

## First Foods and Indigenous Cultural Lifeways of the Columbia River Basin

Saturday, April 8, 2023

9:30 am - Social Time;

10:00 am - Program

Oswego Heritage House

398 10th Street

**Lake Oswego Branch Officers  
2022-2023  
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Gabe Sheoships

LOAAUW is pleased to host Gabe Sheoships, an enrolled citizen of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, for an intriguing presentation centered on indigenous First Foods. He will speak as part of **Lake Oswego Reads**, adding his knowledge and experiences to complement this year's selected book, *The Seed Keeper*, which follows several generations of Dakota families and their struggle to preserve their way of life.

For more than two decades, Gabe has worked to restore and protect First Food resources and, more broadly, to nurture the cultural heritage they represent. Currently Executive Director of Friends of Tryon Creek, he is a dedicated advocate for healthy ecosystems and for educating and empowering people to act as stewards of the land and water. His presentation will include a look at indigenous land management practices and their role in addressing today's environmental challenges.

## Connections

Catharine Hojem



Congratulations to Diana Ricks and Jeanne Lemieux who are our co-presidents-elect. They will lead us into a new post-Covid chapter which hopefully builds upon the growth and engagement that was somewhat limited by the pandemic.

As I transition from President to Co-Program Vice-president, I want to offer my gratitude to our branch for giving me the chance to have this experience. Having recently moved from Pendleton to this community and quickly being faced with the Covid pandemic, taking on the presidency was such an unexpected blessing. It allowed me to share time with other like-minded women and to foster connections, which I'm not sure I would have been able to do otherwise.

It probably is possible to over-thank people, but I doubt it, and if so, I will take the risk.

In alphabetical order: **Thank you**

*Cathy Croghan Alzner*

For being such a talented wordsmith and so very kind with your alternative suggestions. Your devotion to your craft is evident in each newsletter.

*Charlene Vojtilla*

For your abundance of talents and being willing to share them with us. You seem to have an unlimited source of creative ideas, wonderful recipes, activities to organize and somehow the energy to do it all!

*Diana Ricks*

For being a juggler. Not only were you managing the Treasurer's role but the Scholarship/Education responsibilities as well. I appreciated having unlimited access to your wisdom, sometimes with several time zones difference between us.

*Jane Taft*

For being the consummate By-laws and AAUW policy pro. Your complete grasp and retention of every single official procedure is astonishing. Having you on speed-dial took any guesswork out of governance or communications decision-making.

*Jeanne Marie Pierre-Louis*

For being such a fine listener that you are able to record the essence of Board meetings discussions, even when it seemed a bit confusing. Your writing style clearly reflects your precision in thought and communication.

*Karen Rottink*

For keeping us in the public eye when so much of our activities were virtual. You did so even when faced with challenging health problems.

*Kris Schultz*

For being the skillful tech partner in our extraordinary newsletter team. We especially appreciate your efforts in light of the visual challenges you are facing. Computer screens are not so user-friendly on the eyes.

*Marge Ransom*

For your tireless efforts in getting us qualified, interesting and mission-related speakers. Your attention to detail was consistently displayed in each program. Our March speaker, State President, Linda Lybecker, was quite impressed by your welcoming gesture of reserving a parking space with her name on it.

*Marty Maharg*

For handling two official responsibilities, Inter-Branch Council and Inclusion and Equity, and for genuinely “walking your talk.” You were involved in local community programs for equity well before it had a name, and you continue to advocate for marginalized people in day-to-day life.

*Mary Pat Silveira*

For not only being a wonderful mentor to me but also for your many other roles within our local and state branches: North Central District Director, Credentials Chair, Non-Fiction Book Club leader, and one of my favorites, the creator of the Storytelling Interest Group which met during the height of Covid, providing a much needed level of connection.

*Molly Divine*

For so humorously managing the ups and downs of uncertain Community Hub developments in relations to Funds, and being a cheerleader for all things AAUW. Your experiences as President

of the Prescott, Arizona AAUW Branch were helpful!

*Penny Hansen*

For continuing to offer your gracious personal communications to those who are experiencing any kind of loss, difficulty or a celebration.

*Stephanie Wagner*

For managing the challenging task of tracking membership and developing the current Directory as well as coordinating the biographies for the eight new members we are so fortunate to welcome this year.

*Sharron Noone*

For being involved in so many different AAUW projects, in three branches! Lake Oswego, Gresham Area and Lincoln City are working smarter because of your dedicated involvement.

Many other members, some who are past Board members, have contributed to our Branch’s success these last two years. Thanks to everyone who has given their time, money, or creative effort on our behalf. And, a special shout out to Susan Hornung who, with her lovely smile, always told me Not. To. Worry.

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## **Inclusion & Equity**

Marty Maharg

Following a decision by AAUW National, Inclusion and Equity is now the new name for the Diversity Committee.

May 21, 2023 is the UNESCO World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue

and Development. Cultural Diversity matters. “Three-quarters of the world’s major conflicts have a cultural dimension. Bridging the gap between cultures is **urgent and necessary** for peace, stability and development.”  
<https://www.un.org/en/observances/cultural-diversity-day>

The West Linn Alliance and the West Linn Library will sponsor “Understanding Urban/Rural Divides,” at 2:00PM Saturday May 6, 2023. You may attend at the West Linn Library or livestream via ZOOM. For more information, please see West Linn Alliance, [westlinalliance.org](http://westlinalliance.org)



Pictured above are Susan Shea, Dianna Ricks, Lynn Rothert, Catharine Hojem, Judy Silverforb, Jeanne Lemieux, Pam Berg and Mary Pat Silveira. Not pictured is Marty Maharg.

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On March 10, nine members of Lake Oswego branch volunteered at With Love, in Tigard. The morning shift included sorting clean donated clothes for distribution to foster families and children in need. The staff at With Love welcomed to us and provided appropriate instructions on how to complete our tasks.

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**Save the Date**  
**May 13th, 11:30-2:30**  
**Spring Social**



The May Branch meeting will be a Spring Social at which time we will install the new Branch Officers and announce the Gift Honorees.

## Interest Group Happenings

### Interpretive Books

**3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 9:30am**

Date: April 20

Book: *Anything is Possible* by Elizabeth Strout

Contact Connie Irwin

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### Lunch Bunch

**3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 11:30am**

On April 18 we will meet at Babica Hen in Lake Oswego. Babica Hen is known for house-made breakfast and lunch fare served in a warm, simple dining room. Breakfast specialties (served all day) include several waffle and Benedict options and lunch offerings include sandwiches and salads. Gluten-free options are available.

RSVP is required to ensure seating. Please contact Charlene Vojtilla ([charjoy8@gmail.com](mailto:charjoy8@gmail.com)) or Marge Ransom ([wrandmr68@yahoo.com](mailto:wrandmr68@yahoo.com)) if you would like to attend.

### Murder by the Book

**2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday at noon**

Date: April 12

Book: *Woman in the Library* by Sulari Gentill

Location: Home of Stephanie Carter

Contact Jane Taft [taft.jane@gmail.com](mailto:taft.jane@gmail.com)

or Stephanie Carter

[secarter1@gmail.com](mailto:secarter1@gmail.com)

### Non-Fiction Books

**2<sup>nd</sup> Monday at 11:00am**

Date: April 10

Book: *Bad Blood: A Walk Along the Irish Border* by Colm Toibin

Meeting on Zoom

Contact Mary Pat Silveira for more information [mpsilveira@usa.net](mailto:mpsilveira@usa.net)

### Tuesday Books

**4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 11:00am**

Date: April 25

Book: *The Girl in His Shadow* by Audrey Blake

Location: Szechuan Kitchen

Contact Lynda Bigler

[libigler@easystreet.net](mailto:libigler@easystreet.net)

### Thursday Evening Books

**4<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 7:00pm**

Date: April 27

Book: *Taste: My Life Through Food* by Stanley Tucci

Contact Suzanne Kaveckis,

[smkaveckis@icloud.com](mailto:smkaveckis@icloud.com)

### Delightful Dining

Date: Saturday, April 22

Theme: April in Paris

Co-Hosts: Charlene Vojtilla and Molly Divine

Contact Jane Taft for more information

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### Public Policy

**3<sup>rd</sup> Friday at 11:00am**

Meeting to be held on Zoom

Date: April 21

Contact Catharine Hojem

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