

Message from the Interim Director, Sam Shogren

I have five exciting developments to bring to your attention regarding our efforts to build a community around the Washington County Museum - and we save some dollars in the process.

One. In an effort to contain costs, I have actively engaged in reaching out to our vendors to seek new ways of doing the business of the museum. One result: We replaced the museum's old photocopier with a new networked color laser printer. We now create in-house what we formerly sent to commercial printers - at a fraction of the cost. You've already seen some of the result in your mailings. I would like to thank the staff at Associated Business Systems for their help in making this change happen.

Two. Our new exhibit in the museum's Collins Gallery, *The Art of Contemporary Printmaking*," resulted in a new partnership with the folks at Print Arts Northwest. After helping bring us the show, they committed to develop and provide educational activities for museum guests and patrons. Elsewhere in this newsletter you will find more on these new programs. Thank you, Barbara Mason at Print Arts Northwest and all the printmakers for your roles in bring this to the citizens of Washington County!

Three. Because of the change in gallery exhibitions, museum attendance is slowly increasing again. This is resulting in new memberships. There's renewed interest in volunteering at the museum. Our first two new volunteers are both under the age of thirty. They are not only donating their time, but their professional help as well in graphic design and fundraising. Thank you Lynsey Gamble and Caitlin Porter for joining our volunteer team!

Four. In what may be a "first," museum staff and I joined with PCC Rock Creek's new president Dr. David Rule, for a campus-wide meeting with PCC Rock Creek faculty and staff on collaboration. Over a two-hour working lunch (in the middle of the December snow storms) we connected with various departmental and faculty leads, brainstorming joint educational programs and their delivery. It was a great community-building event, with renewed energy between the school and the museum. The conversation that will continue into this new year. Thank you, PCC Campus Operations Coordinator Kelly Marks for facilitating this event.

As I noted last month, museums are more than collections and the things they hold. Museums are about the community they serve and the community of relationships that gives them new energy. We have some encouraging signs.

S/S Sam Shogren

Family Day!

January 31 from 10a.m. to 1p.m.

Come join the fun at the Washington County Museum in a day filled with paint and play. View our new exhibition *The Art of Contemporary Printmaking* sponsored by Print Arts Northwest. Kids of all ages as well as parents and grandparents will enjoy

a day packed with art and history activities. Print your own Valentine card to give to family or friends and create works of art that you will be proud to display at home. Plus play with toys from the "good old days" and make your own toy to keep. Watch for your e-invite with more information. Complimentary refreshments and supplies are sponsored by *Beaverton Bakery and Art Media*. FREE admission. Donations welcomed.

Please RSVP to Clarinda at clarinda@washingtoncountymuseum.org or 503-629-7094

Archaeology for the Curious Classes Available

Are you looking to learn more about Archaeology basics, or do you need a refresher on the history of the Pacific Northwest? The Washington County Museum is pleased to partner with PCC in co-sponsoring the Oregon Archaeological Society's annual Training classes. The classes are taught by experienced regional professionals from organizations such as the National Forest Service, BLM, and the University of Oregon. The first two sessions will be held from 10a.m. to 3p.m. on January 31 and February 14, 2009 at the Rock Creek Campus of Portland Community College in Building 7, Room 121. Topics include archaeology basics as well as information on artifacts, laws and ethics, pre-historic and historic Northwest archaeology, rock art, site stewardship and volunteering. The cost is only \$25 for both sessions.



If you want to dig further into archaeology, training classes in field excavation, cataloging and laboratory methods, compass reading and site mapping will be held on the four consecutive Saturdays between February 21 and March 14. Class size is limited, so please sign up today. The entire six-session package is \$90 and includes a one-year Oregon Archaeological Society membership.

To sign up, go to www.oregonarchaeological.org/training or contact Jennifer at 503-645-5353, oas.basictraining@gmail.com

Upcoming Lecture

January Crossroads Lecture

**"Salmon and Indians on the
Columbia Plateau"**

with Christopher Shelley

**Wednesday, January 21
3:30-4:30p.m.**

Columbia River Salmon and Columbia River Indians have had a symbiotic relationship for perhaps 9,000 years. With the arrival of white settlers, the Plateau People were forced to make difficult decisions about how to preserve their culture. The treaties they made at Fort Walla Walla in 1855 not only guaranteed their own cultural survival, but became the foundation for tribal efforts to restore these imperiled fish. Professor Christopher Shelley will examine the material and cultural significance of salmon to tribal people, and explain how their treaties have evolved into tools of restoration.



Lectures are held at the Washington County Museum. Admission is free to WCHS members, PCC faculty, staff, and students. Adults \$3 & seniors \$2.

Presidential Inauguration

**Tuesday, January 20
Beginning at 10:00a.m.**

Don't sit at home alone! Please join us here at the Museum to watch the inauguration of our 44th President, Barack Obama. We will be streaming this historic event live via the internet. The coffee will be on and light refreshments provided.

Learn more at www.washingtoncountymuseum.org

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