern Lewis County and graduated from White Pass High School in Randle. She earned a BA in Education from Central Washington University, a Master of Education degree from Washington State University and a Doctor of Education degree from Oregon State University. Judy is an

active member of Assistance League® of Southwest Washington and served as President from 2008-2010. She has been a member of Vancouver Rotary and is currently a Vancouver Metro Sunset Rotary Club member.



Karey A. Schoenfeld

Karey is a partner at Ferguson & Schoenfeld. She has her JD from Willamette University, and her LL.M. in taxation from New York University. She is authorized to practice in Oregon and Washington, and

specializes in the taxation of small businesses, including transition planning and estate planning for owners of closely held businesses and high wealth individuals. Karey also holds her CPA license in Oregon and Washington, and is past chair of the Oregon Society of CPAs and the Co-Chair of the Tax Policy Team. Karey is a past chair of the Free Clinic of Southwest Washington, and is

currently the treasurer of the Free Clinic. She is also a member of the Vancouver Rotary Club, and is the secretary of the Vancouver Rotary Foundation.



Bruce Paris

Bruce is a 43 year career banker who has held positions with Umpqua Bank, Bank of Clark County, and Seattle-First National Bank (Seafirst). He is most recently retired as Executive Vice President from Umpqua Bank.

Bruce received his BA from Western Washington University with additional credentials from the University of Washington's Pacific Coast Banking School. Bruce is past president of the Clark College Foundation, past president of Vancouver Rotary Club and Foundation. He has also served on the board of the Vancouver YMCA, S.W.I. F.T., the Responsible Growth Forum, Evergreen School District bond/levy election committee, United Way, March of Dimes and the Free Clinic of SW Washington. He is also a member of the Vancouver Rotary Club.

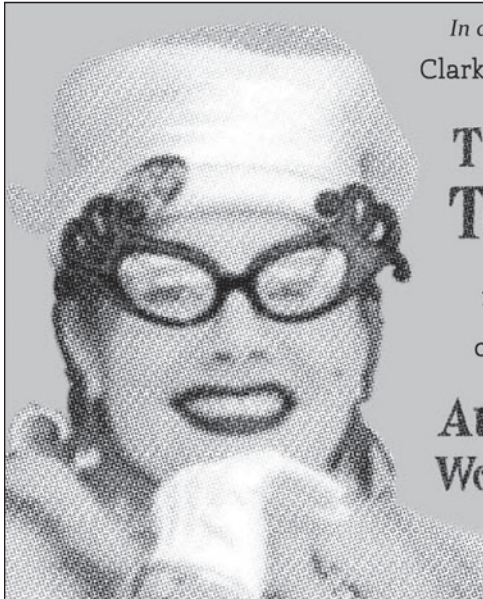
NEW TO THE MUSEUM STAFF

Museum grant writer



DAVID CRAIN, Museum Grant Writer, comes to the museum with a special gift of finding where the money is. He has degrees in Musical Theatre, Playwriting and Graphics Design and moved to New York City in the 1970s where he became a young Associate Producer for Broadway musicals while also working as a researcher for then New York Governor Nelson Rockefeller. Later he received an appointment by Governor Rockefeller to the New York State Council on the Arts where he was involved in the funding of museums, opera and visual arts organizations. David's public relations skills took him to Los Angeles where he worked with movie and television production companies,

as well as becoming a television writer. Injuries took him out of his career and after overcoming years of his own disabilities he has come to the CCHM through the Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) which is a community service and work-based training program for older workers. The program is funded by the U.S. Department of Labor and administered by Goodwill Industries. Working under the direction of Susan Tissot, David will gain a thorough understanding of grant writing and fundraising and help apply this to the many needs of the museum.



In conjunction with Women's History Month
Clark County Historical Museum presents

The Annual Women's Tea & Luncheon

featuring the hilarious alter ego
of artist Anne-Louise Sterry with

Aunt Lena's Views on Womens' Rights & Issues

Monday, March 21

Our annual Women's Tea and Luncheon took place inside the museum galleries on March 21, 2011, with a sold-out seating of 80 ladies in attendance! They were treated to a lovely lunch courtesy of Clark County Historical Society Board members and event co-chairs Anne McEnery Ogle and Paula Knight. Participants were served tea, sandwiches, salads, and some delectable, dainty desserts.

This year our featured entertainment was Anne-Louise Sterry, motivational speaker and member of

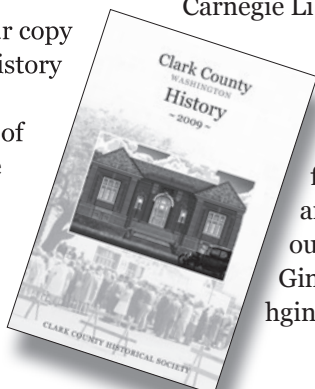
the National Speakers' Association. Aunt Lena, Sterry's hilarious Italian-immigrant alter-ego in costume, gave us her views on women's rights as well as on a lot of other things! She was quite entertaining, and the event was a great success.

Special thanks to Judy Dresser and Nadine Robertson who provided all the china and set the beautiful tables and Nien-Wei Hsiao who provided the Mary Kay party favors for the guests.



2009 Annual: Got yours?

If you haven't picked up your copy of the 2009 Clark County History Annual yet, what's keeping you?! We have many copies of the beautiful newest volume in the series, which features articles on Mt. St. Helens, the Vancouver Grid Project, Dorothea Lange, and the origins of the building



that houses the museum, the 1909 Carnegie Library.

But we're always thinking ahead! If you would like to write an article for future editions of the annual please contact our editor, Howard Gingold, at hgingold1@comcast.net.

WSU student interns

Every year the museum benefits from assistance from high school and college level student interns. We currently have four Washington State University Vancouver student interns at the museum. Brad Richardson, Joel Keelin, Brad Johnston, and Dan Hoover are all currently undergraduates at Washington State University Vancouver (WSUV) majoring in History or Humanities with a concentration in history. Brad Richardson is President of the History Club at WSUV, Joel is the Vice President, and Brad Johnston is Treasurer. Brad Johnston is also a Senator for the Associated Students of WSUV.



Brad Richardson is assisting CCHM Collections Manager Karly Schubothe with collections management and will also be leading our 2011 Architectural Walking Tours that begin May 27 and run through September 2 (see calendar of events, page 8).



Joel Keelin has been working with CCHM Visitor Services Coordinator Karen Washabaugh helping to create finding aides for archival collections in the research library.

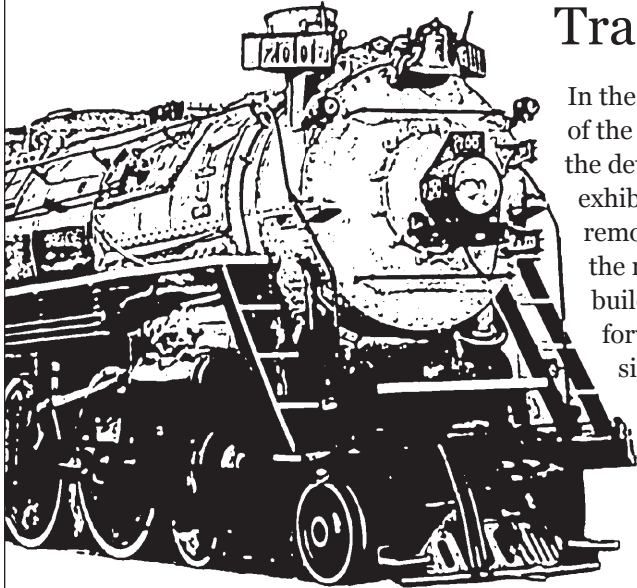


Brad Johnston is working with Executive Director Susan Tissot on a Washington Museum Association Museum Survey Project.



Dan Hoover is working in the research library documenting maps from the museum's collection to assist WSUV Library Archives Specialist Robert Schimelpfenig with our map digitization project.

UPDATE: SP&S Railroad exhibit project is awarded a Transportation Enhancement grant



In the autumn/winter 2010 issue of the newsletter we announced the details of our SP&S Railway exhibit project which includes the remodel of the gallery space in the northeast end of the museum building. The project is moving forward with the generous assistance of local trade unions, architect Eric Lanciault and the city of Vancouver operations department. The remodeling project is well under way and includes the removal of the wall board

and framework that covered up the original rear wall of the 1909 Carnegie Library building that the museum is housed in. If you have not been in to see these improvements please stop by. The space is really shaping up! There are three parts to this project: the remodeling of the gallery space at the museum and the design/fabrication/installation of a two part permanent exhibit, *The Northwest's Own: the Spokane, Portland & Seattle Railway*. Pending funding, the two part exhibit will be installed in the space at the museum and inside the 1909 Vancouver Train Depot (Amtrak Station).

The SP&S project is one step closer to completion: we were recently notified that we have been awarded a \$70,000 Transportation Enhancement grant from the Washington State Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation and Washington Department of Transportation. The funds will be used to complete the design/fabrication/installation of the exhibit components planned for the Vancouver Depot space. We are still seeking the necessary funding for the museum exhibit components. Stay tuned...

Teaching America's History Grant and hands-on school partnerships

Working in partnership with the Washougal, Evergreen and Ridgefield School Districts, the CCHM is the recipient of \$24,828 in funding from a Teaching America's History Grant. During a three year period (2011-2013) the museum will consult with national board certified Pioneer Elementary Teacher Janet Dondelinger and Archaeologist Jessica Hale to mentor and train a total of six teachers (two per year) who will create curriculum

and hands-on education kits to be shared and used by local schools. The education kits will incorporate historic artifacts taken from the previous archaeological project at the Vancouver Hilton and Convention Center site.

The 2011 project includes educators Dave Hajek and Pete Forgey from the Washougal School District. This program builds on our award winning Artifact Detectives program created in 2009-10 by educators Janet Dondelinger and Tyler Morgan (see a sample on YouTube).

2010 cash donations

We greatly appreciate and **need** cash donations to continue providing the public with quality museum services and education programs. Did you know that we raise 71% of our operating budget each year? We extend our deepest thanks and appreciation to the following individuals/organizations that helped support museum operations in 2010.

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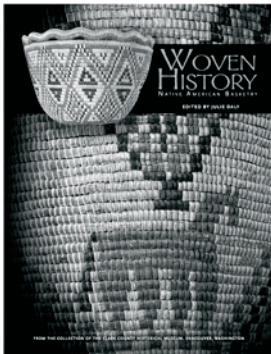
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Calendar of events *for* spring/summer 2011



NOW!

- *Bridging the Gap: the history of the Interstate Bridge.* See photo below. Runs through October 29.
- *Road to Equality.* Runs through December 31.
- *Woven History: Native American Basketry.* Runs through 2012.



MAY

5 First Thursday museum after hours lecture series: Tim Hills, Senior Historian McMenemy's on the *Crystal Hotel* at 7 P.M.

MAY

21 *Luv in the Cow* event, 5-9 P.M. at Gaiser Hall, tickets required.

MAY

27 to September 2 - new season of *architectural walking tours* begins. Starts every Friday at noon and leaves from the front of the museum. Longer tours on some Saturdays. Fee involved. Get your bookmark schedule of the tours at the museum.

JUNE

2 First Thursday museum after hours lecture series: Dr. Lorraine McConaghy, *Washington Territory at War: Decatur in Puget Sound, 1855-56.* Starts at 7 P.M.



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