

Painter/taper apprentices graduate

Apprenticeship instructor Marti Fagin retires

The 2012 class of new journeymen painters and tapers was recognized Feb. 21 at a dinner and ceremony. Graduates from the three-year Painter/Decorator and Drywall Finisher Apprenticeship Program received plaques, Carhartt jackets, and a bucket of Purdy paint brushes and other tools.

Special recognition also was given to apprenticeship instructor Marti Fagin, a longtime member of Painters and Drywall Finishers Local 10, who retired after serving a decade as an instructor. She has worked in the field since 1977. Fagin is pictured to the right receiving a Carhartt jacket from Bud Bartunek, area director of Painters and Allied Trades District Council 5, and contractor Steve Schiller of Schiller and Vroman Painting.

New journeymen and women (pictured right) are: Seated from left to right: Michael Worden, Claudia Gallardo, Everardo Sanchez, and Lee Gale. Worden and Gale are drywall finishers. Not in attendance were painters Raquel Avalos, Matthew Farr and Danielle Ferris, and drywall finisher Miguel Lopez. Standing in the back row are union officials and contractors of the Signatory Painting Contractors Organization.

The new journeymen and women are members of Portland-based Local 10, Salem-based Local 724, and Eugene-based Local 1277.



'34 truckers strike comes to the stage

The Minneapolis Teamster Strike of 1934 will come to life March 8 to 23 at Portland's Sowelu Theater Ensemble.

The play "Hard Times Come Again No More," by Martha Boesing, is based on the 1930s writing of Meridel

LeSueur. The strike, one of the most iconic in American history, shut down trucking in Minneapolis and brought industrial unionism to the region.

The show takes place at Performance Works NW, 4625 SE 67th Ave. (SE 67th and Foster). Performances are 7:30 p.m. Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays, as well as 2 p.m. matinees March 16, 17, and 23.

Following the March 15 performance, a discussion about the context of the strike will be led by Portland State University sociologist Ben Cushing and Brooke Jacobson, president of the PSU Faculty Association/American Federation of Teachers Local 3571.

Tickets are \$12 to \$25, sliding scale. Call 503-568-4017 to reserve tickets or visit sowelutheater.org.

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