

Family Poetry Workshop scheduled at Banks Library, Nov. 18th

The Banks Public Library will host a free "Family Poetry Workshop" led by noted Oregon poets Tim Barnes and Edna Kovacs, both of Portland, on Saturday, November 18, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The library is located at 111 Market Street in Banks.

Presented by the Oregon State Poetry Association in partnership with the Center for the Book at the Oregon State Library, the program is made possible by an "Arts Build Communities" grant from the Oregon Arts Commission, plus grants from The Collins Foundation and Barnes & Noble Booksellers.

The workshop is open to children from six to 12. Each child must be accompanied by an adult mentor - parent, grandparent, neighbor or family friend - who will participate fully in the day's activities. Between 9:00 a.m. and noon, children and adults will create poems under the guidance of the two poets. From 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., library staff and volunteers will join poets and participants in producing booklets of workshop poems.

Barnes teaches English and creative writing at Portland

Community College, and serves as advisor to the college literary magazine, *Alchemy*. He spent ten years teaching poetry through arts-in-education and talented-and-gifted programs in Oregon and Washington. He has published poems, essays, reviews, translations and interviews in numerous literary and scholarly magazines.

Barnes is also the author of three books of poetry, *Mother and the Mangoes*, done in collaboration with artist Angelina Marino; *Star Hill Farm and the Grain of What is Gone*, and *Falling Through Leaves*. His latest book, *Wood Works: The Life and Times of Charles Erskine Scott Wood*, written in collaboration with University of Oregon History Professor Edwin Bingham, was published in 1997 by Oregon State University Press.

Kovacs has taught writing, literature and oral history at all educational levels, elementary school through college, and in special programs for exceptional children, senior citizens and ESL (English as a second language) students. Her poems, essays and interviews have appeared in numerous

periodicals. She has received literary and education outreach grants from Regional Arts and Culture Council and the Oregon Arts Commission.

Kovacs is also the author of *Writing Across Cultures: A Handbook on Writing Poetry and Lyrical Prose*, and two chapbooks of haiku, *Mandalas*, winner of the Cicada Chapbook Award, and *Aquarelles*. Her latest book, *Writing with Multiple Intelligences*, is new from Blue Heron Press.

This is the second series of Family Poetry Workshops presented by OSPA and the Center for the Book. In 1997-98, libraries in Alsea, Baker City, Boardman, Cascade Locks, Florence, Heppner, Klamath Falls, Langlois, Molalla, Monmouth, Newberg, Port Orford and The Dalles hosted workshops. Libraries in the current series include Brownsville, Coos Bay, Lyons, Tillamook County (Rockaway Beach) and Wallowa County (Enterprise). This grant program is particularly designed to serve rural residents whose area libraries could not otherwise afford a program such as this.

Founded in 1956, OSPA has as its mission "to bring togeth-

er, and nurture, the widest possible community of Oregon poets; to help Oregon poets, young and old, develop their talents and skills; to stimulate, at the grassroots level, a statewide appreciation of poetry; and to raise public awareness of Oregon poets, past and present."

Veterans' Day closure for library

The Banks Public Library will be closed on Saturday, November 11, in observance of Veterans' Day.

It will also close Thursday,

Friday and Saturday, November 23-25 in celebration of the Thanksgiving holiday. It will re-open for business as usual on Tuesday, November 28.

Vernonia swim program was a hit

This summer's swimmership program in Vernonia was a great success. Funded by a grant from the Columbia County Commission on Children & Families, swimming lessons were provided for 40 youth between the ages of 5 and 18. In addition to the lessons at Cedar Ridge, free transportation was provided when needed. Most of the transportation was provided by parents, who developed a carpooling program.

The Cedar Ridge Swim Program was already established, with many swimmers participating each year. Although a

new session was added, the demand was far greater than the capacity of the swim program. The response to the scholarships was overwhelming, with over seventy applications submitted, therefore many applicants had to be turned away.

According to Dana Hyde and Kim Tierney, who handled the program on the local level, of the 40 participants selected, all but a few got over their fear of water. Most were able to attain survival swimming status for short distances, many learned to swim underwater and most of the older students learned to swim.

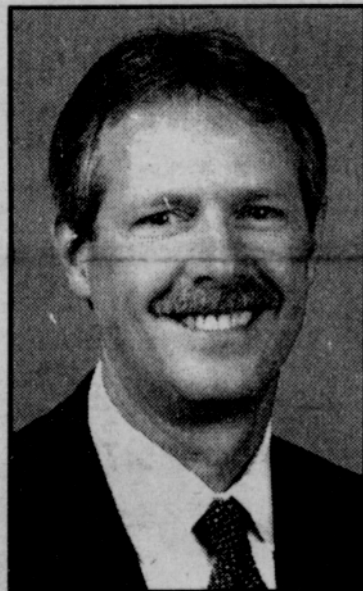
PCC wants input on new leader

The board of directors of Portland Community College has hired the national Association of Community College Trustees to coordinate the search for PCC's next president. President Daniel F. Moriarty, who has been with the college since 1986, announced his retirement effective September 2001.

The PCC board is seeking community input to help with the selection process. The board will hold a community forum for public comment on the challenges and opportunities that lay ahead for PCC and desirable characteristics sought

in a new president. The forum is set for Tuesday, November 28, from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. at the Sylvania Campus, 12000 SW 49th Avenue in Room 107 of the ST Building.

Those who wish to comment, but are unable to attend the forum, can contact Neal Naigus, Community Relations Manager, Portland Community College, P O Box 19000, Portland, OR 97280 or e-mail nnaigus@pcc.edu. Community members interested in an appointment to the board's Presidential Search Committee may also contact Naigus.



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