

Artists invited to submit work for show at Columbia Center Gallery

The Gallery at Columbia Center is inviting artists to submit work for their first show of 2003. The show is titled Imagine Art and is an open media, open theme show intended to celebrate creativity in all forms. Artists are encouraged to submit work in any medium. Two and three dimensional art in any style as well as photography is welcome.

Work by St Helens photographer, Ronda Hills, will be featured. Many of Hill's landscape and wildlife photographs por-

tray the often unnoticed magic of the outdoors by capturing reflections and light and shadow.

Art submissions will be accepted February 3, from 4:30 - 6:30 PM, in the Armstrong Room at the Columbia Center, 375 S 18th Street, St Helens. Art will be on display from February 4th through February 28th.

For more information on art submissions contact Patty Kadel, chairman of the Columbia Center Art Committee, (503) 397-9174.

Broken Glory sets performance to aid research on juvenile diabetes

Broken Glory (the Band) will perform January 8 in the Vernonia High School Gym at 7:00 p.m. to raise funds for Juvenile Diabetes research.

The show will consist of one electric guitar set, followed by an eight minute intermission, then an acoustic set.

Following another eight minute intermission, the show will conclude with an intense electric set.

In addition to being a benefit

fund raiser, the performance is a celebration of the four-year life span of this high school band and the different styles they have encompassed. It will include songs which have been performed at the school over the past four years, including the definitive tribute to September 11, *Don't know*.

The cost for students is \$1.00 and \$2.00 for adults. All donations are welcome and all proceeds will benefit Juvenile Diabetes Research charities.



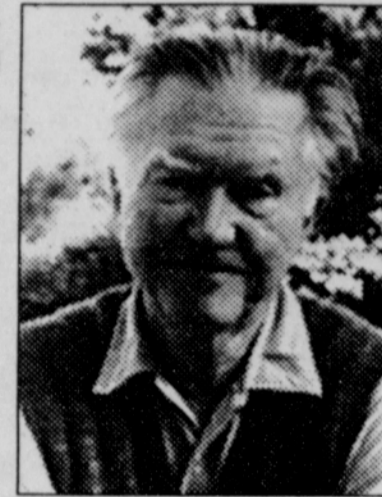
Readings of Stafford works scheduled

The public is invited to the St. Helens Public Library at 2:00 p.m., January 11, to join in a celebration of the life of William Stafford, Oregon's Poet Laureate, by reading from his works. At this reading, jointly sponsored by the Friends of William Stafford and The Literary Arts Series, five poets will each read a poem by Stafford and one of their own poems written in the spirit of Stafford's work. The readers are Joseph Green, Judith Irwin (retired), Deborah Brink, Carolyn Norred, all from Lower Columbia Community College in Longview, and Allen Braden from Pierce County Community College, Puyallup, Wash. After the poets read, the audience will be encouraged to read a favorite Bill Stafford poem and one of their

own poems.

Born in Hutchinson, Kansas, in 1914, William Stafford was a prolific and celebrated poet. He was a witness for peace, and for honesty, recognizing in his writing that "justice will take us millions of intricate moves." Author of over fifty books and recipient of the National Book Award for *Traveling through the Dark*, Stafford was a professor at Lewis & Clark College, and a traveling teacher throughout the world. As a conscientious objector during World War II, he began his unswerving habit of writing be-

fore dawn each day, and his habitual generosity to other writers and readers. After serving as Consultant in Poetry to the Library of Congress in 1970, he was named Oregon's Poet Laureate in 1975.



William Stafford

Stafford's poems are often deceptively simple. Like Robert Frost's, however, they reveal a distinctive and complex vision upon closer examination. James Dickey, in *Babel to Byzantium*, notes that Stafford's "natural mode of speech is a gentle, mystical, half-mocking and highly personal daydreaming about the western United States." Among his best-known books are *The Rescued Year* (1966), *Stories That Could Be True: New and Collected Poems* (1977), *Writing the Australian Crawl: Views on the Writer's Vocation* (1978), and *An Oregon Message* (1987). He died at his Lake Oswego home in 1993.

The St. Helens Public Library is located at 375 S. 18th Street. For more information on the Literary Arts Series, contact the library at 503-397-4544, or St. Helens Book Shop at 503-397-4917. The Literary Arts Series is a collaboration of the St. Helens Public Library, the Friends of the St. Helens Public Library, the St. Helens Book Shop and the Columbia Foundation. All events are offered without charge to the public.

The Tillamook Burn

William Stafford

These mountains have heard God;
they burned for weeks. He spoke
in a tongue of flame from sawmill trash
and you can read His word down to the rock.

In milky rivers the steelhead
butt upstream to spawn
and find a world with depth again,
starting from stillness and water across gray stone.

Inland along the canyons
all night weather smokes
past the deer and the widow makers--
trees too dead to fall till again He speaks,

Mowing the criss-cross trees and the listening peaks.

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