

Labor history project needs sponsors

VANCOUVER — A labor history project at the Clark County Historical Museum is still looking for financial sponsorships from individual union members and union shops.

The exhibit, "Tools of the Trade: A History of Labor in Southwest Washington," opens at the museum July 11 and will run for 18 months.

The Washington State Labor Council will hold two receptions at the museum during its statewide convention at the Vancouver Hilton & Convention Center July 25-27.

The museum also is planning a series of public education programs that will run during the exhibit. The museum is working in partnership with Washington State University-Vancouver History Department, the NW Folklife Center, and the Vancouver Community Library to produce and host the labor-specific programs.

The labor history program will showcase the significant role that workers and their unions played in building the community, and will include artifacts, oral histories, and other materials related to the labor movement in Vancouver and Southwest Washington.

Additional funds are needed now to complete the exhibit project.

Union shops and community businesses that donate \$500 will be featured in the exhibit gallery on an interpretive panel highlighting the contribution. Companies donating at the \$1,000 level will get the same, plus have their logo featured on an exhibit banner that will hang on the front of the museum building. Businesses that contribute \$2,000 will get those two items, plus have their logo featured on media advertising that the museum produces in conjunction with the exhibit.

Individual union members who do-

nate in whatever dollar amount they can afford (\$20, \$50, \$75, \$100 or more), will be acknowledged in a "Rolodex" that will be featured in the exhibit gallery. The "Rolodex" will list union members grouped by their donation amount and by union affiliation.

Deadline to participate is June 1.

The Clark County Historical Society and Museum is a non-profit 501 (c) 3 organization.

Donations can be made online at www.cchmuseum.org.

Checks can be sent to: **Clark County Historical Museum Labor Exhibit, Clark County Historical Museum, 1511 Main Street, Vancouver, Wash., 98660**

For more information, call Susan Tissot, executive director of the Clark County Historical Museum, at 360-993-5679, or email her at tissots@pacifier.com.



Bill Trites watches as his catch of the day is weighed. The 13-pound salmon proved to be a winner on a slow fishing day on the Willamette River.

JAPANESE GRAIN LOCKOUTS HURT NW ECONOMY

MARUBENI AND MITSUI LOCKED OUT NORTHWEST LONGSHORE WORKERS AFTER REFUSING TO NEGOTIATE IN GOOD FAITH

Marubeni, owner of Columbia Grain in Portland, and Mitsui, owner of United Grain in Vancouver, are two of Japan's largest and most powerful corporations. The ILWU worked for months to reach an agreement with the employer, demanding few changes to the successful, 78-year-old collective bargaining agreement. Mitsui and Marubeni demanded *hundreds* of changes, barely budged from their first proposal, and locked union workers out of United Grain on Feb. 27 and Columbia Grain on May 4. That's not good faith bargaining; it's Marubeni and Mitsui's aggressive attempt to undermine American jobs.

MARUBENI AND MITSUI PROFIT FROM AMERICA'S PUBLIC RESOURCES AND THEN HURT OUR ECONOMY

Marubeni and Mitsui profit from the hard work of American farmers and longshoremen. They benefit from billions of America's tax dollars by using our highways, railroads, and infrastructure that we've all built to create good jobs. Now they have locked out union workers who have supported our economy for decades, which means fewer taxes being repaid through wages and more profits going overseas.

AMERICAN GRAIN EXPORTER TEMCO HAS REACHED AN AGREEMENT WITH ILWU; MITSUI AND MARUBENI SHOULD END THEIR LOCKOUT AND PUT LOCAL FAMILIES BACK TO WORK

The union has a win-win agreement with Marubeni and Mitsui's American competitor, TEMCO, which is a joint venture between Cargill and American farmer coop CHS, and operates grain facilities in Tacoma, Kalama and Portland. Marubeni and Mitsui should end the lockouts and reach a safe and fair agreement with the ILWU, just as American based TEMCO has done.

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A few of the 700 ILWU members who have been locked out of grain facilities in Portland and Vancouver by profitable Japanese corporations Mitsui and Marubeni. The men and women of the ILWU have made Northwest grain elevators successful since 1934.

Guide Dogs the big winner at Machinists salmon derby

Guide Dogs of America (GDA) was the big winner at the third annual Salmon Fishing Derby May 4 sponsored by Machinists District W24. Unseasonably warm weather scared away the fish, but not fishermen and women, who donated \$10,000 to the cause.

In three years the fishing derby has collected \$34,000 for Guide Dogs.

The International Association of Machinists founded GDA in 1948 in Sylmar, California, to train and provide guide dogs to the blind, free of charge. The organization receives no government funding. "We depend solely on fundraising events like this, voluntary donations and bequests," said Guide Dogs director and derby participant



Guide Dogs in training — Tabor, the yellow lab on the left, and Welby, a black lab, were special guests at the Machinists District W24 salmon derby luncheon on May 4.

Dale Hartford, noting that to breed, raise and train one guide dog costs \$38,000.

The fishing derby launched from the docks of RiverPlace Marina in downtown Portland at 5 a.m. For the next eight hours, 19 professional fishing guides steered four-person teams through the Willamette River in search of the big fish. The winning catch was a 13-pound salmon reeled in by Bill Trites. It was Trites' first salmon catch ever. Winner of the sturgeon derby (for most total inches of sturgeon landed, catch and release) was Jon Holden, with 635 inches. Holden is a member of Machinists District Lodge 751 in Seattle.

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