

Dreams to be tapped in poetry workshop



Glenda Barbre

There's a dream waiting to be tapped in everyone, according to Glenda Barbre of Rhododendron.

Her goal is to offer aspiring poets a new approach in tapping "dream images" during a six week poetry workshop at the Sandy Community School. Due to begin at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 23, the workshop will be geared to helping writers make a connection between feelings and writings.

The teacher plans to offer some concrete suggestions for writing, but will remain flexible in her approach.

"Those who wish structure will have structure, those who wish can do their own thing," the poet says.

Mrs. Barbre is the author of "Dream-Feathers," a book of poetry published in 1976 when she was living in Soquel, Calif. Her work also is included in "Contemporary Woman Poets."

Some of her successful writing techniques might work for others.

"Those who wish may try to catch a dream, or perhaps create a treasure box of images to be used in case of a dry spell," she says.

Her treasure box consists of an ancient medallion, shells, a bird feather and a dream diary.

She says each person is an "unique wonder, a treasure house of potential."

"My class will never consist of saying 'this is a good poem or this is a bad poem.'"

Instead, a more likely comment might be: "Dare to be deeper. You will develop your own style."

She recommends that those taking the workshop become acquainted with the works of modern poets such as Ferlinghetti, Boukowski, diaries of Anais Nin and the works of Carl Jung.

She learned her technique by observing poet-teachers in a Poetry in the Schools program in California.

Mrs. Barbre said she moved back to her hometown of

Rhododendron because she wanted an environment conducive to writing and rearing her five children. Some samples of her work are featured below:

The Return (Mt. Hood)

Returned.
Home again.
What can compare?
Mt. Hood rushes towards me
Her snow-arms greet me personally.
No other mountain hugs.
No other mountain calls my name.
No other mountain sleeps with my soul.
Traveler!
Twenty years
or twenty thousand miles
Always the same.
No other mountain breathes my breath.
Knows her rivers are my life's blood origin.

Thirty miles away
distinct her call
Welcome!
Welcome home!

Dedicated to the people of the mountain.

Still Creek

My youngest child
knows a magic place
where rainbows melt
into puddles.

Spiders weave whirl pools
"Wonder Webs" of color
silver discs spun in the wind.

Fire engine red toad-stools
pop-up with round faces
Jack-in-the box surprises
grinning after every rain.

Leaf boat rafts sail rivulets
Rapids navigated by Huckle-berry men
the sun blows bubbles of light.

Everywhere ancient Earth.
like your old story book
mossy n musky n magic

All the stones sing songs
stopping only to giggle
when the blue jay teases.

Even the trees play
Their long root fingers
tickle the Earth's tummy
Till rocks roll down stream laughing.

My youngest child
knows a magic place
Where rainbows melt
into puddles.

To Ben and all the children everywhere

Go tell it on the mountain

Joe Kiefer: rope tow specialist

by Jean Stein

This is the 25th winter Joe Kiefer has worked at the Ski Bowl, but he won't be going back to work until they get more snow. He wants the young ones who have expenses of rent and food to share the few hours meted out when there isn't much snow.

"I'm a field man, working outside on the lifts. . . don't want to be penned up," he said. "I love to work with people, . . . especially children, so my favorite spot is on the rope tow—Ski School Hill—it keeps me young."

After Joe married Gertrude 30 years ago, he completely remodeled and winterized their home on Road 20—just past the bridge. With Gertrude gone, it's a big place to take care of and he keeps it neat as a pin.

Part of the house can be closed off, like the bedrooms upstairs, but he had room for the children and grandchildren when they recently gathered around for his birthday.

Joe loves books and loves to read. He boasts about many out-of-print copies of Oregon and western writers, including a complete Zane Grey collection, and two bookcases full of books that look like new in their original bright jackets. Joe has read them all many times.

One of the rifles in his gun collection belonged to his great-grandfather who wore buckskin, a coonskin cap and fought in the war of 1812. It was made by a German gunsmith in Pennsylvania, but was called a Kentucky rifle. When the set-

ters came west of the Mississippi they had to shorten the barrel to make the guns lighter. He has one 1850 Hawkins or mountain rifle, beautifully engraved.

"I don't hunt. . . couldn't shoot a wild animal, and besides they are getting too scarce," he reflected.

For about two years Joe wrote a column in the Sandy Post called "Up and Down the Mountain." He reported on trails and good hikes along with the regular mountain news.

The meeting last Friday night to determine what can be done to keep the ZigZag river from zigging and zagging was spearheaded by Joe, who lost about 30 feet of his property to the river. The Forest Service will take action after conferring with all the concerned agencies.

Through the years Joe volunteered to fight seven fires that threatened our mountain community. . . he loves the mountain.

Bob Zipprich is in Providence Hospital and would welcome your prayers and cards. It was a sudden and serious illness, but Bob's feeling better.

Mert Wheeler visited his doctor in Hood River the other day and found his blood count is up, and the doctor was pleased with his progress. When Emma drove him home he was feeling so well he wanted to go for a little ride. . . after riding all the way to Hood River and back!

Last weekend six of us who used to be United Airlines Stewardesses stayed at Nita Butte's, beautiful home on DeLake at Lincoln City. Nita was the founder of our Clipped Wings chapter in Portland in 1950—and we all are still active in this national organization. Nita is the director of the lovely new senior center in Beaverton. The lovely new senior center in Beaverton.

One of her neighbors at the beach, Ken Heuvel, had an interesting story to tell. His father bought the golf course

(Bowman's) from Jenny Welch back in the forties. Ken's father loved golf but worked hard keeping up the course.

Ken remembers purposely missing the bus for Sandy High School so he could help his dad. Ken and his wife have a seaplane and fly it down from Portland nearly every weekend and land it right in front of their lake house—30 minutes flying time.

It was 60 degrees Saturday and not a bit of wind on the beach.



Joe Kiefer

Presbyterians to hold meeting

The annual meeting of Sandy Community Presbyterian Church is set for Sunday, Jan. 15.

The meeting will begin with a potluck dinner following the morning worship. Members will be allowed time to go to their homes to pick up potluck

items or they may bring dishes early and place them in the church refrigerator or oven.

The meeting will convene after the meal at about 1:45 p.m. On the agenda are committee reports, election of officers and voting on budget matters.

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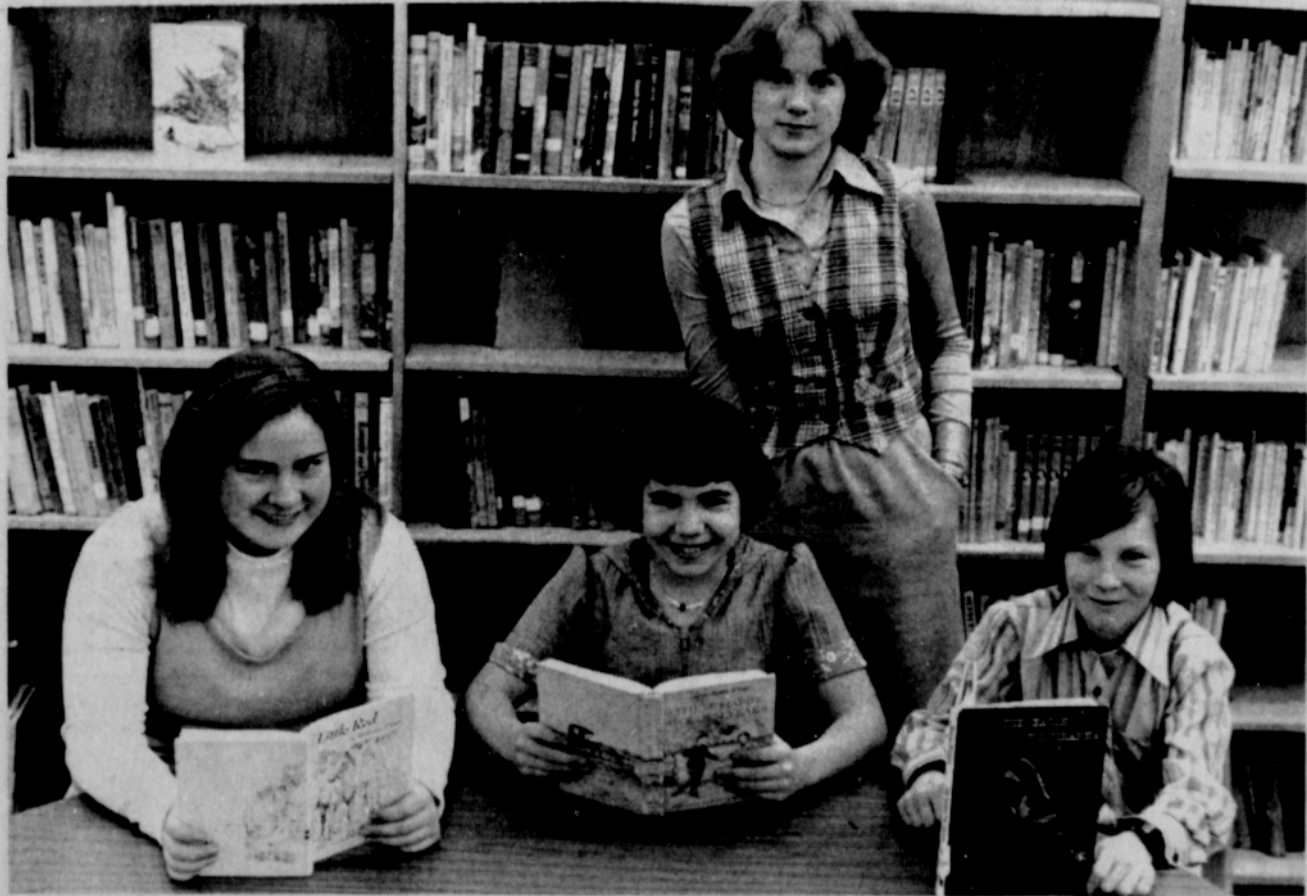
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A GREAT AMOUNT OF READING MATERIAL has passed before the eyes of these Cottrell students during the past couple of months. The three winners in the Read-a-Thon for Multiple Sclerosis, are pictured with

program coordinator Beverly Ruttle of the Oregon chapter of the Multiple Sclerosis Society. Pictured are Lisa Swanson, JoEllyn Morrell and Bradd Holt.

Students read for charity

Reading reached epidemic proportions at Cottrell School during the month of November.

"We could see them (students) out during recess — reading," related school Superintendent Jean Lundy. "Or they'd be reading as they talked."

The occasion for some 60 Cottrell youngsters to bury their noses in books was a Read-a-Thon for Multiple Sclerosis.

Sponsored by the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, third through eighth graders asked their neighbors, family and friends to donate money for each book they read. Participants poured over some 593 books during the Read-a-Thon and collected \$694.41 for charity. Mrs. Lundy said the Read-

a-Thon was inspired by the grand prize winner of the competition, sixth grade student JoEllyn Murillo.

"The Read-a-Thon is a very important event to the many people who suffer from multiple sclerosis," she wrote in the January issue of the school's Cougar news.

"It is especially important to me because my father has it."

JoEllyn is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Morrell. Mrs. Lundy said Morrell was an officer for the Portland Police Bureau before suffering with multiple sclerosis. He is due to return to work with the police bureau sometime this month.

Multiple sclerosis is a chronic disease in which there is scattered damage of

the central nervous system. It is characterized by speech defects and a loss of muscular coordination.

The Read-a-Thon is a annual event sponsored by the National Multiple Sclerosis society in schools across the nation.

Cottrell's Read-a-Thon coordinator was Beverly Ruttle, a full-time staff member of the Oregon Multiple Sclerosis Society. She came to the school last week to announce the winners of the money-raising competition.

East building winner was Lisa Swanson, who told The Post that she is nearly "two terms ahead for book reports" after the contest.

Bradd Holt was the west building winner. Brad, a sixth grader, read 40 books.

As grand prize winner, JoEllyn received a calculator. Bradd and Lisa were awarded wrist radios.

However, nobody came out of the competition a loser. Besides reading books and raising money for a charitable cause, participants gained a certificate for their efforts.

Mrs. Lundy said Eric Smith's sixth grade class brought in the most money for the Read-a-Thon by collecting \$181. Ruth Lund's fourth grade class students were recognized as the school bookworms after tackling 153 books.

"It really stimulated our reading program," said Mr. Lundy of the program. The school plans to participate in the Read-a-Thon next year. "I think this is an exciting way to stimulate reading."