Jean Majoska passes away

Jean Majoska, NLCHM’s longest serving Board President (2001-2012), passed away in January. Jean was born in Sydney, Australia, where she majored in business in college and was a realtor and private secretary for several business organizations. She trained as an opera singer and sang and danced in a Hawaiian hula group for ten years. She also served as a docent at the Bishop Museum in Honolulu.

Jean moved to Lincoln City in the late 90s. Her interest in history and museums led her to volunteer at NLCHM as a docent, and then a member of the Board of Directors. Jean led the museum through the challenging and complex expansion and upgrading of the NLCHM building skillfully and knowledgeably coordinating with the city, Urban Renewal, the architect, and contractor.

Jean continued to served on the Board until 2018. She also played a large role in working with children at the museum, from giving school group tours to being a steward of our Mildred and Marie Children’s Room. Our “take a book, leave a book” library in our children’s room is named the Jean Majoska Library in her honor.

The museum community is deeply saddened by the news of her passing.

Jean Majoska to be honored at annual meeting

Jean Majoska will be honored at this year’s annual meeting in June. Details will follow in the next newsletter.

YEAR-ROUND MUSEUM HOURS SET

Museum hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday. The same hours will continue year-round.

Red Devils exhibit opens Feb. 8

A new exhibit, “The Devils of North Lincoln County,” opens Saturday, Feb. 8 and will run for all of 2020. The exhibit will showcase Red Devils photos, quotes from those who have experienced them, and artifacts, including a four-foot-tall parade float devil head, several Red Devil costumes, and more!

The Red Devils group formed in Taft and Devils Lake in 1933 to promote events like the Redhead Roundup and Devils Lake Regatta. The group promoted events and entertained visitors with shenanigans, including kidnapping redheads and throwing them in the ocean or lake, holding mock weddings, and other general tomfoolery. The group played an important part in the success of tourism in North Lincoln County and were key in the “20 Miracle Miles Campaign.”

LaRoque exhibit opens March 7 in Anne Hall Gallery

“Rites of Spring: The Works of Marcel LaRocque” will open Saturday, March 7 at 2 p.m. in the Anne Hall Gallery. The exhibit will feature beautiful watercolor works by the late Marcel LaRocque. Art curator Matt Blakeman will be there to answer questions.

LaRocque was born Dec. 30, 1922 in Rhode Island and died May 3, 1988 in Oregon. One of the paintings that will be included in the exhibition, “Rites of Spring,” won special recognition in the Society’s 1987 Fall Show. Though best known as a watercolorist, LaRocque was an innovative and experimental artist who worked extensively with mixed media and collage.

Enjoy refreshments during the opening.
Board asks for extra $5,000 for needed repairs

NLCHM’s museum building has experienced some out-of-the-ordinary maintenance issues over the past months including the failure of one of the furnaces during a cold spell, failure of the elevator—which required expensive repair—and the removal by someone of about 20 cedar shingles, which were replaced with the help of contractor Tony Hugbeck.

During this year’s annual fundraiser, the museum’s Board of Directors is asking that members and friends give extra to help bolster the museum’s building fund. The Board has set a goal of $5,000 extra, which is about the price of a new furnace. The museum underwent major renovations in 2004 and received shiny new furnaces, a dehumidifying system, and more, but now spring. Doug has decades of teaching, educational, and storytelling experience and makes the stories come alive. Kick off your Spring Break with Spring Story Time at the Museum!

New and renewing members

INDIVIDUAL
Genevieve Atwood
Evelyn Phelps
John Craig
Marianne Walz
Shirley Woodford
Susan Phelps
Carol Forbes
Keith Gleen
Bill Boyce
Kathleen Roff
B. Jones
Linda Jackson
Dianne Miho
Lois Hartwig
LuzMaria Kettis
John & Jane Lundin
Thomas Chandler

FAMILY
Monte & Kathie Arehart
Jack & Geraldine Brody
Robert & Nancy Cross
Gary & Ann Nees
Lloyd & Marlene Ankeny
Jack & Judy Wilson
Phillip & Cecelia Jensen
Kevin & Ruth Shelly
Frank & Margo Heater
Amrani-Journey Family
Russell & Kathleen Messmer
Chet & Susan Hasselbrink
Sherman & Sheila Coventry
SUSTAINING
Mike Test & Jean Celia
Sheryl Fullerton
Doug & Cynthia Force
Brice Niemi
Jon & Carla McCoy
Lynn & Pat Churchill
Jean Majoska
SUPPORTING
Dick & Sue Anderson
Sandy Gruber
Jackie Hurl
Rich Emery & Patti Sibzer
Jamieson Bergeron Family
Harold & Barbara Ogburn
Robert & Sharon Borgord

BENEFACTORs
George Staley
Constance Gohlman
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Eleanor’s Undertow
North Lincoln Sanitary Service
The Inn at Spanish Head
Lincoln County Historical Society
Bay Area Merchants Association
Seagull Motel
Lincoln City Chamber of Commerce
Explore Lincoln City

Memorial Donations
James Earl Phelps
Mildred & Marie Educational Endowment
Jackie Hurl

WWII exhibit continues, includes Johann donation

“The Kiss,” a statue celebrating the United States’ victory over Japan, is on display in the “WWII on the Oregon Coast” exhibit. It was donated by 96-year-old Pearl Harbor Medal of Valor recipient Ed Johann, also one of the founders of NLCHM. Ed loves people and can be reached at: Ed Johann, Marquis Newberg, 441 Werd Blvd., Newberg, OR 97123, (503)-554-7154.