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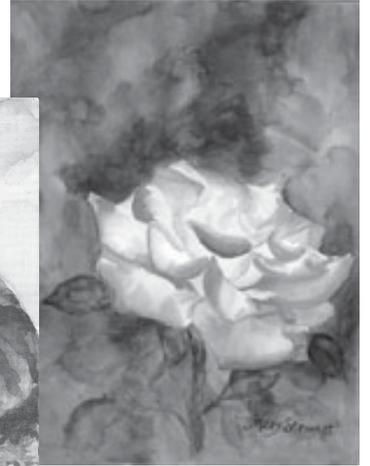
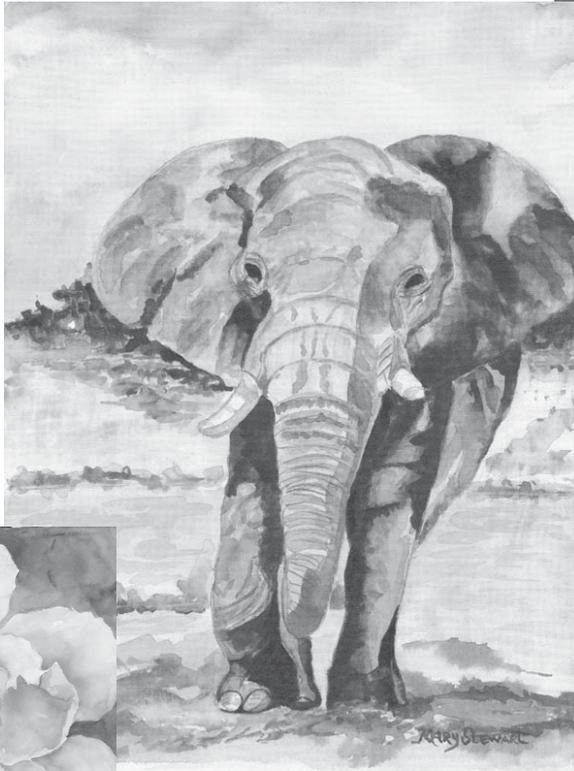
Class
of 1963

NEWSLETTER

SPRING 2007

An Artist Emerges ...

Featuring Mary (Hubert) Stewart-Hedberg



I live in Wilsonville, OR with my husband Alan and dog Dory, a black lab that makes our lives a little more complete. We have seven grandchildren between the two of us, five of which come from my two daughters Brenda and Kristen and include two girls, three boys, and life is good.

(NOTE: To really appreciate Mary's work, you need to see it in color. Visit her web page. It truly is incredible.)

to jury me into the show. Recently I went to a get-together that several classmates attend once a month and it was a lot of fun. During that visit Barb (Hoxsey) Cross suggested

that I write an article about myself and send in a couple of images of my paintings. I hope you enjoy them. I have been participating in the art world of watercolor for the last six or seven years and have found it very rewarding in many ways. A website for my art has recently been created; although it is not yet fully completed, with the web address of www.marystewartart.com. I am excited to have more exposure for my art and hope you will take a look.

I have been fortunate enough to be able to reunite with several classmates in the past year or couple of years. I have been a part of the Deepwood Garden and Art celebration that Kris (Campbell) Lockard heads each year. It has been a fun event and I felt privileged to participate as an artist. Summer is my busiest time with a run of art shows that I participate in, given that the committees like my work well enough

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Fall Reunion Brought Some New Faces

A big “thank you” to Bill and Donna Weaver for making the arrangements for our Fall 2006 mini-reunion which was held on September 15. What a wonderful restaurant they chose – La Primavera Mexican Restaurant in West Salem. Not only was the dinner outstanding, but the room and the new faces that attended made it a very special evening.

It was nice to visit with some new faces at our mini-reunion as well as those that have managed to attend the ones we have been having for the past several years.

Thanks to Boyd Jensen, Mike Maynard, Toby Pomeroy, Shawn (Jeff) Hogensen, Don and Cindy Ditto and Dave and Barb Rowe for taking the time to come and share what they have been doing for the last several years.

As always it was great to visit with Linda DeSantis, Bill and Donna Weaver,

Jack and Cindy Sparks and your newsletter staff: Sue Palmason, Vicki Sanders, Bernadette Barrett, Sharon Bradford and Barb Cross with husband Ron.

These mini-reunions, held each year in September, have been a great opportunity to reconnect with friends and find out what has been going on in their lives these past 40+ years.

If you have not managed to attend, we encourage you to put it on your calendar and plan to be in Salem September 22nd for the next Class of 1963 Mini-Reunion. Look for information about what is being planned for this year on the back page of this issue.



Pictured above is host, Bill Weaver, with Boyd Jensen.



Pictured at left are Donna Weaver with Vicki (Andrews) Sanders. Donna and husband Bill were responsible for the arrangements for the mini-reunion.



Sue Palmason visits with Toby Pomeroy.



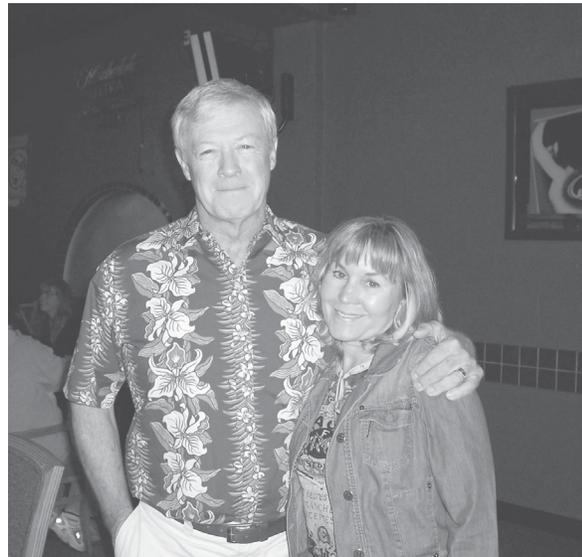
(Left) Don Ditto (pictured here with wife Cindy) has been busy since graduation.



Sue Palmason, Linda DeSantis and Bernadette Barrett smiled for the camera while spending time catching up .



Mike Maynard shared his last 40 years with those attending.



Jack and Cindy Sparks have been faithful attendees at the mini-reunions.



Barb Cross, Sharon Bradford, Sue Palmason, Vicki Sanders, Linda DeSantis and Bernadette Barrett renewing high school friendships.



Newsletter staffer, Sharon Bradford is all smiles.



Shawn (Jeff) Hogenson, Bernadette Barrett and Toby Pomeroy had a chance to visit during the evening.

NOTE . . .If you thought you missed the Fall issue of this newsletter, you weren't alone ... due to technical difficulties and some time constraints, the issue did not manage to get published. However, we appreciate the fact that so many of you commented on the lack of a newsletter and that you all missed it! We really appreciate the fact that our efforts are enjoyed and even, dare we say, looked forward to. Hopefully we are back on track and there will continue to be at least two issues of the "Class of 1963 Newsletter" each year, beginning with this one.

Treasurer's Note...

Newsletter Contributions Are Appreciated!

FROM SUE (GLECKLER) PALMASON, TREASURER
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Without both funding and news contributions from classmates, there would not be a SSHS '63 newsletter. We are very grateful to those who have submitted news about their activities/families and those who have sent in monetary contributions. Our class members have done some amazing things and continue to live such interesting lives, whether now retired or still working. Through this newsletter and our September mini-reunions, friends have reunited and new friends are being made. We want to hear from you!

Thank you to these classmates who have contributed funds since the last newsletter issue:

Ann (Chambers) Hadley
Becky (Lorenz) Gough
Sue (Gleckler) Palmason
Jim Eastridge
Steve Bauer
Dennis Clemons
Howard Phillips

Every effort is made to include all the e-mail and/or articles received in the next newsletter issue. Note, however, if the issue has already gone to press when new material arrives, we may need to hold the material until a subsequent issue.

Space constraints are always a consideration in laying out a newsletter. More lengthy special articles can be a challenge. If a specific news item is longer than space will allow, the item may need to be held back for another issue or staff may need to edit it to fit the space available. E-mail messages are fairly easy to place – some are very brief, some more detailed – all have been terrific updates on classmates' lives.

Please send pictures and articles ANYTIME to Barb (Hoxsey) Cross at barb.cross@comcast.net. We will make every effort to get your article in the next available publication. Thanks for contributing.

Deadlines

In order to get the newsletter out in a timely manner the following are deadlines for submitting articles and photos. Thanks for helping us out!
FALL ISSUE – October 31
SPRING ISSUE – March 31

The Mini

The mention of the word “mini” congers up a variety of mental pictures ... the mini-skirt, the Mini Cooper, etc. This “mini” refers to class “mini” reunions. The mini-reunion is intended to be less formal and encourage classmates to attend who have not attended other class reunions for a variety of reasons (cost, location, prior engagements, etc.). If you have any ideas for future mini-reunions, please pass them along to your newsletter staff.

The notice on the back page is an idea suggested for something different and we hope will appeal to a larger group. We are looking forward to seeing many of you at Bush Park on September 22nd.

Web Page Being Planned

We have been talking about it since the concept of a Class of 1963 Newsletter was first proposed, and discussion continues. We would like to get a web page up and running in the next few months to allow everyone access to Class of 1963 information.

It has been proposed that the web page include the newsletter, information about gatherings, and items that are time sensitive.

As soon as the web site is available, look for an e-mail that will give more

details about how to access it. We will continue to print a few newsletters the old fashioned way for those that need to receive it by mail. However, we would like to get as many e-mail addresses as possible.

Please notify Barb Cross at: barb.cross@comcast.net if you change e-mail or mailing addresses. This is the only way for us to keep our data base current.

Thanks for your help. We look forward to our new and exciting venture – made possible through your generosity.

45th Class Reunion In 2008

It will be here before you know it! Do you have any ideas on what you would like to see happen? The Where, When, What of it? (We know the who!) Would you like to help? Send you ideas and willingness to help to the following staff members:

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Bernadette Barrett

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Sue Palmason

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or snail mail things to Sue at the following address:

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Notes From Classmates ...

David Rowe writes ...



David and Barbara with the float they worked on.

My wife, Barbara, and I volunteered many hours this spring working on the Battle Ground Rose Parade float. The float had a theme "In Grand Style". A Grand piano which sat on the highest point of the float, made of wood and covered with white rice and Niger thistle seed for the black areas. A rolling keyboard was fabricated to wrap around the entire float from front to back on the right side. Then the keys wrapped around on the left side of the float. Five keys were made to move with the music. This was the fifty-second year the City of Battle Ground, Washington entered a float in the Portland Rose Parade. But this was the first year to win the grand prize of the Sweepstakes Award. Barbara cooked many meals for the 80 volunteers who worked on the float. David fabricated and welded some of the parts for the Key Board and helped with the turn table mechanism for the piano. We are both "semi-retired" but find many volunteer opportunities in local the community.

David Rowe



Another view of the float.



Kathy Nunn Young writes ...

I can't believe I'm actually sending in news, but I'm so excited – as of today, I've gone from full-time+ teaching to part time music teaching only. What a relief after more than 30 years! I'm teaching K – 3 and loving it. I commute one mile to work on my little blue scooter and I'm having a great time.



My husband and I have three grandchildren under the age of 4 and another was expected in November, 2006. Two of them live in Seattle and we see them often. Fun!

Kathy Nunn Young



Kathy Friesen Holmquist writes ...

I just read the recent newsletter of Class of '63 and do enjoy it. I thought I would give you my e-mail address to save money and to let you know that I will be moving in the next couple months.

I have spent the last 15 years living on a floating home in Portland and will be moving to Beaverton. I left the

corporate world about 8 years ago and now have my own business working with people with disabilities. I have a daughter that was born with Cerebral Palsy and she taught me much. I spent 25 years as a Corporate Executive in Human Resources and now use that to help young people with developmental disabilities find employment. I work with their families helping them as they transition from high school into the real world. We (my daughter and I) will be starting a program soon where young adults can have social time together and develop new friendships. She has a year's worth of activities planned so it will keep me active. Somehow retirement seems a long way off as I have too many things planned to think about it.

My business was just taking off about the time of the last reunion and I totally spaced it. I'm planning on making the next one.

Have a wonderful day!

*Kathy Friesen Holmquist
Kathy Holmquist, President
Pathways to Independence, Inc.*



Mary Hubert Stewart-Hedberg writes

I received today the spring newsletter, via e-mail and I wanted to let you know that it was very "happy reading." Well put together and enjoyable. Thank you and all who do us this favor; it is appreciated.

I would be happy to help with the 2008 reunion, whatever I am able to do if you still need help. I am working 3/4 time and painting the other, yet able to fit in what I need to or want to. Summertime brings different art shows, so I get fairly busy with that and, at the present, am in the midst of putting together a website for my artwork. Yet, I would love to help.

Again, thank you for such a great newsletter.

Mary (Hubert) Stewart-Hedberg



Glen Johnson writes ...

Here is evidence that Gary and Carol Allen do exist, and quite well in fact, at the coast. We made the trip from Naselle to Gleden Beach in August, for an old fashioned visit. Yep, it was a bad hair



day at the coast, but who cares anyway when with good SSHS friends?

It was a nice surprise to learn that Barb Cross ran into Susan and her '63 NSHS buddies recently as they stopped for coffee and scones near the Santiam.



Best wishes for fall, Glen

With Sadness ...



Roger Paul Schmidt

We recently learned of the death of Roger Paul Schmidt, a class of 1963 graduate and long-time resident of the Salem area. During the last 20 years he dedicated thousands of hours to the local, state and district level of the Oregon State Snowmobile Association. In recognition of this, the warming shelter at the Ray Benson Sno-Park in Willamette National Forest was rededicated in his name.



Delmar Ramsdell, Sr.

Long-time South Salem High teacher, Delmar Ramsdell, Sr. passed away this past summer. In 1955, Del helped open the new South Salem High School as a teacher, a counselor and a vice principal. He is remembered as leading the charge against "Sputnik thinking." That is to say, he led the move to reform high school science and math curriculums in Oregon. His career was capped by a return to North Salem High School as vice principal for the final three years before his retirement in 1978 at the age of 66. He was a good listener, a great father, a loyal husband and a generous friend. He will be missed by all who knew him.

Can You Help Locate Any Of These Classmates ...

Currently we have contact information for about 80 percent of our SSHS '63 classmates. The following people have, however, not been located. If you know where any of these classmates are, please let us know how to connect with them so they can be included in our e-mails and/or mailings. Thanks for your help.

James Alexander
Michael Anderson
Linda Jo (Anderson) Watts
Mary Atkinson
Olivia (Berg) Mitchell
Richard Boniface
Kathleen Callies
Gerald Chapel
Katherine Jo Clyde
Shirley Christine Coon
Ray Coopriider
Kathleen Costa
Gladine Crow
Schelly Culver
Joan Davidson
Karlet Davis
Robert Day
Michael Delay
Marvin Dolezal
James Donaldson
Carol Duggan
Bud Elgin
Ricki Fergeson
Steven Ferry
Beverly Jane Fillis
Leona Fillis
Karen (Fortmiller) Flint

Cheryl (Franklin) Peck
Robert (Flint) Garinger
Linda (Gilkison) Myers
Kathy Glenn
Jerry Green
Pam Gruel
Chris Hashagen
Carol Haynes
Wayne Jacox
Pamela James
Ruthann (Jennison) McGovern
Paul J. Johnson
Janet Jones
Jane Louise Jones
Sharon Knepper
Craig Andrew Kuhn (Nofsinger)
Judith (Lind) Kanoff
Diane (Sandsburn) Meloy
Kathy (Merin) Strickler
Verna (Miller) Benson
Michael Mischke
Paul Mizell
Elmer Mortenson
Carol Murrin
Brian Neary
Elaine Nelson
Courtland Newhardt
David Nicholas

Mary (Olson) Soper
Charles Ost
Nancy (Owen) Cherin
James Pankratz
Dennis Parsons
Elaine Pecht
John Reid
Gary Sanders
Irvin Schlabach
S. Miles Schlesinger
Irene (Schonek) Krouse
Margie Shipman
Patricia Standal
Steve Strong
David Swenwold
Sharon Thompson
Gail (Titus Redding) Boatwright
Jerry Tracy
Mary Walberg
Constance Wallace
David Wesley
Lorita Wiley
Kathy Wilson
Rand Wintermute
Russ Witbeck
Melvin Witenberger
Sharon Woock

If you have contact information for any of these people please pass it on to either Barb (Hoxsey) Cross at barb.cross@comcast.net or Sue (Gleckler) Palmason at sppedmonds@comcast.net

We are trying to get an accurate list to be sure that everyone receives the newsletter as well as for our 45th class reunion to be held in 2008.

Editor's Note...

No, you did not miss the fall issue of the SSS '63 newsletter. Through a series of events, your newsletter staff was unable to get an issue out the door until now. However, we do not want to forget the class events and news of the last six or seven months.

It was wonderful to end last summer at the SSS '63 mini-reunion in September. Thanks to all of you who were able to make it and especially to Bill Weaver and his wife, Donna, for making the restaurant arrangements.

Through the efforts of Becky (Lorenz) Gough and Sharon (Johnson) Bradford, a mini-reunion was held in Surprise,

Arizona the end of January. It was attended by those who permanently live in the area and those who seek the sun during the winter months. (See related article and pictures below). If you have any thoughts about future mini-reunions (where, when, etc.), please let us know. You never know where your newsletter staff will pop up.

So what are you doing to survive the winter months? Is it comfort food, your favorite winter sports (watching or participating), hot chocolate, escaping someplace warm, hunkering down, or planning your next escape? I'm planning my next great adventure ... this summer to the plains of the Serengeti and other

locations in Tanzania and Kenya. If you've been there, please send your travel tips before July 18th.

Your newsletter staff hopes that you will drop us a note to share with your classmates and let us know how you are spending your days. What are you planning to do this spring, next summer? What you've been doing for the last five or ten years? A photo is always appreciated. Our classmates are doing wonderful things ... such talent, creativity. Don't be shy! The success of this newsletter truly does depend on YOU!



Bernadette Barrett
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It Happened In Surprise!

Several classmates escaped the cold of the north and joined other classmates who live in or near Phoenix, Arizona. Although the weather was not as warm as expected or hoped for, the 60+ degree weather didn't dampen the January 27 gathering in Surprise.

Becky (Lorenz) Gough and her husband, Walt, opened their beautiful home to: Sharon (Johnson) Bradford and her husband, Virgil, who were staying in Surprise for the month of January; Jeanne Cannon, who lives in Anthem (north of Phoenix); Paula (Fredricks) Garlick and her husband, Phil, who live in Scottsdale; Sue (Gleckler) Palmason, who was escaping the cold of Edmonds, WA for a few days; Mary Griffith, who traveled from Point Richmond, CA (close to San Francisco); Gary and Claudia Olson, who

spend the winter months in and around Surprise; and Bernadette (Stone) Barrett and her husband, Richard, who spend time in and around Yuma, AZ and Palm Desert, CA during the winter months.

Becky and Walt provided a wonderful barbecue dinner, Sharon made some tasty desserts, and Howard Phillips (who

was unable to personally attend but was there in spirit) supplied funds for the beverages. Thanks to all who contributed!

Everyone had a great time reminiscing. "Do you remember when" was frequently heard, and some people's memories were better than others (you know who you are). We learned what everyone is doing and caught up on the past few years. Some made plans for future get togethers for golf, etc.

A great big THANK YOU to Becky and Walt for being such gracious hosts!



Pictured from left to right: Jeanne Cannon, Mary Griffith, Gary Olson, Sharon Bradford, Sue Palmason, Paula Garlick, Bernadette Barrett, and hostess Becky Gough.

NOTE: If you get together with classmates, please snap a few pictures, write a few notes, and forward them to your newsletter staff. Everyone would love to hear from you!

SEPTEMBER EVENT PLANNED

September 22, 2007

1 p.m. till ???? • **Bush Park**

How about a potluck dinner at one of our favorite spots growing up ...
Bush Park. We will meet at the top of the Derby Track. Look for signs and balloons leading the way. Bring a dish to share, your own table setting, beverage of choice and lawn chairs. Then plan to spend the afternoon with OLD friends in a place we all hold dear. Look for more information via e-mail or you can call or write to one of the newsletter staff members for more details.

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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