



Institute for Continued Learning Digest

Welcome to the 139th Edition of the ICL Senioritis

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ICL Update:

- [Slate of elected board members for 2023-2024 academic year elected at the November 17th General Meeting.](#)
- **ICL Wine Club Meetings** are *anceled* for November and December due to the holiday hubbub. We will meet again on January 16, 2023. Stay tuned for more information. Cheers! 🍷

Willamette Update:

- [Theatre 33 Presents an Original Comedy! A Christmas Carol, A 1940's Radio Show. December 8-10 and 14-16 at 7:00 PM. Matinee on the 11th at 2:00 PM.](#) This is an original Theatre 33 adaptation by local actor Thomas Nauban. It's a comedy and has several twists.

Correction to last week's newsletter (from Michael Hubbard):

"Deciduous trees change colors, but coniferous trees do not..."

There are two exceptions that come to mind:

- First, there are the deciduous conifers, such as Larches, Metasequoia (Dawn Redwood), etc.
- Second, there is a very unusual conifer mutant that we have in our arboretum: 'Chief Joseph' Lodgepole Pine. It is not deciduous, but in the Fall it turns a bright yellow. In the Spring, its needles' color returns to a bright green (not a yellow green). A place, called Conifer Kingdom, sells them.



Was Democracy on the Ballot? - Session followup

The sponsor for our last session (Nov. 17), Don Gallagher, referenced an ICL presentation titled "[Why Do Democracies Fail?](#)" from October 11, 2016 by Willamette U. professor, Sammy Basu. Those who would like to view that presentation can access the recording on [YouTube](#).

How to see other ICL class presentations:

- **CCM (CCTV) Channel on YouTube:** [CCM YouTube Channel for ICL](#)
- **Member and Program Reports (open to all)** → [ICL Recordings \(searchable\)](#)
- **All Class Recordings** including ones that presenters only wanted shared with ICL members: [Class Recordings \(Password Required\)](#)

CASA/AIA fall lecture with Dale Croes

Thursday, December 1, 2022 | 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM

Willamette University | Putnam University Center | Alumni Lounge (3rd floor) | 900 State St

CASA/AIA fall lecture with Dale R. Croes Director, Pacific Northwest Archaeological Society and Services (PNWAS) Adjunct Professor, Anthropology Washington State University "Generationally-Linked Archaeology: The Use of Ancient Basketry (and Cordage) from



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
- [ICL 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:

A grandmother and a teen she accidentally invited to Thanksgiving dinner carry on tradition for 7th year. ([More](#))

[The world's longest mountain biking trail will cut right through Oregon](#)

[Meet the world's youngest female opera singer.](#)

Wet/Waterlogged Site on the Northwest Coast to Show Cultural Ancestry”

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF LOCATION FOR THIS LECTURE.

For any accommodations to attend this lecture please contact Reyna Meyers at 503-370-6061 or rmeyers@willamette.edu. **Free and open to the public**

[Salem Public Library Gallery of Gratitude:](#)

Salem Public Library invites the community to share what they are thankful for through a display in the library and an online gallery that will grow throughout the month of November. To share what you are thankful for, fill out this [form](#).

[Salem Public Library: Best Books 2022 - Nominate your favorites!](#)

Help us build our Best Books of 2022 list! Submit your nominations by filling out our form. We are looking for books published in 2022 only. The titles nominated will help library staff create the annual Best Books live event and brochure. Thank you for your contributions! [Nominate books...](#)



[Willamette University Star Tree Lighting & Family Holiday Concert](#)

Saturday, December 3, 2022 | 6:30 PM - 7:00 PM

Join us as we light the Star Trees at 6:30 p.m. and enjoy music, cocoa, and s'mores. The Family Holiday Concert, featuring the University Chamber Orchestra, will follow at 7 p.m. in Hudson Hall, Mary Stuart Rogers Music Center.

Coat and warm clothing donations will be collected for the Union Gospel Mission.

[Zooming Back to History: The Law and the LGBTQ+ Community in Oregon with Robin Will](#)

December 8, 2022 | 7:00 PM | On Zoom

A Community History Speaker Series

This series, a fundraiser for the Willamette Heritage Center, is brought to you by our generous presenting sponsor Oregon State Capitol Foundation. This virtual gathering seeks to share historical perspectives of topics related to the Mid-Willamette Valley and beyond. Join us on Zoom (see the dates below) to learn more about our region's rich history. Each speaker will share about their topic for approximately 45 minutes with time for questions from the audience. Tickets are available online using the links below for the entire series or individual speakers. **\$10/speaker or \$30/series.**

[15 Fascinating Facts About 15 of the World's Most-Visited Tourist Sites](#)

[Video: A stroll down Vitae Springs Road offers hidden views, forgotten history, wildfire worries](#)

[Southwest Oregon tribe, state forge 'model' agreement to co-manage fish and wildlife](#)

[YouTube: Wave Energy Could Be the Future of Clean Energy](#)

[From \\$1.90 to \\$2.15 a day: the updated International Poverty Line](#)

The World Bank has updated the methods it uses to measure incomes and poverty around the world. What does this mean for our understanding of global poverty?

[The best natural landscape photos of 2022.](#)

[French man wins right to not be 'fun' at work](#)

Consultant was fired after refusing to take part in activities he called 'humiliating and intrusive,' according to court filing

[7 Amazing Facts About Insects](#)

[Statesman Journal: Places to find your Christmas tree in the Willamette Valley](#)

Looking for Christmas trees? Farms in the Willamette Valley have a variety of options to pick from.

[Priscilla Sitienei: 'World's oldest primary school pupil' dies aged 99 in Kenya](#)

[Why We Knock on Wood, and the Origins of 7 Other Superstitions](#)

Support 36th Annual Salem Police Toy Drive

The [Salem Police Department](#) is preparing for the annual Salem Police Toy Drive. Each year, officers and staff work alongside community members to help make a memorable Christmas for children in Salem.

Donations of new, unwrapped toys for children up to the age of 14 years are needed. Wrapping paper donations are also accepted. Donations can be dropped off at one of the locations listed below.

- Cycle Country, 4764 Portland RD NE
- Salem Electric, 633 7th ST NW
- White Oak Construction, 2455 River RD S
- Green Acres Landscape, 5711 Gaffin RD SE
- Salem Police Station, 333 Division ST NE
- South Commercial Auto Sales, 5443 Commercial ST SE
- Power Kia, 3705 Market ST NE

Donations will be accepted at the donation sites through **December 12**. If you wish to donate after that date, please bring your donation directly to the Salem Police Station.

[IG Nobel Prizes \(November 2022\)](#)

Marc Abrahams writes about things that are surprising—so surprising that they make people LAUGH, then THINK.

IG NOBEL PRIZES: Marc founded the Ig Nobel Prize Ceremony in 1991, and serves as master of ceremonies. The prizes are handed out by genuine, bemused Nobel laureates in a gala event held every year at Harvard University (but online only, during pandemic years), and broadcast on the web and on public radio. (The 1995 ceremony was one of the very first events ever webcast.)

Time Zones Were Invented for the Railroad

Before mechanical clocks were invented, people used sundials to tell the time. “Noon” was considered to be when the sun was at its highest point in the sky, due south. As a result, each town and city had its own version of time even after the introduction of mechanical timepieces. With the invention of the transcontinental railroad, however, the lack of standardized time became problematic. As people left one city and traveled by railroad across the country, watches had to be reset frequently to accommodate the different times at each station. To solve this predicament, the U.S. borrowed the idea of time zones from Sir Sandford Fleming. A Canadian railroad engineer, Fleming had originally come up with the idea of dividing the world into 24 different longitudinally-based time zones, each with an hourly variation. The U.S. adopted this idea nationally, creating four different zones based on degrees of longitude. A year later, England, Scotland, and Wales followed suit, and eventually, the rest of the world did too. ([interestingfacts.com](https://www.interestingfacts.com))

Local and Virtual Events!

- **Willamette University Star Tree Lighting & Family Holiday Concert: Saturday, December 3, 2022 | 6:30 PM - 7:00 PM**
- **SALEM [TUBA HOLIDAY](#): Saturday, December 24, 2022 | 12:00 PM | Historic Elsinore Theatre (170 High St SE, Salem)**
- **Salem City Club presents "The Truth: An Endangered American Species? - With Dick Hughes and Les Zaitz Friday, December 9, 2022 | 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM | Willamette Heritage Center, Dye House**

While Patsy Cline's 1962 version of "Crazy" might be the most famous it was written by Willie Nelson. The classic country legend originally called it "Stupid."

He who is not everyday conquering some fear has not learned the secret of life.
- Ralph Waldo Emerson

Word to Know: Fabulation

[fab-yə-LEY-shən] noun
Latin, 18th century

1. The act or result of fabricating; a fabrication.
2. (literary criticism) A style of modern fiction, similar to magical realism and postmodernism.

"My grandson came home from school full of wild tales of kindergarten adventures I suspected were fabrications."

"The fantasy movie presented an image of modern-day Athens that was pure fabrication."

Check out the [2022 National Book Award winners](#) and [Powell's Best Fiction of the Year](#).

[Beaverton artist Allison Wonder's magical world of dolls:](#)

His Beaverton apartment is home to a fantastical workshop.

Three Oregon restaurants make [Esquire's list of Best New Restaurants in America, 2022](#).

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