

## **CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MINUTES Thursday, March 17, 2022**

Present: Donna Oberembt, Chair; Tim Hay, Georgann Lennon, Andrea Smith-Clarke, Jan Reha, Ted Watts, Claudia Lawrey, Sandi Medendorp;

**I. Minutes:** The Minutes of February 17, 2022 were approved as submitted

### **II. Administration**

1. 2022 Spring Class registration is open. 32 classes are being offered—all are on-line. Some classes start the 1st week in April and others start the 2nd and 3rd week; gives time if one class is cancelled you can still enroll in others; sign up now!
2. 2022 Summer class proposal deadline has passed; looks like many instructors will be taking a break for summer and then return in the fall; summer classes may be fewer in number;
3. 2022 Spring Qtr catalog is printed but unfortunately the cover still shows “winter”; the classes are for Spring though and have the correct dates; you can call Jerry Harkleroad if you want to pick up any catalogs to distribute; 425-985-5991; just remember not to distribute outside our geographic area—note: Redmond is NOT within our geographic area for printed materials.

### **III. Review of March Seminars that were conducted:**

3/1 Japanese Ceramics by Carol Frankel; 45 registrants; 35 attendees; it was excellent!

3/3 The Politics of Hong Kong by Prof. Simon Shen; 39 registrants; 22 attendees; disappointing # of attendees; especially because Prof. Shen got up at 4 AM Taiwan time to give us his excellent seminar;

3/7, 3/10 and 3/14 Taste of Telos—Preview for Spring Qtr

3/7—31 registrations; 23 attendees—net (less instructors and host) = 20

3/10—21 registrations; 17 attendees—net (less instructors and host) = 9

3/14—29 registrations; 25 attendees—net (less instructors and host) =  
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3/8 After the Blast: 40 Years of Lessons from Mt. St. Helens by Dr. Eric Wagner; 104 registrations; 70 attendees (note 48 attendees were not TSO members; had to post meeting on Humanities WA website; will not add these individuals to our database; excellent; looking to get him back to talk about Penguins;

3/15 The Emergence of Folk-Rock by John Jensen; 41 registrations; 24 attendees; excellent and toe tapping;

3/17 KCLS Library Programs by Wendy Pender; 25 registrations; 15 attendees; excellent; lots of tips and resources that I was unaware;

#### **IV. Upcoming March Seminars**

3/22 Portland Public Sculptors: Monuments, Memorials and Statuary, 1900-2003 by Fred F. Poyner IV

3/24 Ranked Choice Voting by Lisa Ayrault

3/28 KCTS Events/Activities by Ron Dunlop, President of KCTS and Cascade Public Media

3/29 The History and Art of Bonsai by Bruce Williams

3/30 Woodpeckers: Talented Drummers of the Avian World by Connie Sidles

3/31 Food Insecurity by Issaquah Food Bank

#### **Now booking seminars for June and September 2022. Here are seminars already booked for June:**

6/7, 6/8 and 6/14 Taste of Telos Summer Qtr Preview

6/15 Our Blue Planet-SAM Exhibit by Andrea Smith-Clarke

6/16 Blood-Brain Barrier by Dr. William Banks

6/21 Nesting Hawaiian Green Sea Turtles by Sheldon Plentovich

6/23 Bellevue Fire Department by Heather Wong

6/27 Coast Savers by Megan Juran

6/28 Water Overuse and the Western Water Problems by Janet Neuman

6/30 The Sofia Way: A Place of Hope and Change for Women by Jola Pasiswiat

#### IV. Possible Future Seminar/Classes

Assigned to	Topic	Speaker	Notes
Andrea	Our Blue Planet— overview of exhibit at SAM	Andrea Smith-Clarke	\$200 speaker fee; 6/15/22 at 10 AM
Andrea	Penguins in the Desert	Dr. Eric Wagner	\$200 speaker fee: 9/15/22 at 10 AM
Andrea	Seattle Sculptors	Fred Poyner IV	\$200 speaker fee; September???
Anne	Purdy Women--Freedom of Information--PLU		WA Women's Foundation \$500 grants
Anne	Frye Art Museum Virtual Tour		
Arnie	Bellevue Police Department		September??
Arnie	Bellevue Fire Department	Heather Wong	6/23/22 at 10 AM; no speaker fee
Chris	Energy Class	Rick Bodlaender	
Claudia	Campus Safety		Defer to when we return to North campus

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Chris	3-D Printing	Eric Zocher	to be demonstrated when in person seminars are permitted
Chris	Bills pending in Congress		

Chuck	Water Overuse and the Western Water Problems	Janet Neuman	6/28/22; no speaker fee
Chuck	Jackson School of International Studies		
Chuck	Washington State Legislature		
Chuck	Dept of Children, Youth, & Families	Ross Hunter??	
Chuck	Child Care	Suzan DelBene??	
Chuck	Burke Museum Virtual Tour		
Donna	Norwegian-American Immigrants and the Local Maritime Industries	Fred Poyner IV	\$200 speaker fee; December seminar??
Donna	Blood-Brain Barrier	Dr. William Banks	\$200 speaker fee; 6/16/22
Donna	The World of Spiders	Ron Holland	September??
Georgann	Jazz Music	Alex Dugdale	\$200 speaker fee; June??
Georgann	Nesting Hawaiian Green Sea Turtles	Sheldon Plentovich	6/21/22 at 10 AM; no speaker fee
Georgann	Coast Savers	Megan Juran	6/27/22 at 10 AM; \$200 to organization
Jan	The Sophia Way: A Place of Hope and Change for Women	Jola Paliswiat	6/30/22;
Jan	Gerontology		June or September?
Jan	<b>James A. Starkey Jr.</b>	We are Still Here: Looking Through Indigenous Eyes	Spring Qtr?
Jerry H	<b>A Comprehensive Overview of Wildland Fire Supression 1919 to Gigafire of 2020</b>	Bill Moody	in-person
Jerry H	<b>The Great Fires of 1919</b>	Bill Moody	in-person
Jerry H	<b>History of the US Forest Service Smoke Jumper Program</b>	Bill Moody	in-person

Jerry H	<b>History of the Aerial Firefighting Airtanker and Helicopter Programs 1857-2020</b>	Bill Moody	in-person
Jerry H	<b>The VLAT's--DC-10 and Boeing 747 Airtankers 2004-2020</b>	Bill Moody	in-person
Jerry H	<b>The Air Attack Mission</b>	Bill Moody	in-person
Jerry H	<b>The Carlton Complex Conflagration 2014</b>	Bill Moody	in-person
Jerry H	<b>A wildland fire related topic(s) of interest</b>	Bill Moody	in-person
Jim	<b>Folk Years Music--Guthrie, Peter, Paul, &amp; Mary</b>	WSU Instructor	
	Physics Seminar	Oscar Vilches	in-person
	<b>Geology I</b>	Jon Koloski	in-person
	Gold Prospecting in Alaska	Jim Miller	in-person

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	Oil and Gas Pipelines	Jon Koloski	in-person
	Panama Canal	Jon Koloski	in-person
	Traffic Safety in Bellevue--Green Bikes	Franz Lusanherz or Andreas	
	<b>How Pirates Overthrew the British</b>	John	
	Influence the Choice	Jerry Blackburn	Osher
	Addressing Race Relations in the 21st	Caprice Hollins	in-person
	"History of the Great	Amanda Wilde	in-person
Tim	Fishing Stories		
Tim	Facets of Opera	Stephen Wall	in-person

**B = Class**

**V. Old Business**

1. Andrea and I will be visiting these two off-campus venues in April to look at the rooms available and review the audio-visual setups; might use for September in-person seminars with coffee and light snacks after the event;
  1. Redmond Community Center—have various rooms and can accommodate 15-85 attendees; have hourly rates from \$35/\$42-\$60/\$72 (whether you are a Redmond resident or not); minimum 2 hours rental
  2. Temple B’Nai Torah at Crossroads—have various rooms; could hold up to 300 attendees; need to park across the street; has a kitchen area for making coffee; rates would be comparable to other venues;
2. Still need to recruit new instructors; bringing up again at the TSO Council meeting on 3/23/22; very important topic if we are to retain a strong TELOS program!
3. We can ask guests to the seminars; they know that if they register they will be added to our data base.
4. Still need classes and seminars on the suggested topics :suggested are:

Art History

Music appreciation

Composers and their music

Orcas

Washington State—legislation agenda for 2022 and results (ask Patty Kudera?)

Bills pending in congress that are of interest to retirees

Health issues?

5. Discussed the possibility of charging for higher profile seminars—maybe charging \$5 to \$10; would occur infrequently; might reduce attendance at them though; will keep this option on the table though; will present to TSO Council on 3/23 meeting;
6. Want to go ahead with our survey of inactive instructors to find out why they are no longer teaching for TELOS; can do on Survey Monkey but will have to have a paid account if we add “comment boxes”; will ask the TSO Council on 3/23 for the go ahead to conduct the survey; Andrea, Jan, Georgann and Jerry

have reviewed the letter, the questions and the list of inactive instructors to include;

7. Still working on evaluation survey to get actual feedback on our seminars; hope to have in place for our June seminars;

8. TSO Council still working on getting the \$5 enrollment fee back; has revise the letter to Gary Locke but holding off sending in till late April; Ted and Jerry H. will try to get a quick word with Gary Locke at a fundraising breakfast late April;

## **VI. New Business**

1. Should we keep recording seminars? Low attendance on some excellent seminars; higher registration and low attendance is not being courteous to our speakers; maybe registrants think they will get the recording after so don't attend; after discussion of this issue we decided that we will not record June seminars as a trial; a note on the announcement will make this statement;
2. Should we make "Land Acknowledgement "statements before seminars? After discussion, because it is a policy issue, will bring up to the TSO Council 3/23/22 to decide the issue.

Meeting adjourned at 4:34 pm

**VIII. Next Meeting:** The next meeting is tentatively **Thursday, April 15, 2021 at 3:30 pm on Zoom**

Submitted by Donna Oberembt, acting Secretary