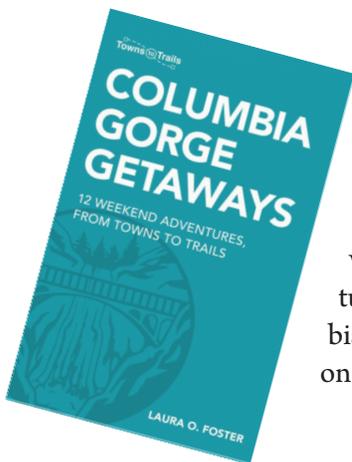




COMING UP - WINTER LUNCHEON FEBRUARY 15

SMA's Winter Luncheon will be held at the Portland Golf Club on Wednesday, February 15th beginning at 11:30 am. Our Luncheon Chairperson, Pam Anderson, has arranged for a talk by Portland author Laura O. Foster. She will have slides and discuss her guidebook, *Columbia Gorge Getaways*. Copies of her book will also be available for purchase at the luncheon. Foster has been a featured speaker for our group before, with her book, *The Portland Stairs Book*.



Columbia Gorge Getaways is a complete guidebook to the Columbia River Gorge, an 80-mile-long chasm one of the nation's National Scenic Areas. The book offers a year's worth of weekend-long adventures in and around the Columbia River Gorge's historic towns on both sides of the river – from

beaches to back roads, historic downtowns, hiking and biking routes, shopping, brewpubs and wineries, rural inns, historic sites, and museums. The book is the product of an all-Oregon team: maps by Matthew Hampton of Cascade Cartography; design by Brad Smith and Etah Chen of Hot Pepper Studios; printing by Bob Smith of Book Printers Network; and text and photos by Laura O. Foster, who has been writing Pacific Northwest guidebooks since 2001.

Details on the menu and costs of the luncheon will be sent to members soon, but be sure to mark your calendars and save the date. Not only will we enjoy an informative and entertaining speaker, we will also have an opportunity to meet new friends and reconnect with old ones.

VALENTINE'S CHOCOLATE SALE CANCELLED

Member Jodi Karr has been generously investing a great deal of time and energy the past several years organizing and supervising our fundraising chocolate sale. SMA leadership has been searching for someone willang and able to share a significant part of Jodi's task without success. It has also been increasingly difficult to recruit enough volunteers to staff the sales tables during the sale. The board reluctantly decided at it's November meeting to cancel the Valentines Chocolate Sale.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

The cold front in mid-December interrupted many holiday activities including our evening book group twice. I was on a Cultural trip to Cuba at the time thinking how lucky I was to be in the sunny Caribbean. Now it appears that 2017 is bringing us Artic weather and rather extreme temperatures for Oregon, but despite this, I am hoping for a peaceful New Year with many meaningful accomplishments. It looks as if we shall be winding up our NICU waiting room refurbishing project at the end of March and there will be a grand opening celebration in April. Something to really look forward to!

Pam Berg

Interest Groups. If you would like to learn more about one of our Interest Groups or haven't been receiving notices about a group you might be interested in, you are urged to contact the coordinator. Contacts for all our Interest Groups can be found in your Member Directory.

More Photos. Please visit our website for photo galleries from past luncheons, interest group events, garden parties and service projects. Scroll to the bottom of the Members Only page to find buttons that will take you to photo archives.

ByLaws. If you need to consult the SMA ByLaws, you will find them on our website (address in brown box below right). We are protecting the environment by not reprinting them each year in the Directory.

INTEREST GROUP ACTIVITIES and COMING EVENTS

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January

2	Movie Group
3	AM Book Group, <i>Tinkers</i> , by Paul Harding, 10 am
4	Monthly Board Meeting, noon
10	PM Book Group Annual Dinner, 7 pm
11	Threads Group, 9:30 am
23	B3 Packing, 9:30 am, CDRC

February

1	Monthly Board Meeting, Dean's Office, noon
6	Movie Group
7	AM Book Group, <i>The Snow Child</i> , by Eowyn Ivey, 10 am
8	Threads Group, 9:30 am
9	PM Book Group, <i>Short Nights of the Shadow Catcher</i> , 7 pm
15	Winter Luncheon, Portland Golf Club, 11:30 am

March

1	Monthly Board Meeting, Dean's Office, noon
6	Movie Group
7	AM Book Group, 10 am
8	Threads Group, 9:30 am
9	PM Book Group, <i>The Improbability of Love</i> , 7 pm
27	B3 Packing, 9:30 am, CDRC

2016-17 SMA Officers

President: Pamela Berg
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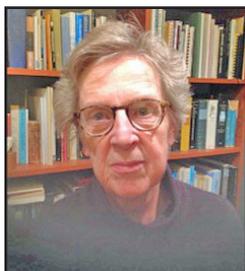
SMA newsletters are published quarterly and sent via email to our membership. More photos and other information is available on the website. Click "Members Only" tab, the password is "smamember".

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SMA MEMBER PROFILES

*In an effort to help our members get to know each other a little better, we are offering some short profiles of SMA members. Our thanks to **Pam Anderson** for conducting interviews, writing the profiles and supplying photos. If you would like to join Pam in providing these popular profiles, please contact her for more information.*



Elly Dickason **member since 2016**

Welcome Elly Dickason, our newest SMA member. At the invitation of Jennifer Boyd, Elly came as a guest to the Evening Book Group in February 2016. She became an official member at the Spring Luncheon in May and is pleased to continue being involved in the book group.

Elly was born in the Netherlands and also lived in France and in Geneva, Switzerland. She arrived in New York in 1967 looking for a bit of adventure and ended up staying. It was there that several years later a friend introduced her to an editor at Macmillan Publishers, which led to a job as desk editor in the Reference Department. She ended up becoming the head of that same division.

It was also in New York that Elly met her husband Jerry. He was a professor of Recreation and Leisure Studies, first at New York University and later at Montclair State University in New Jersey. Elly and Jerry moved to Portland in 2007 to be close to their son and his family. The move came shortly after the birth of their first granddaughter; two years later a second granddaughter was born. Both girls spend quite a bit of time with Elly and Jerry each week.

It comes as no surprise, considering Elly's career, that her special interest is "reading, reading, reading." For fiction she prefers writers from around the world who are unknown to most Americans. When she reads nonfiction she concentrates on the 1930's and the 1940's as it relates to the totalitarian regimes of Nazism and Stalinism. This interest was sparked by a course she took at PSU (free to seniors) on "The Literature of Totalitarianism." She has also taken courses on botany and history.

After moving to Portland, Elly wasted no time getting to know her new city and state. Her favorite Portland places are Powell's (of course!) and the many parks. Dining spots are many, but one regular is Milo's on NE Broadway; according to Elly they have "the best crab cakes in town." Her favorite places around the state are the Columbia Gorge, Steen's Mountain, and John Day.

Also world travelers, two trips to Sicily stand out. Elly and her husband loved the culture and the food. It prompted Elly to learn a few phrases of Italian, and now she spends time every day studying the language. She also gets together twice a week with other women who speak Italian.

For those of you who have not yet met Elly, please introduce yourself at the next opportunity. Thank you Elly for joining us in the SMA.



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