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ICL Update:

- **Curriculum Committee Meeting:** Thursday, **November 10th** at 1:30 PM via [Zoom](#). Meetings are open to all members.
- **ICL Autumn Banquet:** Thursday, **November 17th**, noon-1:30 PM at **Cat Cavern**, following the morning session. We will be taking paid reservations during the next 3 ICL sessions, **November 3-10**. The cost is \$16.00, payable by check (only). Spouses and partners are welcome.
- **ICL General Meeting:** Thursday, **November 17th** after the banquet; in Cat Cavern.
- **ICL Board Meeting:** Thursday, **November 17th** at 1:30 PM (or right after the banquet and General Meeting); in Cat Cavern

Willamette Update:

WITS has extended the password change deadline to January 31st.

Thanks to all of you who've recently changed your password; keeping you and the institution safe and secure is what it's all about. We tip our hats to you.:

If you changed or created your password after September 1st, 2022, you're in good shape and have no need to change it now or in the near future.

We'll be running a more public, wide-spread campaign starting early January and look forward to beginning the new year with fresh [new passwords](#).

[Follow-up: Read Mayor Mitch Landrieu's speech on removing New Orleans' Confederate monuments](#)

(this speech was mentioned by Ellen Eisenberg during her excellent ICL presentation on Nov. 3rd titled "Whose History? Whose Memory? Wrestling with Problematic Pasts")

Also mentioned: David Blight. [See books and video clips by Dr. Blight.](#)

A Bobbie Dolp Lecture Series Presentation: Preservation Horticulture and the National Parks with Susan Dolan, National Parks Service

Thursday, November 17, 2022 | 7:00 – 8:30 PM

Center 50+ | 2615 Portland Road, Salem

The conservation mission of the National Park Service includes the preservation of cultural landscapes. These historically significant places are often composed of character-defining vegetation that requires care with Preservation Horticulture. In this talk, Susan will examine the work of Preservation Horticulture in a variety of cultural landscapes within the national parks.

Susan Dolan is the National Park Service Bureau Historical Landscape Architect and Manager of the NPS Park Cultural Landscapes Program. Her responsibilities include developing, implementing and overseeing a service-wide landscape preservation program that includes research, planning, stewardship, education and technology development.

This lecture series was established by Bobbie's family in recognition of her



Handy Links:

- Link to [ZOOM](#) for Board meetings, Happy Hour, etc.
- [Calendar](#): Classes, etc.
- [Schedule Reports](#)
- [Recorded Classes!](#) 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](#)

[Willamette University Events Calendar](#)

[Mid-Willamette Valley High Water Watch Gage Map:](#)

- Hover over green dots for gage name
- Click on green dots for graph and more information

[Good News Story: True Grit by J. B. MacKinnon](#)

When a storm surge swept dozens of wild horses and cattle from the coast of North Carolina, no one expected there to be survivors. Then hoofprints appeared in the sand.

passion and dedication to preserving the legacy of Elizabeth Lord and Edith Schryver.

Guests are invited to stay for a reception following the lecture. Seating is limited so please RSVP to Karen Freeman at karen@lordschryver.org by Nov. 15.

Open Studios & Holiday Show and Sale at The Mill: Painting, and Fiber Arts, and Collages — Oh My!

Saturday, November 12, 2022 | 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM PM

Willamette Heritage Center, 1313 Mill St. NE, Salem

Visit studios and various art displays and shopping opportunities in the 2nd floor artist space.

Also open: Fiberarts Guild demonstrations (4th floor in the Mill Building), Taproot Old Mill Cafe, Atelier Mela (hats), Teaselwich Wools, and Pendelton

shop.

Free to the public.

Zooming Back to History - A Deadly Wind: The 1962 Columbus Day Storm

Wednesday, November 9, 2022 | 7:00 PM | on [Zoom with registration](#)

The Columbus Day Storm of 1962 was a freak of nature, a weather outlier with deadly winds topping one hundred miles per hour. The storm killed dozens, injured hundreds, damaged more than fifty thousand homes, and leveled enough timber to build one million homes. To find an equally ferocious storm of its kind, fast-forward fifty years and cross the continent to Superstorm Sandy's 2012 attack on the East Coast.

About the Speaker: John Dodge is an Olympia, WA area resident with a 40-year career in print journalism, including 34 years at The Olympian as a reporter, columnist and editorial page writer. He is the author of "A Deadly Wind: The 1962 Columbus Day Storm," Oregon State University Press, 2018.

Mid-Valley Travel Club: [Highlights of Brazil's Pantanal National Park and Namibia, presented by Tom Ferron](#)

November 10 2022 | 7:00PM | [Zoom](#) (ID: 861 7790 9246 | Passcode: 453779)

Tom will share his experiences photographing the exotic animals of Pantanal National Park in western Brazil, along with thundering Iguazu Falls on the Brazil-Argentina border. By contrast, he will also share the beauty of the deserts of Namibia and its wildlife.

We are an informal group of people who love to learn about our amazing world via travel. We meet via Zoom on the second Thursday, September through May, at 7:00 p.m. There are no fees or obligations.

[Willamette University Author Reading and Book Signing: Theodore C. Van Alt Jr., Author](#)

Wednesday, November 9, 2022 | 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM | Ford Hall Rm 122 (Smullin Film Studies Theater)

Theodore C. Van Alst Jr. is the author of [Sacred Smokes](#) (2018) and [Sacred City](#) (2021), both from the University of New Mexico Press. His work has been published in Southwest Review, The Rumpus, Red Earth Review, The Journal of Working-Class Studies, Electric Literature, and Indian Country Today, among others. **Reading & Book Signing are Free and Open to the Public**

Sponsored by the English department, the Writing Center, College of Arts and Sciences and Native and Indigenous Student Union.

Book Recommendation:

[Simon the Fiddler by Paulette Jiles](#)

The critically acclaimed, bestselling author of *News of the World* and *Enemy Women* returns to Texas in this atmospheric story, set at the end of the Civil War, about an itinerant fiddle player, a ragtag band of musicians with whom he travels trying to make a living, and the charming young Irish lass who steals his heart.

[How People Voted in Ancient Elections](#)

By Dave Roos. In Athens and Rome, voting could entail shouting contests, secret stone ballots and an election system with built-in bias for the wealthy.

Did the election not go your way? [Try this..](#)

[To Delay Death, Lift Weights](#)

By Alex Hutchinson. Two studies remind us of what we already know (but sometimes forget).

[Whale Alert App:](#)

Whale Alert is a free iPhone/iPad application for fishermen, recreational boaters, industry partners, biologists, and volunteer networks to share real-time whale sightings.

[Watch a 'ring of fire' eclipse play out from space in epic new Hinode satellite footage](#)

A partial solar eclipse on Oct. 25 looked like an epic ring of fire when viewed by the Hinode satellite, new footage reveals.

[15 "Swoon-worthy" Covered Bridges in the U.S.](#)

Willamette U. Lecture: [Teppola Distinguished Scholar Presentation](#)

Thursday, November 10, 2022 | 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM | Smullin Hall, B-17

This presentation will explain the basics of **Modern Money Theory**, a new approach to understanding monetary and fiscal policy. MMT was invoked by many governments around the world as they responded to the economic calamity caused by the COVID pandemic with many trillions of dollars of relief spending. Now, however, many blame MMT for high inflation. This presentation will explain what MMT really says, what policies MMT actually promotes, and why the Fed's response to inflation is misguided.

[Small Wonders at Bush Barn Art Gallery](#) (Salem Art Association)

Nov. 11 - Dec. 24, 2022 | Annex Gallery

Reception: Fri. November 11, 2022 | 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

A show of 'Small Wonders' created for the gift giving season in mind. The perfect, unique gift for that special someone. Pastels, collages, paintings, and photography in petite sizes.

Part of that mission is to exhibit the works of our Represented Artists: these are artists who have been juried into the gallery for a six month period and whose work is regularly shown in the downstairs spaces.

*Note: Exhibit includes works by past iCL member, **Deanna White**, as well as **Nancy Eng**, **Katy Vigeland***

[Winter Light show at Bush Barn Art Gallery](#) (Salem Art Association)

Nov. 11 - Dec. 24, 2022 | Annex Gallery | Reception Nov. 11th | 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

In the dark, gloomy days of winter, light plays an important role in lifting the spirits and brightening lives around the world. To counteract the darkness, cultures – both here and abroad – hold festivals of light. This exhibition showcases the many different people living together in the Willamette Valley and celebrating winter with their own, unique customs.

Salem Art Association, in collaboration with Salem Multicultural Institute, presents Winter Light, a juried exhibition of the work of local artists, depicting the beauty of light in the still, quiet moments found in nature and in the warmth of hearth and home. *Join us in celebrating this multi-cultural portrayal of winter.*

History as to Why We Vote on the Second Tuesday of November

As implied by its name, Election Day is, well, a single day. That wasn't always the case, however: States used to hold elections whenever they wanted within a 34-day period leading up to the first Wednesday in December. This ultimately created some issues, as you might imagine — early voting results ended up holding too much sway over late-deciding voters, for one thing. The current date was implemented by the Presidential Election Day Act of 1845, and federal elections now occur every two years on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November.

That may sound arbitrary at first, but the date was chosen quite deliberately. American society was much more agrarian in the mid-19th century than it is today, and it took a full day of traveling for many to reach their polling place. Church made weekends impractical, and Wednesday was market day for farmers, so Tuesday proved ideal. November, meanwhile, worked because weather was still fairly mild, and the harvest was complete by then.

[Cozy up with 3 hearty stew recipes as winter weather sets in](#)

[How Did This Poisonous Plant Become One of the American South's Most Long-Standing Staples?](#)

The plant's inherent toxicity hasn't deterred those who swear by its delicious flavor and purported medicinal properties.

[Scientists Increasingly Can't Explain How AI Works By Chloe Xiang](#)

AI researchers are warning developers to focus more on how and why a system produces certain results than the fact that the system can accurately and rapidly produce them.

**I'm at that age where my back goes out more than I do.
~ Phyllis Diller**

Word to Know: Hyponym

[HAHY-pə-nim] 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."

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Fall Leaf Haul - Turn in Your Leaves for Free

Assistance for Senior and Disabled Residents

Senior citizens or those with disabilities in need of assistance hauling bagged leaves and grass to the collection site may call **503-589-2195** or email cwildman@cityofsalem.net. November 28, 2022, will be the last day to sign up for assistance.

Local and Virtual Events!

- **Willamette U. Theatre: The Liar by David Ives**
Adapted from the comedy by Pierre Corneille | Directed by Jonathan Cole | Oct. 27 - Nov. 13, 2022 | [Dates and to purchase tickets...](#)
- [Salem artists Dave and Sandra Nichols](#) ("nic and sloy"): Exhibit, "wishful thinking" at Level 2 Gallery at the Convention Center and the Art Hall at the Salem Public Library.
- [United Nations COP27: For a livable planet](#): November 6 to 18