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The OREA Newsletter

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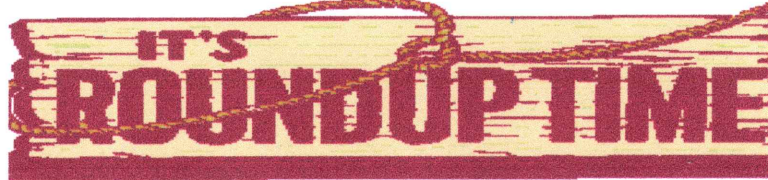
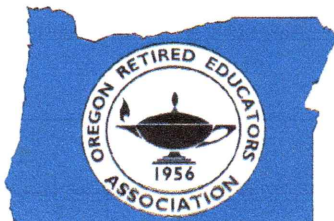
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You are invited to attend!

Central Oregon Roundup

Oregon Retired Educators Association

2023 Convention

September 6th - 8th

Eagle Crest Resort - Redmond, Oregon

Interesting speakers, great entertainment, fabulous food,
networking with OREA units from around the state,
wine-tasting at a local vineyard, afternoon sightseeing,
good friends - all in a beautiful and central location!

Make your reservations at Eagle Crest (1-865-682-4786 ext. 1+2 or www.eaglecrest.com, mention OREA Convention and receive a special rate) and check-in on Wednesday. Join us for an optional tour, wine-tasting and pizza and salad buffet at the Faith, Hope and Charity winery. Convention officially begins at 9 a.m. on Thursday with optional tours in the afternoon. We will continue on Friday ending at 11:30 a.m. for your safe drive home. **Convention registration and details will follow in a special Chalkboard edition.**



Unit News

Unit 1 (Portland)

Teachers Brigade Adds Site

There is a new site available at the Caesar Chavez Elementary School open for volunteers interested in assisting in a school library. Cindy and Jeff Parsons along with Pat Eck are busy on Thursdays weeding the collection under the supervision of librarian, Rose Wilde. Persons interested in volunteering must go through a check at no cost to the individual. Unit 1 members can contact Jan or Pat Eck for more information.



Criterion School Loan



Unit 1 retired the remaining emergency loan balance made to the Save the Criterion School Committee for restoring the windows in the schoolhouse. How generous!

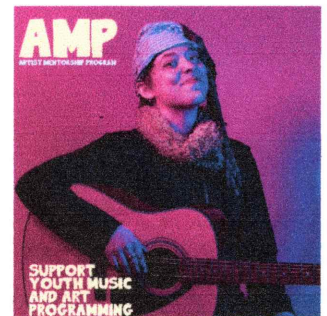
Schoolhouse Supply Work Parties

Unit 1 volunteers and friends meet at Schoolhouse Supply the second Monday of the month to sort and inventory donated items. These items are then placed in the Schoolhouse Store for teachers in local school districts to shop for free. Our members also participated in the Schoolhouse Teacher Appreciation Day on May 6th at Parkrose High School.

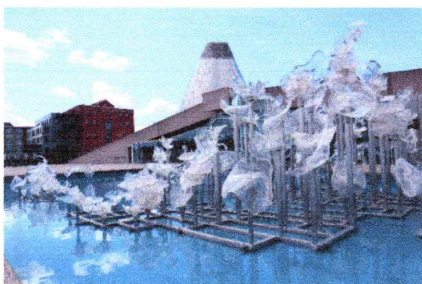
Mini-Grant Program

Five mini-grants of \$250 each were awarded this school year. Four awards went to educators at the Alliance High School for projects ranging from applied micro-economics to students learning how to process, cure, smoke and pickle local salmon.

The fifth award went to the Artist Membership Program (AMP) to purchase ukuleles for use with homeless youth. AMP helps connect youth experiencing homelessness to artists and musicians who provide one-on-one instruction, performance opportunities, recording studio time, gallery showcases, and community to guide isolated youth through the trauma of being homeless.



Van Excursions



Unit 1 has entered into a memorandum of understanding with the Portland Parks and Recreation to provide van excursions for members and friends. The latest excursion was to the Museum of Glass in Tacoma. We were provided a tour of the museum as well as a visit to the Hot Shop to witness glass blowing first-hand.

Unit News

Unit 5 (Klamath County)



OREA Unit 5 is unique in that we sponsor a performing group called the Kitchen Band. Retired educator, Ethel Culver, was inspired in the late 1990's to form the band after seeing a similar band in Arizona. This early Kitchen Band played kazoos attached to kitchen items. Since then, the Kitchen Band has developed into a singing group with many talented vocalists. This year, there are 24 members and 11 of them are members of OREA. A new program of music is created every year to perform for schools, retirement homes, and various civic organizations providing awareness of Oregon Retired Educators Association and entertainment for all who attend.

Submitted by Larry Wager, Co-President, OREA Unit 5

Unit 9 (Pendleton Area)

OREA Unit 9 continues to support local educators with grant monies for items or experiences not funded by the school district budget. In March, checks were delivered to 15 grant applicants for a total of \$3,409. All schools were represented in the awards, which included the Virtual Learning Academy, three elementary schools, and the middle and high schools.

These are some examples of the requests, all of which were funded:

Clay for sculptures, author visit and signed books, flexible seating options (wobble stools and kick bands), class set of headphones, STEM supply purchases, chair pockets, replenish art supplies, sets of various books, kitchen items for foods classes, registrations and transportation to a near-by music festival, BOSU and stability balls and an on-line subscription for an intervention student.

Kandace Bostwick, Karen VanderPlatt and Lona Odom delivered the checks.



Submitted by Lona Odom

Criterion Schoolhouse News

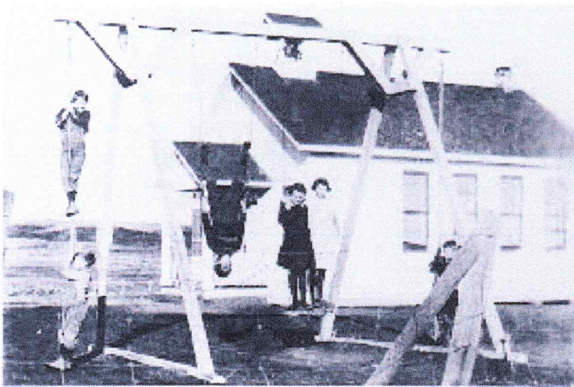
Criterion Schoolhouse Placed on National Schoolhouse Register

The Criterion Schoolhouse, located on the Oregon State Fairgrounds, was placed on the National Schoolhouse Register on December 2, 2022. The Oregon Retired Educators Association submitted the nomination through its Save the Criterion School Committee. The National Schoolhouse Register is the Country School Association of America's (CSAA) list of former or current school buildings it considers worthy of recognition, on a national level, for their preservation. The Criterion Schoolhouse is the first Oregon school building to receive this designation.

The Criterion Schoolhouse was the first school in Wasco County to be declared "standard" and was used as a school from 1912 until 1925. From November 1975 through the spring of 1976, the Oregon Department of Education searched statewide for abandoned one-room schoolhouses. Criterion was chosen out of 50 candidates to be moved 200 miles to the Oregon State Fairground for the 1976 Bicentennial Celebration. This historical treasure has stood as a tribute to Oregon's public education system over the years and is visited annually by thousands of fairgoers.

Through its National Schoolhouse Registry Program, the County School Association of America recognizes school buildings that contribute in some positive way to the appreciation and understanding of the country school experience and their unique architectural and historical heritage. Placements on the CSAA registry are awarded to school buildings that are at least 50 years old, that have been restored, renovated or reconstructed to retain the integrity of their original design, and are well maintained. It is the hope of the CSAA that this registry will not only serve to identify school buildings of historical and/or architectural significance, but will also recognize preservation achievements and encourage the continuing care.

Both articles submitted by Pat Eck, Unit 1



**Criterion
Schoolhouse
Then
and
Now**



Repairs to the Criterion Schoolhouse

The Save the Criterion Schoolhouse Committee has reached its goal of raising \$20,000 to address dry rot issues. Thank you to everyone who has donated to this restoration fund.

OREA Unit 39 applied for and received a \$5,000 grant from the Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund to offset the high costs of milling the period-accurate siding for the Criterion Schoolhouse.

There will be workshops held by Clatsop County Community College in May and June to complete this critical restoration work. The May workshop will be held in Albany at the Vintage Window Repair Shop. Wood will be milled to match the existing siding used on the building in 1912. The wood will then be primed, painted, and transported to the Oregon State Fairgrounds in time for the July workshop which will entail replacing compromised siding, drip molding a trim with the newly milled boards.

There will be a 50th year celebration in 2026 remembering the relocation of the schoolhouse from Maupin to the Oregon State Fairgrounds. Plans are being made to create a Tribute to Public Education Walk between the school and the Grange Log Cabin. Plans are being developed to create a family picnic area with informational kiosks celebrating public education in Oregon.

NAEP is hiring

In-school data collectors are needed for national assessments of grades 4, 8, and 12, January 29–March 8, 2024.

Enter your contact information at <http://www.WorkNAEP.com> to be notified once applications are available.



Volunteer Hour Information

*Volunteer hours should be with community programs or personal assistance for either children or adults and must not include time spent helping family.

*Literacy hours should be limited to volunteer time in school or community programs spent teaching reading or writing to either children or adults. This includes reading aloud to others in programs such as Teachers Brigade, SMART, and RIF. Hours working in libraries as support can also be counted as literacy. Reading to children in your family does not count.

*Hours may be counted once, either as volunteer hours or literacy hours.

*In either category, time is time and not relative to how many people served. For example, reading to three children for one hour counts as one hour of literacy, not three hours.

*Hours are to be turned in to your Unit Community Service Coordinator and submitted to the State Community Coordinator at the beginning of August.

OREA Community Service Awards

Volunteer Hours accumulated August 1, 2022 - July 31, 2023

Golden Hand: This award is given to the OREA unit that has accumulated the most volunteer and literacy hours. Please submit the total number of volunteer hours and literacy hours that were recorded from the members of your unit.

Golden Apple: This award is given to the OREA member who has volunteered the most hours in literacy. Please submit the name of the member in your unit and the number of literacy hours he/she volunteered.

Star Award: This award is given to the OREA member who has volunteered the most in areas not involving literacy. Please submit the name and hours of the member of your unit who volunteered the most hours outside of literacy.

Appreciation Award: This award is given to an inspirational OREA member from each unit who has been nominated by their unit for exceptional service. Each unit is encouraged to nominate one individual to be recognized at the convention.

Bell Ringer Award: Each OREA unit is invited to prepare a display at convention which highlights one (and only one) service project of the unit. Each unit will explain, in less than three minutes, the particulars of the project (purpose, segment of public served, how many served, etc.). Each unit will receive a small monetary award for their participation and sharing.

Dorothy Throne Award: This award is given to the OREA unit with the largest percentage increase in unit membership. This award will be determined by the State Treasurer based on membership data regularly submitted by all units.

OREA Memorial Board Scholarship Fund

Thank you to those who have faithfully sent donations in memory of your local unit members who have passed, as well as obituary information that we can include in the Chalkboard and at our remembrance table at the upcoming convention in September. Please email or mail information regarding any members in your unit who have passed who you would like recognized in the upcoming issue of the Chalkboard to: Teri Magee 6066 Bethel Heights Rd. NW, Salem, OR 97304 or terimagee@aol.com. Thank you for your ongoing donations. We would love to have you join the Memorial Board to help us continue to fund worthy recipients and causes that further the study of healthy aging!

If you would like to help support this ongoing fund, we welcome all donations. Please make your checks payable to:

OREA Memorial Fund (Fed. TIN#23-7385870)

Submitted by Teri Magee,

President-OREA Memorial Board

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Such to me is the new image of
aging; growth in self, and service for
all mankind.

— *Ethel Percy Andrus* —