



Elton Jolly, right, National Executive Director of OICs of America, receives a perfect apple from Henry Beauchamp, who introduced Jolly warmly at the OIC Region IX Conference held in Portland. Beauchamp is Executive Director of the Yakima Valley OIC.



POIC Executive Director Joe Washington speaks to delegates and guests during Region X conference. Region IX includes Oregon, Washington and Idaho.



Lydia Joyner, Director of Region IX, OIC/A, welcomed delegates to the Regional Convention hosted by Portland OIC last weekend.



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**OBSERVATIONS
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by Kathryn Bogle

Exciting prospects for the city and for the Balck community are unfolding for the week end of November 17th and 18th, at the Portland Art Museum. Plans are being completed for a "feast for the soul" to be presented free of charge to the general public, and that means you and me.

The feast takes the form of a two day symposium with a banner title: "Documents of African Culture". Under the banner lectures, pictures, photographs, art pieces will develop the theme: "Social and Psychological Aspects of Masking and Ceremony in African Art". "Disguise of Power-Display of Power." Hours for the full feast run from 9:30 a.m. through the day's courses and into the evening hours with suitable breaks for lunch and dinner. Actual dining is, of course, at your own expense, at a place of your choosing, although there is some talk of a lunch in the Art Museum (by reservation) with some of the lectures.

A list of illustrious speakers will guide us through the primitive majesty of our artistic past in Africa. Among them are Roy Sieber, Curator of Ethnographic Art at Indiana University Museum of History and Anthropology, Susan Vogle, Associate Curator, Department of Primitive Art of the Metropolitan Museum of Art; Marie (Monni) Adams, Associate Curator at Peabody Museum of Archeology and Ethnology and Professor of Art and Anthropology at Harvard University; Marciene K. Wittmer, Associate Professor of Anthropology at University of Miami; Tamara Northern, Curator of African Art at Dartmouth College; Hans-Joachim Koloss, Head of African Department, Linden Museum in Stuttgart, Germany.

On Sunday, November 18th, speakers will be Rene Bravmann, Professor of Art History, University of Washington; J. Weldon Smith, Professor of Philosophy and Religion at Mac Murray College, and Herbert Cole, Professor of Art and Anthropology at University of California.

Other interesting guests will be in attendance at sometime or other during this unusual event, and more information will be shared as the program rounds out.

We shall share with you now the specific topics to be covered over the two days of the symposium. The Gebauer Collection, already installed at the Portland Art Museum has an important display of masks from the Cameroons brought to America, and to Portland, by Dr. Paul Gebauer. These masks, and the book written about them and African Art by Dr. Gebauer, are the examples appearing as the subject point of the event.

The program, itself, is funded by a grant from the Oregon Committee for the Humanities, and affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Mark the dates November 17th and 18th on your calendar!

On a shopping trip from Billings, Montana Dr. Llewelyn Jones and Mrs. Jones, were houseguests of Dr. Samuel Brown this past week. They are remodeling their home in Billings and came down to have a larger selection of kitchen hardware from Portland outlets. During their stay in this city Mrs. Delores Leggroan entertained at dinner, inviting the out-of-town couple and Dr. and Mrs. Dwayne Paulson to be honored guests for an evening at her Gresham home.

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