

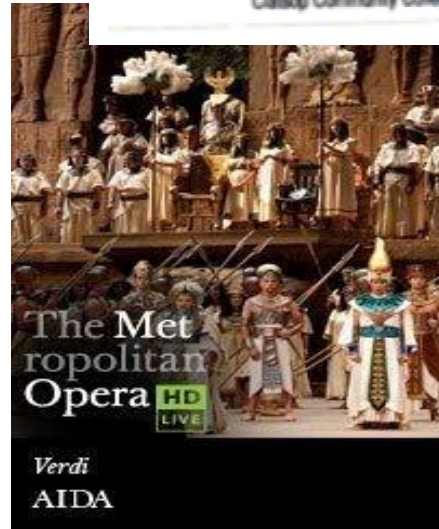
THE PRESIDENT (pro tem) GETS THE FIRST WORD.....

The By-Laws state that the purpose of ENCORE is "to foster the interests of members in continuing education and to provide opportunities for members in study, discussion, fellowship, and leadership and to become a dynamic learning-in-retirement organization". And it goes on to further state that ENCORE "is member-supported in that members are expected to share in leading the organization, making decisions about curriculum, fellowship, and budget".

We are fortunate to have a curriculum committee that continually provides members with interesting classes. This past semester, for instance, we could choose from history, the arts, literature, science, dance, and more; and I am confident we will continue to have such varied and stimulating classes in the future. We are also fortunate to have a membership committee that provides the opportunity for fellowship through its parties and "Lunch Bunch", and the trip committee that provides both fellowship and education through its trips.

We are less fortunate, however, in the number of members who actually contribute to the success of ENCORE. So the message is: Share in the continued success of ENCORE by joining a committee, by attending the Board and committee meetings, by running for office, by leading a class, by being a coordinator of a class, by volunteering for any miscellaneous job that may arise, and by sharing your ideas that will further the purpose of ENCORE.

Melissa Yowell



This is a reminder for our upcoming day trip to the live

METROPOLITAN OPERA
HD THEATER BROADCAST OF
VERDI'S AIDA...
CLACKAMAS TOWN CENTER
THEATER 10 AM Saturday,
December 15, 2012

Our group will depart at 7:00 A.M. from the parking area at the Astoria River Walk Inn (formerly Red Lion). Transportation will be by private automobiles with a nominal charge of \$10 to \$20 for fuel, depending on the number of riders per car. (Please call Erhard or Elfi Gross by Saturday, December 1, at [503 325-1944](tel:5033251944) to sign up for driver or rider.)

Lunch may be had at the adjacent Food Court. We'll return to Astoria by about 5:00 P.M.

HI ENCORE Travelers....

2012 HOLIDAY BASH PLANNED

RIVERVIEW BUFFET
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2012
2:30 PM TO 5:00 PM
ASSORTED SEAFOOD & REGULAR BUFFET

**ADDITIONAL DETAILS, INCLUDING COST, WILL BE COMING IN YOUR
 INVITATION
 SAVE THE DATE!!**

Ireland In Depth

with Jim and Kathleen Hudson
 SEPT. 7 TO 19 from JFK NEW YORK

Jim and I had a wonderful trip with GRAND CIRCLE TRAVEL. We delved deep into the magic of the Emerald Isle, a land rich in history, romantic legend, verdant landscapes, stirring music and song. We experienced, first hand, the natural splendor of the coastal Cliffs of Moher and the otherworldly Burren. We viewed in awe the rock "walls of famine" and the thought-provoking ruins of ancient castles. We walked the celebrated blend of past and present, the streets of Galway and Dublin, enjoying the shops, pubs, the warmth and charm of the Irish people. Lots of churches, from small chapels to immense cathedrals, reminded us of the moral foundation of this land.

We flew into SHANNON airport on AER LINGUS airlines and met our other 37 fellow travelers the first night in GALWAY. Among those folks we met was ENCORE member, Mary Ann Ylipelto's aunt and uncle, from Ft. Worth, TX. Also, a couple from Connecticut; the woman and I had been at the University of Wisconsin some of the same years but we had never met before. The total group hailed from all over the USA from Florida to Washington state.

Our first tour was to CONNEMARA & KYLEMORE ABBEY, home of the Benedictine nuns. We then

proceeded to Killary harbor and enjoyed lunch on board a large catamaran while cruising the length of this fjord-like inlet. Next was a visit to see Killarney, Dingle Peninsula, Border Collies, Blarney Castle, and Historic Cork.

In Cork we met a local couple (Mike & Peig Ryan) at dinner and found that Mike and Jim had the same birthday. They were also celebrating their wedding anniversary. They had a pent-house suite and invited us to join them there for dessert. The Ryans had just retired from a B & B and restaurant business. We also learned that one of their 3 daughters was the "care giver" for MAUREEN O'HARA, who is 92 and still enjoying her birth country.

The locals loved to visit with us and ask about our interests. Every day we had HUGE Irish breakfasts that included everything you could imagine. Most of our Hotels had indoor pools and required all swimmers, including men, to wear bathing caps.

Other points of interest included Cobh, where the TITANIC last docked before heading across the Atlantic. We had a home-hosted lunch here and enjoyed a local family and their interests. We then visited CAHIRCASTLE, KILKENNY CASTLE, and a 13th century Cathedral. On to Waterford and the Crystal, Wedgwood and Royal Doulton china factories. (Cont'd on page 5, col 1)

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SAVE THE DATE ! AQUANASTICS CLASS COMING

Spring Aquanastics class will again be held at KOA - Hammond, Or. This spring there is NO charge to use the pool for the class. This session will be 6 classes beginning April 9 and ending April 25. Classes are from 10 to 11 AM on Tuesdays and Thursdays only. Class is limited to 12 students. Taught by Kathleen Hudson, a certified Arthritic water exercise instructor, American Red Cross life guard and water safety instructor.

Kathleen will also be offering private swim lessons for a fee at the pool beginning in April. Private or semi-private lessons need to be arranged individually, by calling 503 861-2802.

OCTOBER LUNCH BUNCH WAS ALL ABOUT ICE CREAM

What a lovely day to dine on the river at our new buffet restaurant in town. Located on 10th Street and the Riverwalk is the Chinese/Japanese Riverview Restaurant.

Besides the wonderful selection on the buffet table, the weather was outstanding, all to the delight of 25 ENCORE Members. Now that's a terrific way to meet old friends and seek out new ones. Come one/come all. Thanks to Aletha Westerberg for putting these lunches together and setting everything up for us. Terrific job as always, with attendance reaching higher numbers each month. Because we're an educational group Aletha always brings a bit of history and sometimes a quiz for our enjoyment and edification. This time it was a brief history of ice cream and a word search puzzle about ice cream. No one can say our lunches aren't an education in themselves, can they? And they even had ice cream for dessert included in the price!

Don't miss out on this wonderful get together. Remember it's always the first Tuesday of the month. All you need is your Name Tag and a friendly smile. See you in Cannon Beach on November 6th. It's Election Day so vote early and then we can discuss the turnout and leave the voting numbers to the newscasters.
Madeline Gobel

VETERANS HONORED AT NOVEMBER LUNCH BUNCH

I wasn't sure what to expect as I entered Morris Fireside Restaurant in Cannon Beach; it was my first experience with the ENCORE Lunch Bunch. But I'd been looking for friends, now that I've retired to Gearhart, and ENCORE sounded like a good place to start. Science Exchange class was a lot of fun; maybe the Lunch Bunch would be too.

Smiling faces greeted me immediately---and a few of them were familiar. There were Sue and Judith and John A. whom I knew through science class; somebody pointed out an empty seat at another table where I met Bob, Aletha, and John R.

Everyone was friendly and welcoming and, by the end of the gathering, I felt I'd found a new and interesting social group. Those in this new group of friends included Bernie Thomas, Judith Schlechter, Sue Zerangue, Elaine Horsak, Bob and Aletha Westerberg, John Ryan, Mary Ann Ylipelto, Nellie Hutchison, Melissa Yowell, Reta and Rollie Lindstrom, Joan Ryan, Hazel Sealy, Carol Sigurdson, Reta Leithner, John Agnew--and me, Kit Ketcham. I hope I can gradually attach names to faces as we get better acquainted!

Judith Schlechter won the prize (an amaryllis) for the most correct answers to Reta Leithner's Veterans' Day presentation and quiz, while Bernie Thomas took away the belated October door prize---for ice cream! Congratulations to both!

Next Lunch Bunch will be December 4, 2012, at Fultano's Pizza, 620 Olney Ave, Astoria. You can bet I'll put it on my calendar!
Kit Ketcham

the monastery of a 6th century St. Kevin. Arriving in Dublin, we visited the famous Book of Kells and walked the streets and beautiful parks of a modern metropolis, a stimulating contrast to our previous two weeks' travels.

We had our Farewell dinner, saying "Goodbye" to our fellow travelers. We flew from Dublin, back to JFK and then on to WISCASSET, Maine to visit my oldest daughter and her family. Her husband, Dave, prepared a Lobster dinner with corn on the cob and all the trimmings for Jim's birthday. We had an enjoyable time visiting with their 4 children.

We highly recommend GRAND CIRCLE TRAVEL. If you plan to go with them anywhere, use our name and customer # 000575557L to SAVE \$100.00 per person. They also do not charge any extra for singles, wanting a private room.

Ivory Fever -A Class planned for Spring 2013

by Erhard Gross

Hoping to observe Alaskan wildlife and acquaint myself with Eskimo art, I arrived in Fairbanks in early August 1980. Somebody had told me there was a native art shop downtown, so I went straight to TCR's Ivory. The shop displayed several ivory carvings as well as scrimshaw. There were also several uncarved polished mammoth tusks. I had never stood next to a tusk of any species. I was excited. The owner indicated that he had more in his storeroom. For some reason, he told me that I had to come back in the morning to see more. I could hardly wait.

When I saw more the next morning, I was already succumbing to IVORY FEVER. My budget was limited, but I went ahead and purchased some mammoth ivory and two walrus tusks. During my drive back to Oregon, I literally fondled my booty. My mind raced most of the 2600 mile drive home. What was I going to do with the precious material on the passenger's seat? I had been a hobby woodcarver, but I had absolutely no idea what tools were necessary to carve ivory.

Back home in West Linn, I immediately went to the Clackamas County library to look for all books on ivory. There were very few. I put in a request for ivory book information through interlibrary loan. We

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received responses from Los Angeles all the way to the University of Alaska; however, there was not a single title among them that promised to tell anything about how to carve the material.

As my ivory fever grew worse, my patience was running thinner. I took rasps, files and different grades of sand paper and started polishing my two walrus tusks. They turned out beautifully. But I wanted to carve the material. By spring of 1981, I had still not located a book or other instructions on how to turn a piece of ivory into a three-dimensional carving. I had, however, heard that West Germany maintained an ivory carving institute and that its masters continued to produce internationally collected pieces.

In May 1981, I flew to Germany to visit *Deutsche Elfenbein-Museum*. Meeting some of the masters was a wonderful experience, but none allowed me to observe them at work. It took me nearly one more year, before a fortuitous meeting in Portland got me on the right track. My ivory fever went into gradual remission but to this day is not fully contained.

Ivory fever is communicable but senior citizens are more immune than younger persons. If you want to find out more about the matter, take my class "All About Ivory" during the spring term of 2013.

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Spring 2013 submit by February 4, 2013

Always happy to take questions or
comments on this process.

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**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2012, LUNCH BUNCH will be at
FULTANO'S PIZZA RESTAURANT**

**12:30 PM 620 Olney Ave (Highway 202), Astoria OR 97103
“Show & Tell” – Most unusual or beloved Christmas Ornament**

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