

Telling Stories of Wilsonville

Plans are cooking for Wilsonville's part in Oregon 150, the sesquicentennial birthday celebration of the State of Oregon. The Wilsonville Arts & Culture Council (WA&CC) has been accepted as an official partner of the nonprofit Organization, Oregon 150, which is coordinating plans for the state.

A few WA&CC board members are currently researching transcriptions of Wilsonville Living History stories at our library for material to develop a play to be performed in schools and at the Frogpond Grange in the Fall of 2009.

A theme for our local activities is "Telling the Stories of Wilsonville". WA&CC would like to do this with several types of presentations and activities:

- Nov. 15, 2008 at the Wilsonville Library "Stitched Patches: Quilts of Celebration"
- Walk and Bicycle Tours to Heritage Markers and Heritage trees in the Wilsonville area using a resource brochure produced by Wilsonville Boones Ferry Historical Society
- Narrated bus tours to public art, pioneer cemeteries, historic structures
- Talks and sales of new French Prairie and Wilsonville photo book

A Community Parade on Saturday, June 6, 2009 ending at the annual Wilsonville Festival of Arts in Town Center Park.

The Parade, "Telling the Stories of Wilsonville", will include representation by Historic 'Old Town' and not-for-profit organizations and groups. The groups in the parade will walk, bicycle, ride horseback and ride in decorated cars (no floats).

- The WA&CC will develop a document on the history, current status, and intended future of the participating nonprofit organizations.

Attend the next meeting. See how you or your group would like to participate.

**August 15, 3:00 - 4:30, Wilsonville Library -
Next Sesquicentennial project meeting for
Wilsonville area**

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Opportunities & Events



Wilsonville Theater Company - 2008-2009 Season

October **'Petronella'** -
PERFORMANCES on October
3 & 4, October 10 & 11 -
Friday performances at 7
pm, Saturday at 2 and 7 pm
at Frogpond Grange on
Stafford Road.

AUDITIONS for 'Petronella' -
a children's play - will be
held at Frogpond Grange
Monday & Tuesday, August
25 & 26 at from 10 - 1 and
5:30 - 8:30 pm

January **Reader's
Theater**

February **A Valentine
Special** on February 13 &
14

May **Some Enchanted
Evening: Moments from
South Pacific** by Rogers &
Hammerstein - May 1, 2, 8,
9, 15, 16

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[Wilsonville Theater Company](http://WilsonvilleTheaterCompany.com)

Book Notes

CHRISTOPHER SHOTOLA-HARDT



WA&CC board member CHRISTOPHER SHOTOLA-HARDT was recently named the 2008 Oregon Art Educator of the Year by the Oregon Art Education Association (in 2005 he was the Secondary Art Educator of the Year). Shotola-Hardt has just finished his twentieth year of teaching and is the sole fine art teacher at Wilsonville High School. "It feels especially good to have this bestowed upon me by my peers, the other art educators in the state, since they're the ones who know what's really involved in running a solid program and having to always fight for art education," he says.

Aside from promoting his students' artwork in shows, festivals, and competitions year-round, Shotola-Hardt has his own professional gallery career. He is represented by Blackfish Gallery (one of the oldest and most successful artist cooperatives in the United States) in Portland's Pearl District. His next painting exhibit there will be this December. Last year, Shotola-Hardt was the originator and main organizer for "The Pacifist Potential," a group art exhibition at Blackfish that featured works by artists from five states, Germany, and Czech Republic. Surrounding the exhibition were panel discussions, workshops, two theatre productions, chamber music, songwriters in the round, and documentary film, all exploring the efficacy of non-violence as a means for solving personal and international conflict. The art exhibition travelled to three other galleries.

For the Oregon Art Education Association, Shotola-Hardt serves as the Clackamas County Representative. Twice a year, he offers Saturday workshops for art teachers, inviting a well-known artist in to instruct teachers in new techniques. He also has organized a series of juried, group art exhibitions for art teachers from around the state, "Beyond the Demos," which will see its third annual installment hosted by Pacific Northwest College of Art this fall.

Founder and first Artistic Director of the Wilsonville Festival of Arts, Shotola-Hardt continues to serve on the Festival Committee as curator of the Student Art Pavilion and liaison between WA&CC and the West Linn-Wilsonville School District.

Shotola-Hardt, along with wife Susanne, plays in the quintet Bug Toast, which features accordion, Irish bouzouki, guitar, bass, fiddle, percussion, and vocals. It's a two-family band that plays from a large repertoire of eclectic, original compositions with flavors from pop, jazz, Celtic, Mediterranean, and eastern European musical traditions.

A busy guy? "I don't watch television," says Shotola-Hardt, and "I decided to live my life by a mantra: 'family, art, and music.' That's how I want to spend my time."

The Northwest Author Series: 2008-2009 Season

The Northwest Author Series is a literary speaker series sponsored by The Wilsonville Public Library, The Wilsonville Friends of the Library, and the Wilsonville Arts & Culture Council. The series is organized and hosted by Wilsonville author Christina Katz.



Book Notes Concert Series

Wilsonville Public Library

The library stacks are alive with the sound of music! Join us from 7- 8 pm for a concert in the library. Local musicians perform in the library among the stacks.

2008 - 2009 Schedule

Sept. 8 Soloists from the Wilsonville-West Linn School District's summer musical "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers"

Oct. 13 Northwest Harmony Chorus of Sweet Adelines (barbershop)

Nov. 10 Soul'd Out - select choral group from WHS (variety of styles)

Dec. 8 String Ensemble from WHS (classic, sacred)

Jan. 12 Ed Eastman and the Joy Singers (Broadway Tunes)

Feb. 9 WHS Jazz Ensemble

Mar. 9 Boeckman School Children's Chorus

Apr. 13 Alexx Carnathan (jazz piano - her own compositions)

May 11 Bug Toast - 'Intelligent pop with a world music influence'

The *Book Notes* series is sponsored by the Wilsonville Arts and Culture Council and the Friends of the Library. The concerts are FREE and everyone is welcome!

Quilts of Celebration

"Stitched Patches: Quilts of Celebration" an Oregon Chautauqua program from the Oregon Council for the Humanities, will be

We are pleased to announce the presenters for our upcoming season:
Sunday, September 21, **How to Write and Market Personal Stories** with Samantha Ducloux Waltz
Sunday, October 19, **The Play's the Thing** with Cynthia Whitcomb
Sunday, November 16, **The Pros and Cons of Self-Publishing** with Linda Kuhlmann
Sunday, January 25, **Platform Primer For Aspiring Authors** with Christina Katz
Sunday, February 22, **Essential Skills For Every Fiction Writer** with Christine Fletcher
Sunday, March 15, **Flex Your Freelance Potential** with Brian Libby
Sunday, April 19, **Writing Children's Books** with Carmen T Bernier Grand
Sunday, May 17, **The Successful Nonfiction Book Proposal** with Elizabeth Lyon

Time is always: 2:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Cost is \$5.00 at the door. Refreshments and door prizes will be provided.

To sign up for our e-newsletter, please visit <http://northwestauthorseries.wordpress.com/>

For more information, please contact Christina Katz at christinakatz@earthlink.net or 503-582-0259

Thank you for reading our newsletter. Please keep up with us quarterly to see what's happening here in Wilsonville and what activities you might want to join. We look forward to keeping you well informed about the wealth of cultural assets that help keep our wonderful community alive and healthy. Be sure to share (use the link below to forward it) this announcement with all of your friends!

presented on Saturday, November 15, 1:30 pm. at the Wilsonville Library. Mary Bywater Cross, quilt historian and artist, will examine the significance of quilts as visual metaphors for communities and cultures. Mary will work closely with those that want to plan for and execute the design and creation of a quilt in celebration of 'Wilsonville Stories' as part of Oregon's 2009 sesquicentennial. For more information contact Theonie Gilmore, 503-638-6933.

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