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Museum features Black artist

The *Toussaint L'Ouverture Series*, 41 gouache paintings by the preeminent Black American artist Jacob Lawrence, will be on view this week through Sunday, November 4, in the First Floor Corridor Gallery of the Portland Art Museum, 1219 S.W. Park.

The paintings, done in 1938, when the artist was 21, make up the first of Lawrence's several narrative series. They tell the story of the slave Toussaint L'Ouverture who organized the slave revolt in Haiti that led to the island's independence in 1804. Vivien Raynor, art critic of the *New York Times*, writes that it was well that the tragic story of Toussaint and his rebellion waited so long for visual expression, "because no one was better suited to the task than Lawrence."

Black history and American culture are at the core of Lawrence's art. His early works, completed un-



Jacob Lawrence

der the auspices of the Federal Arts Project (WPA), interpreted various events and personages in the African American diaspora. After

its completion in 1938, the *Toussaint L'Ouverture Series* was exhibited widely and received critical acclaim wherever it was

seen.

Accompanied by the artist's own captions, the *Toussaint L'Ouverture Series* is a pictorial story told in a bold, stylized manner. It begins with the discovery of Haiti by Columbus and the battles for its possession between Spain and France. Toussaint's life is charted from his birth in a slave's cabin to his tragic betrayal and death in a French prison in 1803. The series ends with the signing of the Declaration of Independence and the crowning of Desalines, "Jean Jacques, the First of Haiti."

Two programs are planned in conjunction with this exhibition. Jacob Lawrence will present a free lecture Sunday, September 30, at 2 p.m., in the Berg Swann Auditorium. Portland artist Isaac Shamsud-Din will give a gallery talk on Sunday, October 14, at 2 p.m., also open to the public at no charge.



Rev. John Garlington and Freddye Petett greet Addie L. Wyatt, L.H.D. who was in Portland, Monday, Sept. 17, to address the Warner Pacific College Convocation of the Forty-eighth year. Rev. Wyatt was also the presented as the first recipient of the Mack and Irene Caldwell Award for meritorious service in College Church and the world. (Photo: Richard J. Brown)

Woman fights agism

Maggie Kuhn, founder and charismatic leader of the National Gray Panthers, will speak at the Cascade campus of the Portland Community College, 705 N. Killingsworth, at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, October 6. Her topic will be "Issues to Shape Our Future."

Maggie is listed in the *Woman's Book of World Records* and known throughout the U.S. as a fighter for peace and justice and against agism.

The principal sponsor of this event is the Portland Gray Panthers. Organizations and institutions joining the Gray Panther chapter are: Portland State University's Institute on Aging and School of Social Work; Portland Multnomah

Commission on Aging, United Seniors, Portland Central America Solidarity Committee; Fore-Laws on Board (an environmental group); Portland Freeze Coalition; Ospig and Fair Share.

Following lunch, which can be purchased at the hall or be brought from home, there will be a panel discussion featuring representatives of the sponsoring groups. The focus will be on issues raised by Maggie Kuhn, which among others will include pursuit of peace, health care and the environment, that are most relevant to our state.

There is no admission charge, but contributions will be gladly accepted.

League holds health fair

The Urban League of Portland, in conjunction with the National Health Screening Council and Pacific Power and Light will host Health-Energy Fair '84. The theme this year is, "Keep 'Em Warm and Well'". The fair will take place Saturday, September 22, 9 to 4 p.m. in Whitaker School, located at 5700 N.E. 39th.

Included in the fair will be free health screenings for blood tests, blood pressure, eye exams, height/weight, and health

education. There will also be energy information and demonstrations on weatherization, insulation, and solar energy, with dollar-saving ideas and workshops to help renters and homeowners. Sign-ups for the Low-Income Energy Assistance Program will be offered.

Entertainment will be provided by "Hamburglar" from McDonald's Corporation, "Ramblin Rod" of KPTV 12, and the Madison High School Breakers. For more information, call 280-2604.

Black Affairs meeting slated

On September 29, 1984, the Oregon Assembly for Black Affairs (OABA) is holding its Third Quarterly Membership Meeting at the New Jerusalem Baptist Church, 1615 NE Killingsworth, Portland, Oregon. The time of our meeting is from 10:00 AM to noon.

The Oregon Assembly for Black Affairs is inviting declared candidates for Portland City Commissioner, Position #4, to attend their Third Quarterly Membership

Meeting and make a presentation on their candidacy.

There are many city issues which affect the Black community in Portland. Among them, are jobs, economic development, city employment, Black teenager unemployment, equal justice, taxes and housing.

The candidates will be encouraged to discuss some of these issues in their presentation before OABA members and the public.

Each candidate will make a statement on his or her candidacy and on the issues. After all candidates have spoken, a question and answer session will follow.

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