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2015 Fall Reception

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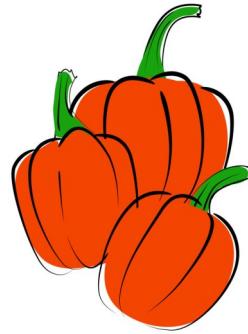
UWFA and UWRA members and their guests,
new and visiting faculty, and spouses

Monday, October 5th, 1:30 to 3:30 pm

University Unitarian Church
6556 35th Avenue NE

Interest Group Sign-Up

Chairs: Carol Ingram
and Traudi Krausser



Detective Stories about
the Trans-Pacific Tsunami of January 1700
Dinner/Lecture
Tuesday, October 13*

At our first Dinner/Lecture of the year Brian Atwater will talk about North American and Japanese clues to a Pacific Ocean tsunami that began along Pacific Northwest shores a century before Lewis and Clark. Those clues include ghost forests of western red cedar on the Washington coast and writings of samurai, merchants, and peasants in Japan. This unusual combination yielded an exact date (January 26, 1700) and approximate size (magnitude 9) for the most recent great earthquake on our region's largest active fault, the Cascadia Subduction Zone. Much of this story is recounted in "The Orphan Tsunami of 1700" (<http://pubs.usgs.gov/pp/pp1707/>), which Brian prepared with a North American tree-ring scientist and four Japanese researchers.

Brian Atwater has been a U.S. Geological Survey scientist since 1974. He is a member of the National Academy of Sciences, a fellow of the American Geophysical Union, and an affiliate professor in UW's Department of Earth and Space Sciences.

*Please note that the October Dinner/Lecture will be on the *second Tuesday* (*not the usual Wednesday*).

UWFA Events Calendar

Monday, October 5	Fall Reception
Tuesday, October 15	Dinner/Lecture Brian Atwater
Tuesday, October 27	Past Presidents' Luncheon
Tuesday, November 10	Scholarship Dinner
TBA	Holiday Tea
Wednesday, December 10	UW Club Holiday Dinner

President's Message



Welcome back everyone!

Even though summer is not quite over, we turn our thoughts to fall and the fabulous lineup of UWFA events that graces our year together.

To begin: good news. We have a full board! I am so pleased that people stepped up and are giving back to the UWFA for many hours of fun and fellowship by volunteering to serve on the board. A hearty welcome to

Mary Albrecht and Mary Kenny for joining us this year.

Ready, set, go for the Fall Reception on Monday, October 5th at 1:30 pm at the University Unitarian Church at 6556 35th Ave. NE in Seattle. This venue has worked well for us in the past and this year it will again enable us to come together, renew our membership in the Interest Groups, and say hi to the friends we haven't seen all summer.

During the summer and early fall we put firm dates on the remaining pageant of events. And here's to the heroes of the UWFA, you, the volunteers who work so tirelessly to make all these good things happen. THANK YOU!

Thank you also to all of you who have renewed your 2015-16 membership on time, but you can still renew and, and at the same time, make a tax deductible donation to our Scholarship Fund. Be assured that we will find the best candidates for these scholarships.

So, let's jump into the new academic year with both feet and have fun whether you are antiquing, dining, hiking, movie-going, knitting or parlez-vous français-ing.

See you at the Fall Reception.

Dagmar Shannon
UWFA President

In Memoriam

Ellyn Weinel Swanson

UWFA member Ellyn Swanson passed away on June 16, 2015. In recent years, she was a member of Stitchery and SeattleSeattle. She also served as a member of the Friends of UW School of Medicine's advisory board.

Ellyn was born in Columbia, Illinois, November 26, 1925. She attended William Woods College for two years, where she met August "Gus" Swanson. She graduated from DePauw University with a major in mathematics and married Gus in 1947. In 1952, they came to Seattle, where Gus was a pediatric neurologist at UW Medical School. Ellyn and Gus had six children and Ellyn was active in the PTA, Woodlawn Park Church, and Girl Scouts.

In 1972, the family moved to Washington, DC. When Gus retired in 1993, they moved back to Seattle to live on a houseboat in Portage Bay.

Jean Winifred Blagg

Jean Blagg died October 26, 2014 following a short illness. Born in Yorkshire, England on July 14, 1929, she trained as a nurse at Leeds General Infirmary and as a midwife at St. Thomas' Hospital, London. She was a senior nurse in Leeds when she met her husband, Dr. Christopher Blagg. They married in December 1953 and lived in Leeds and London before finally moving to Seattle in 1966. They bought a house on Mercer Island in 1967 and moved to Covenant Shores in 2013. During her career, Jean worked in England and nurse at Overlake Hospital in Bellevue.

She was a member of the Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Women's University Club, the Mercer Island Shore Club, the Arboretum Foundation and a past president of the Friends of the UW School of Medicine and of the North Mercer Junior High School PTA.

Treasurer's Report Fiscal Year 2013-14

The following is a summary of the finances of UWFA for the 2014-15 fiscal year, which ran from June 1, 2014 through May 31, 2015.

The General Account funds the operating expenses. We always begin the year with a balance of approximately \$5,000 since the Board voted several years ago to turn over any funds in excess of \$5,000 to the Scholarship Fund when all the bills have been paid for the previous year. During the last fiscal year we received \$4,850 in dues.

Expenditures:

Newsletter \$295
Mailing \$553.50
Dinner Lectures \$679.59
Directory \$427.97
Fall Reception \$443.18
Miscellaneous \$865.83
Annual Business Meeting \$116.96
Spring Luncheon \$313.93
Transfer to the Scholarship Fund \$1,153
Total Expenses \$4850

The beginning balance in the Scholarship Account was \$23,895.82. The sum of \$6,950 was raised through donations made with dues and through the sale of gift cards. Gift cards were a new initiative this year and generated \$1425. The VFHS donated \$4,000; dividends were \$8.67; and \$1,153 was transferred from the General Account. After three \$5,000 scholarships were awarded, the Scholarship Account had an ending balance of \$21,007.87.

The Board voted to reduce the amount to be awarded during fiscal year 2015-16 to \$10,500 in the form of three \$3,500 scholarships.

The Board is very grateful for the support of our members as well as the valuable support of the VFHS volunteers.

Barbara Archbold
Treasurer

TUESDAY TREKKERS TACKLE TRAILS

The Tuesday Trekkers have benefitted enormously over the years from the efforts of the Washington Trails Association (WTA), using their website to plan hikes and review hike reports. The WTA also maintains hundreds of miles of hiking trails in Washington, largely with volunteer crews. It was time to give back and to show our appreciation of WTA's valuable work. So, on June 23, the Tuesday Trekkers offered their services to renovate a mile-long stretch of the Dalles River Trail and John Muir Nature Trail that was originally built by the Civilian Conservation Corps.

We all expected to be handed a pair of clippers and told not to hurt ourselves, but no.... no mercy for old ladies! This was NOT a matter of pruning a few twigs and tossing some brush aside. We began the day with a lecture on the safe and proper use of grub hoes, shovels, sledge hammers, Macclouds, and Pulaskis. Then we were issued hard hats and led to the worksite. We were assigned tasks such as regrading steep portions of the trail, redefining the trail around an enormous fallen tree, relocating large rocks, building log-and-gravel steps, grubbing out a buried rotten tree that was causing the trail to sink, and the prize: mucking out two mud-clogged culverts.

By the end of the day, exhausted and exhilarated, we had all developed a new appreciation for the beautiful network of Washington trailsand a sense of pride that we could now wield a Pulaski.

*Sandy Wood
Tuesday Trekker Leadership Team*



WTA Work Party (left and above)

Thirteen of us took part in a WTA work party on the Dalles River Trail near Greenwater. And work we did! This little trail parallels the river and passes through glorious forest. At the Dalles Campground end of the trail there was an enormous and well-known fir tree (approx. 8-9ft. in diameter) that had to be cut down recently due to extensive rot and risk of falling. Of course, it fell across the trail, so one team of workers had the task of rerouting a new trail around the end of this fallen giant.

Barbara Holmes

German Club (below at its May Meeting) and (below left) SeattleSeattle at Cottage Lake Gardens.



SeattleSeattle Visits Sculptor Georgia Gerber's Studio

In July SeattleSeattle toured Georgia Gerber's studio on Whidbey Island on a perfect northwest day -- warm temperatures and clear skies. She and her husband Randy maintain a studio and foundry with an extended work space, in addition to their home, some barns, two horses (and a miniature horse), and vegetable garden on five rural acres.

Georgia is known for her bronze sculptures of animals, including the cow and turtles at University Village, pig at Pike Place Market, and the Husky in front of the stadium. She and Randy guided us through the process of creating her sculptures: from the inception of the idea and the modeling in clay, to the process of turning the model into a mold that holds liquid metal, to welding the parts of a large piece together, to the application of the patina, and all the way to finally shipping and installing the larger than life size pieces. We were delighted to learn that Georgia received her MFA degree from the UW School of Art.

Georgia and Randy were very gracious hosts. They set up tables and chairs for us to eat our lunches on the lawn and joined us for lunch. We felt honored that they chose to give SeattleSeattle a tour as they only do about 6 tours a year.

*Barbara Archbold
SeattleSeattle Chair*

Members of SeattleSeattle with Georgia and Randy Gerber Whidbey Island (below).



UWRA Travelogue Series

"Tanzania: Beyond the Serengeti"

October 21

By Carolyn and Bob Crockett

Carolyn and Bob travelled in Tanzania in January 2015 with several friends. Their presentation will focus on the Amani Nature Reserve, the Lazy Lagoon Nature Reserve on a peninsula near historic Bagamoyo, the original capital of German East Africa. They will also include their experiences in Selous Game Reserve and Mahale Mountains National Park, which is famous for "chimping" – close views of wild chimpanzees. As a retired primatologist, Carolyn was especially pleased to see ten different primate species in Tanzania.

Mongolia and the Gobi Desert

18 November 2015

By Paul Mongillo

Save the Date

Scholarship Dinner Tuesday, November 10th

SeattleSeattle and Gallery Goers

Wednesday, October 21st

Special Outing at SAM

INTIMATE IMPRESSIONISM FROM THE NATIONAL GALLERY OF ART

This major exhibition consists of 68 intimately scaled masterpieces by Impressionists and Post Impressionists masters from the East Wing of the National Gallery. These works will be on tour for the first time only because the East Wing closed for renovation.

Docent tour and lunch arrangements are being planned. The exhibition opens October 1st.

Reservations are required. Hope you can join us for this special event.

Please contact Mimi Wagar (206-546-8251).

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From the Editor

In preparing the Newsletter, I notice the cool things that are happening at UWFA. This July SeattleSeattle visited the studio of renown sculptor and UW alum Barbara Gerber. I don't know how Barbara Archbold manages to find and organize these great outings. She's been doing it for fifteen years and has been our treasurer forever. Of course, she is just one of many volunteers who make UWFA a great organization to belong to. The hiking group, one of whose activities this summer is featured on page 3, is led by a team who arranges pretty interesting hikes week after week after week. Another is Mimi Wagner who plans special trips to galleries with lunch at great places that she has discovered for so many of us, judging by the size of the groups, to enjoy. We also have Esther Neeser lining up terrific programs and the all the other Interest Group leaders who organize the many activities that makes UWFA great. Frankly, I don't know of anything else that gives you as much "opportunities for social and cultural interchange" as a \$20 membership to UWFA.

Sadly, the amount of scholarship that we are able to award this year is down. Dagmar and her committee have launched a project to sell gift cards and are pursuing other initiatives that she will talk about at the Fall Reception to reverse this trend. We will miss the youthful Mrs. Marti Young who, as our Honorary President and wife of former UW President Michael Young, made an effort to attend as many of our events as she could.

The newsletter comes out five times a year: September, November, January, March , and May. If your group has some pictures or news to share, please send it to me by the 12th of the previous month. Send it to hadydej@comcast.net.

*Hady De Jong
Newsletter Editor*

Spring Luncheon speaker Anita Ramasastry (right) is pictured with Mary Hjorth and Anne Johnson, whose husbands were members of the UW Law Faculty.

Past Presidents' Luncheon

PAST PRESIDENTS:

Please mark your calendars for Tuesday, October 27th, at the Seattle Yacht Club at 11:45 am. Photo session at noon.

The Luncheon Committee looks forward to the pleasure of your company on a lovely Autumn afternoon, with a special menu and wonderful time together. If you would like to have a ride, please inform Mimi Wagar (206-546-8251). She will try to coordinate a ride for you.

Mimi Wager



Date	Event	Place	Time	Program
Monday October 5	Fall Reception Chairs: Carol Ingram and Traudi Krausser	University Unitarian Church	1:30 to 3:30 pm	Greet old friends and meet new ones. Sign up for interest groups.
Tuesday October 13	Dinner/Lecture Chair: Esther Neeser	UW Club	5:45 pm Dinner 7:15 pm Program	“ Detective Stories about the Trans-Pacific Tsunami of January 1700” by Brian Atwater
Wednesday October 21	Travelogue Chair: Joan Bowers	UW Club	5:15 pm Dinner 7:15 pm Program	“Tanzania: Beyond the Serengeti” by Carolyn and Bob Crockett
Tuesday October 27	Past Presidents’ Annual Luncheon	Seattle Yacht Club	11:45 am	Always a fun lunch.
Tuesday November 10	Scholarship Dinner Chair: Diane Grabowski	UW Club	5:45 pm Dinner 7:15 pm Program	Meet the students who will be receiving the UWFA scholarships. Guaranteed to be a tearjerker! Lecture: TBA
Wednesday November 18	Travelogue Chair: Joan Bowers	UW Club	5:45 pm Dinner 7:15 pm Program	“Mongolia and the Gobi Desert” by Paul Mongillo
Wednesday December 16	UW Club members’ Holiday Dinner	UW Club	Please call the Club to reserve.	The Dickens Carolers

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Jean Blagg

Ellyn Swanson