

## **Institute for Continued Learning Digest**

#### Welcome to the 134th Edition of the ICL Senioritis

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#### **ICL Update:**

- Mark your calendars: ICL is celebrating the end of the fall semester on November 17 with the Harvest Banquet and a General Meeting in Cat Cavern (2nd floor of Putnam U. Center) - following the morning class in Kaneko. The General Meeting includes the election of members to the Board of Directors. November 22nd classes are canceled. Stay tuned for more details.
- HELP WANTED: Social Services is seeking a few helpers for coming events. If you are interested please contact Dee at <<u>iltis@willlamette.edu</u>>.
- Spring 2023 Book Selection: <u>All That She Carried: The Journey of Ashley's Sack</u> by Tiya Miles, renowned Harvard History Professor. Some copies will be available in class on Nov. 1. (see 10/24/2022 email for details).

Willamette University presents Grace Goudy Distinguished Artists Series, Umi Garrett, classical piano

Wednesday, November 2, 2022 | 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM Rogers Music Center | Hudson Concert Hall

Umi Garrett is an American classical pianist who has recently graduated from the Juilliard School, studying with Prof. Hung-Kuan Chen and Prof. Matti Raekallio. She has also studied privately with Prof. John Perry and Mrs. Mina Hirobe-Perry.

Most recently, Umi Garrett was awarded 4th prize at the 2020 National Chopin Competition and 1st prize in the

Juilliard School's concerto competition, performing Ravel's G Major Concerto. She was a finalist at the Young Concert Artists Competition in 2020 and Canada International Piano Competition in 2021.

**Seniors and ICL members, \$5**; A season pass for the two concerts, Nov. 2 and Mar. 22 are **\$8.50 for Seniors and ICL members.** 

Tickets are available online at <u>WU-DAS.com</u> and at the box office the night of the performance.

Willamette U. Theatre: The Liar by David Ives
Adapted from the comedy by Pierre Corneille | Directed by Jonathan Cole
| Oct. 27 - Nov. 13, 2022 | <u>Dates and to purchase tickets...</u>

Dorante is a charming young man newly arrived in the capital, and has but a single flaw: he cannot tell the truth. He meets Cliton, a servant who cannot tell a lie, and falls in love with the secretly-engaged Clarice, and mistakes her name for her best friend Lucrece. Confused? We've barely begun!

Salem Peace Lecture: "Back from the Nuclear Brink: Prescription for Survival." with speaker, Dr. Ira Helfand

Wednesday, October 26, 2022 | 7:30 PM

This year's Salem Peace Lecture will once again be delivered in person, as well as being live-streamed worldwide on Willamette U.'s YouTube channel.

Please mark your calendar now. Interested people can attend from anywhere that has Internet access. If you would like the link to watch the lecture, email

#### **Handy Links:**

- Link to <u>ZOOM</u> for Board meetings, Happy Hour, etc.
- Calendar: Classes, etc.
- Schedule Reports
  - Currently (Fall 2022), classes are not being recorded. Some past classes may be viewed by anyone. More recordings are available only to ICL members in the password protected area. Presenters must give permission to record, and not all do.
- Zoom Help Find tips, FAQ, and other resources available on the Website

#### Missing ICL Friends? Join us for...

- Virtual Happy Hour on Fridays at 4:30 PM.
- Oregon COVID-19 Update
- By OR. Health Authority
- CDC COVID Data Tracker
- Statesman Journal COVID reports
- Find COVID19 Vaccines

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### General Election Day: November 8th, 2022 -Election Information

- Marion Co.: November 8th, 2022 Voter's Pamphlet
- Schedule for posting election results
- SOS Elections Page
- SOS Voters' Pamphlet

The history of frozen pizza.

#### **Good News Story:**

Daughter creates no-sugar, no-carb Mexican candy for dad with diabetes. (More) Peter Bergel atpbergel@igc.org. However, we recommend attending in person if possible in order to be able to ask questions.

#### About Our Speaker

Dr. Helfand is a perfect fit for this topic. He is co-chair of national Physicians for Social Responsibility's Nuclear Weapons Abolition Committee, as well as serving as Immediate Past President of PSR's global parent organization, International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War (IPPNW). He is one of the originators of the international Back from the Brink campaign to address the global threat of annihilation by nuclear weapons. Few people can equal Dr. Helfand's mastery of the nuclear weapons issue.

#### Peacemakers of the Year Announced

Each year, the Salem Peace Lecture Committee confers the Salem Peacemaker of the Year award on an individual or organization that has served the cause of peace consistently and diligently. This year's award will be given to the Oregon farmworkers' union Pineros y Campesinos Unidos del Noroeste (PCUN) for its decades of work to empower farmworkers and working Latinx families in Oregon.

#### **About the Peace Lecture Committee**

The Salem Peace Lecture Committee brings national-class speakers to the mid-Willamette community every year. This series originated in 1990 through the cooperative efforts of Salem Peace Plaza, Inc.; the United Nations Association, Salem Chapter; Physicians for Social Responsibility; the Willamette University Educational Programs Committee; and the Willamette University Office of the Chaplains.

#### A brief history of why we carve pumpkins at Halloween...

Halloween comes to us from Ireland and the UK and was once a religious observance. Over the years, it became more secular and spread "across the pond" to the US. The Celtic 'Samhain' was celebrated on November 1 when it was believed that the souls of the dead returned to their homes. Costumes were worn and fires lit to ward off evil spirits. In the 8<sup>th</sup> century, Pope Gregory III moved All Saints Day (the Christian substitute for this pagan holiday) to November 1 and the day before became known as "All Hallows Eve".

A man named Stingy Jack invited the Devil out for a drink and then conned him into paying for it. Emboldened by his success, Jack conned the Devil again, but died and was immediately banished from both Heaven and Hell with only a burning piece of coal set inside a carved turnip to guide his way. A turnip!

Jack of the Lantern, eventually became Jack O'Lantern, and 19<sup>th</sup> century Irish and Scottish people started setting out their own turnips and potatoes carved with scary faces to ward Jack away from their homes. Irish immigrants brought the tradition to the States and found that local pumpkins lent themselves very nicely to the task.

#### **Halloween Masks**

In 1914, three brothers stumbled onto a mysterious cave in the south of France. The Cave of the Trois Frères – as it's known today – revealed hundreds of strange drawings on the rock walls and a mysterious painting of a human body, skunk-like tail, the face of an owl and a pair of antlers. Years later, anthropologists determined that the



cave art was approximately 15,000 years old, dating back to the late Paleolithic period. They concluded that "The Sorcerer" as it became known, was possibly

Salem artists Dave and Sandra Nichols (June 9, 1943 - May 9, 2022) (working under the pseudonyms "nic" and "sloy") created new interpretations of archaic myths and customs from combinations of found objects and fragments of language. We'll be opening their exhibit, "wishful thinking", next week at the Level 2 Gallery at the Convention Center and the Art Hall at the Salem **Public Library**.

Join us for an "opening" on **Tuesday, Nov 1, 2022**. Hosted light fare and cash bar at the Convention Center

On October 24 in 1945, the United Nations Charter was ratified, creating the global organization as we know it. The U.N. came about as a result of World War II, and it remains an essential function even 77 years later.

Click through a timeline of the U.N.'s greatest milestones — from the first steps taken in 1941 to the organization's future plans through the year 2030.

A <u>new interactive map</u> from the Audubon Society allows everyone to see the fascinating global migrations of different bird species.

Check out a striking
Halloween light show,
created by drones reaching
400 feet above one man's
home.

The most haunted <u>hotels</u> in every state.

World's largest corn maze honors <u>60 years of James</u> <u>Bond</u>.

a picture of a shaman performing a ritual in what is considered to be the oldest-known depiction of a human wearing a mask.

Masks have been part of human culture for millennia. The earliest face coverings were believed to help disguise hunter-gatherers as they stalked their prey. Shamans often wore masks to hide their identities and because they believe that the mask transformed them into divine beings. Masks were worn by warriors for protection and to terrify the enemy. Doctors wore masks during the 17<sup>th</sup> century plague to scare off disease. The beaked masks held bouquets of perfume to deal with the stench of disease.

Tribal cultures wore masks that resembled the faces of dead ancestors in ceremonies. Masks were also made for the dead themselves. Royalty were often buried with gold masks while lower social classes were buried with clay masks.

Today, masks are still used to celebrate. Carnival, for example, is a time when masks are worn. Halloween masks harken back to the pagan belief of the early Celts who may have celebrated the autumnal festival Samhain – when the souls of the dead returned home – by wearing masks representing their spiritual visitors.

## Willamette Heritage Center presents: Drive-Thru Trick-or-Treat Sunday, October 30, 2022 | 12pm – 4pm

Join us on Sunday, October 30, 2022 for the 3rd annual drive-thru Trick-or-Treat event at the Willamette Heritage Center.

Local businesses, non-profits, and individuals, aka "Candy Crew", will pass out candy and goodies to kiddos in their vehicles. Each car will drive through a route on the site to see all the fun booths and decorations.

This event is first come, first served. Drive-thru only. Entrance on 14th Street. Free for families, no tickets or reservations necessary!

# The Nightmare Factory at the Oregon School for the Deaf

999 Locust St. NE, Salem | 7-10 p.m. Sunday and Monday, Oct. 30-31.

Salem's School for the Deaf knows how to scare you. Their Nightmare Factory has become a tradition and inspired one young girl of 11 to become their make-up artist at 20. Dozens of students and alumni continue to work as actors and backstage support to help create a Halloween horror for visitors.

Tickets are \$20 for general admission and \$30 for a VIP line available at the door. *More about the Nightmare Factory...* 

#### **Local and Virtual Events!**

- Lecture: "Climate Change, Renewable Energy, and Endangered Species in Western US: A Catch 22?": Chris Smith, Professor of Biology and 2021 Winner of the Lynwood W. Swanson Scientific Research Award Monday November 7, 2022 | Reception: 6:30 p.m. Lecture: 7:00 PM Willamette U. College of Law (245 Winter St. SE) | Paulus Lecture Hall
- Philomath Open Studios Tour: October 22-23 & 29-30 | 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM ...more information... ...brochure... ...map...
- OMSI Science Pub: What Happens In Your Brain When You're In The Zone: The Neuroscience of Optimal Behavior with Luca Mazzucato, PhD, Professor of Biology and Mathematics, member of the Institute of Neuroscience at the University of Oregon OMSI, Portland, OR | Tuesday, November 1 | Empirical Theater | 7pm Can't join us in person? RSVP to tune in via Zoom!

# Possible globster sighted on the Oregon coast

America's <u>biggest</u>, <u>baddest corn mazes</u>.

Behold, a pumpkin spice latte-inspired ring.

Society is like a stew. If you don't stir it up every once in a while then a layer of scum floats to the top.

~ Edward Abbey

#### Word to Know: Hyponym

[HAHY-pə-nim] noun Greek, 20th century

1. A word of more specific meaning than a general or superordinate term applicable to it. For example, "spoon" is a hyponym of "cutlery.".

"Human being" is a hyponym of many things, including "animal," "earthling," and "primate."

"Tabby," "tortoise-shell," and "Siamese" are three of the many hyponyms of the word "cat."

Finalists for the most ridiculous wildlife photos of the year.

7 Places Where Summer Never Ends



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