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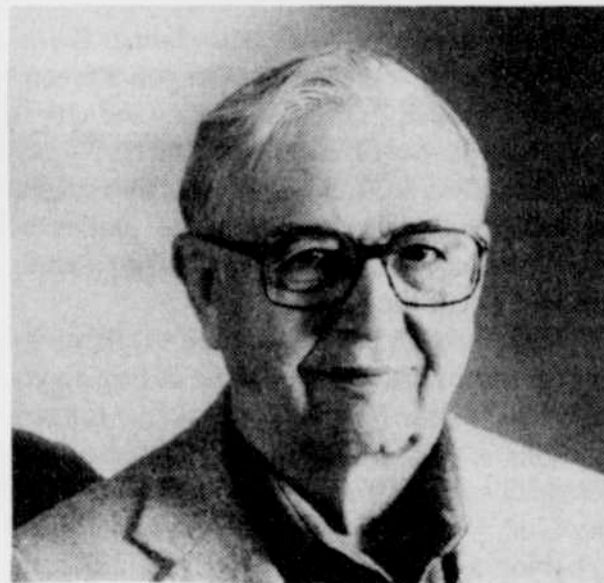
Application deadline for Lilla Jewel Award nears

The McKenzie River Gathering Foundation, a progressive community foundation serving the state of Oregon, is accepting applications for the 1995 Lilla Jewel Award for Oregon Women Artists in the category of Visual Arts.

The deadline for applications is June 15, and the \$3,000 award will be issued by Sept. 30. Selection of the recipient will be made by a panel of women artists, who will make their decision based on work completed by applicants within the past three years. The Visual Arts category includes work in the disciplines of painting, illustration, printmaking, photography, textiles, ceramics and sculpture.

Applications may be obtained by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope to MRG/Lilla Jewel Award, 3558 SE Hawthorne Blvd., Suite 102, Portland, OR 97214.

Phoenix Rising honors founder



Jack Abele

Phoenix Rising Foundation founder Jack Abele, who died earlier this year, will be honored June 15 at the first annual Phoenix Rising Foundation Lesbian and Gay Pride Dinner.

Abele and his life partner, Warren James, have

been active in gay and lesbian issues for more than 20 years. Both were involved in the Portland Town Council, a gay and lesbian group founded in the 1970s, and later Phoenix Rising, one of only four certified mental health agencies in the nation primarily serving the sexual minority community. Abele and James have been generous financial contributors to Phoenix Rising over the years.

The Pride Dinner begins with no-host cocktails at 6:30 pm at the Portland Hilton Ballroom, 921 SW Sixth Ave., followed by dinner. Entertainment will be provided by jazz musician Janice Scroggins and singer/songwriter Theresa Demarest. An award bearing Abele's name will be presented to him posthumously, and will be accepted by James. The award will be given in future years to a person who has provided outstanding service to the sexual minority communities of Oregon and Southwest Washington.

Tickets can be purchased for \$75 by calling Phoenix Rising at 223-8299.

Oregonian receives Pride Foundation award

Klamath Falls resident Michael Clark is a recipient of a 1995 Pride Foundation Scholarship. The Seattle-based Pride Foundation, which claims to be the nation's largest gay and lesbian community foundation, provides scholarships to "build self-esteem, promote diversity and support human rights."

Clark, an Oregonian, and 10 Washingtonians, were selected from a field of 170 applicants. Recipients will receive awards ranging from \$1,000 to \$2,000 to assist with their educational expenses.

According to the Pride Foundation, Clark plans to attend Southern Oregon State College to pursue teaching English and music. Clark was selected because he "challenged his school to respond to the threats of Oregon Ballot Measure 13."

Since 1987, the Pride Foundation has granted more than \$600,000 to projects that strengthen the gay and lesbian community.

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