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A women's theater group is now being formed. Experience is not necessary; interest is. For more information call 343-4648.

It's time for the **Eighth Annual Old Oregon Christmas Fair** at the Lane County Fairgrounds. The fair, which runs Dec. 9-23, will feature 175 Oregon craftspeople as well as food and daily entertainment. Hours are 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily, Sunday noon to 6 p.m. Santa will be there, too, so bring the kids.

The Christmas Gift, a play for children ages 7 and up will be presented at the **Maude Kerns Art Center** Dec. 13 at 7 p.m. It's about "real" gifts that are easily overlooked in holiday season hustle. The cast is all children. The play will be followed by refreshments and other festivities. Admission is free.

Morrette Rider, dean of the University music school, was elected chair of the Northwest Region of the National Association of Schools of Music at their recent annual meeting in Colorado Springs. The association is the professional accrediting agency for music schools.

Soft graphics by **Marie Lyman** are on display in the **Oregon Repertory Theatre** lobby Dec. 7-24. The lobby will be open as a "lunchtime gallery" from noon to 2 p.m. daily. The exhibit can also be viewed in conjunction with ORT's current play, *A Christmas Carol*.

Lyman's graphics use the string-quilt method of piecing together strips of fabric. Lyman sees her art as a way to pay tribute to creative women of an earlier era.

Oregon is a leader again. Oregon is the first of the western states to form a committee to deal with arts and the minorities. The **Oregon Arts Commission** and the **Oregon Arts Foundation** have established a task force on ethnic minorities and the arts. University professor **Edwin Coleman** will serve on the task force.

Maude I. Kerns Art Center will be closed Dec. 23-31. The Center will re-open Monday, Jan. 1, 1979, for a new year of classes, programs and exhibits.

The **Storefront Actors' Theatre** of Portland will present two plays in December. *The Metrics* will run Dec. 10 and 17, with performances at 1 and 3 p.m. *The Confessions of Jackie Duloz* will be staged Dec. 2-22, 28-30 and Wednesdays through Saturdays Jan. 3-13. *Confessions* is based on Jack Kerouac's life. For reservations call 248-0199, 9-5 weekdays.

Stone Age, a new quarterly magazine devoted exclusively to the art and science of getting high, made its publishing debut in Mid November with a full-color, all-star issue featuring stories by Norman Mailer and Graham Greene.

According to editor Gilbert Choate, 32, *Stone Age* is designed to counter "the misinformation circulating about recreational drug use."

If you're in Las Vegas and want to earn some Christmas money or lose some, the world's first blackjack tournament will be held Dec. 17-20 at Del Webb's Hotel Sahara. The tournament is devised so novice as well as skilled players can vie for the grand prize of \$50,000 in cash. Good luck.

ORT auctions celebrity loot; features Kesey, Mondale art

A signed poster by Joan Mondale, wife of the Vice-President, is one of the featured items at Oregon Repertory Theatre's second annual benefit auction Dec. 12. The poster was designed for the vice-presidential reception in 1977.

ORT's auction will begin at 6 p.m. in the Atrium Mall courtyard. Auction items will be on display in the theater Dec. 11 and 12 from 1-5 p.m. for advanced viewing. The auction will be preceded from 5-6 p.m. with entertainment by musical group Still Dreaming, which will play nostalgia music from the

thirties and forties while participants register for bid cards.

Among the 150 items to be auctioned by a professional auctioneer are an art piece created by Ken Kesey especially for the auction, a gold sapphire ring from Pijon Jewlry, and a Chinese carpet from Stuart Lumsky of Carpets by Stuart.

Also to be auctioned are gifts from each of the five county commissioners, antiques, meals at fine restaurants, original jewelry, lodging at Oregon's resorts, clo-

thing from N. David, original works by local craftspeople and other collectibles from over 100 local merchants.

Theme for the evening is "the function of art in the community," and featured keynote speakers will be David Lunney, ORT's artistic director, the five county commissioners and possibly a surprise celebrity.

Following the auction Still Dreaming will play at de Frisco's until closing time.

This is the last Hear and Now of the quarter. Our first issue of the year will be Jan. 11. In the interim have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Hear and Now is edited by Judy Emerson. All poetry and art contributions are welcome. Please submit all items for Out and About by Friday before publication.

Last week we inadvertently omitted the byline from the Grateful Dead's new album review. The review was written by Glen Ozonwood and Ken Warren.

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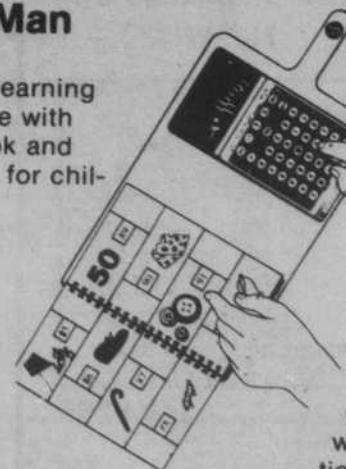


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