

March 2008 Newsletter

ANNUAL MARCH CONFERENCE

Guild members will know by now that our yearly conference is coming soon. It opens with a reception Friday February 29th, music, refreshments and a tour of MOHAI's "Lincoln, Constitution and the Civil War" exhibition. Saturday the main events are sessions on "Blue vs. Gray: The Civil War in the Pacific Northwest" with speakers examining how issues of secession, slavery, race and citizenship played out in the corner of America furthest from the actual fighting.

Please, register online at www.brownpapertickets.com, by phone at 1-800-838-3006 or by mail to 4843 50th Ave. SW; Seattle WA 98116. Visit the Guild's website pnwhistorians.org for further details about time, costs, etc. As before, the event takes place at MOHAI and parking is available and free.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE BOOK SALE

Guild members who are interested in selling Northwest history books they've authored or used copies of PNW history books by other authors at the annual Pacific Northwest Historian Guild's Conference should contact Lisa Scharnhorst at schlisa@u.washington.edu. Please contact her by February 23rd. Lisa will be organizing the sale and John Daughters will be running the table at the conference on March 1st.

It is also your opportunity to meet the authors and discuss matters of mutual interests.

UPCOMING EVENTS

There are two more monthly meetings this year plus this year's Ramble. The first evening meeting will be April 8th. Guild member Robert Foxcurran will speak about his research into the era of Frenchmen who came to trap furs and trade prior to the age of English speakers. Their interesting story is too often forgotten until we are reminded by the frequent French names along northwest roads. He will discuss the lives of two French communities. The second event is Richard Kolin speaking on another heritage that is now receding from memory, one remembered by the oldest among us and little discussed by the youngest, namely our maritime past. It's coming up May 13th. Further specifics on both meetings in coming newsletters.

Evening meetings are the second Tuesday of the month at the University Branch of Seattle Public Library. They begin at 5pm. Parking is usually available on the street nearby, although metered until 6pm. The Guild's board is considering adjusting the time, possibly making it somewhat later if that is more convenient. There are no meetings June through August, but they resume in September.

The Ramble will be held Sunday, May 17th. For those who don't remember, Rambles are outdoor events for which walking shoes are more appropriate than clipboards. The location will be WSDOT's perennial victim, the UW Arboretum. We'll gather at the Graham Center at 1:30 for a guided tour of the flora and fauna. For a tour of the history, we turn to Guild member Junius Rochester. The cost is \$4; call 206 543-8800 for driving instructions.

PAST EVENTS

Those attending Caroline Swope's talk February 12th enjoyed an excellent program on one of the most original, if not peculiar town in Washington, Leavenworth.

GUILD ADDRESSES

The board, according to the organization's bylaws, chooses the president from among its members. At its February 13th meeting, it selected Paul Spitzer. Officers and their contact addresses are:

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| Judy Bentley | Treasury and non-participating board member |

Bridget Murphy is our dedicated volunteer membership coordinator at bmu427@comcast.net. Please keep her up-to-date on any changes in your personal information.

There is an email mailbox to be found on the Guild's website. The box recently filled up, but most of the messages were from what can be best described as an unrelenting "prayer spammer." The junk mail has now been emptied and the box is again accepting mail. However, it is preferable to use one of the email addresses above or our regular mail box: PNWHG, P.O. Box 85457, Seattle WA 98145.

Newsletters go out to our entire mailing list including some former members. Readers may not realize this since they were emailed in small batches with the names of about a dozen in each batch.

BANQUET COORDINATOR

After years of service as coordinator of the annual January banquet, Chuck LeWarne has asked to retire from the position. The board realizes it will be difficult finding someone to fill a position so closely associated with Chuck. He has been the very model of the modern banquet coordinator. His introductions of the annual award winner have been charming, memorable, and original every year. The Guild has been well served even to the point that next year's reservation of the University Club has already been taken care of.

Many thanks to Chuck for years of great banquets, hosting, speakers and thanks too to those who have helped him.

EVENTS

Marjorie Reeves writes that the dedication for a Jefferson Davis Park will be held April 27, 2008, at 11 am. The park is located at 24024 Maple Crest Road, Ridgefield, WA. The public is invited to the ceremony. More information about the park can be found at <http://www.jeffersondavispark.org/> Marjorie Ann Reeves, President UDC Robert E. Lee Chapter 885 Seattle.

The Northwest was heavily influenced by the arts and crafts movement. A program by Lawrence Kreisman is being presented at the Washington State Library (wslevents@secstate.wa.gov) February 29th at 6:30pm in Tumwater.