

Jean Majoska
passes away



Jean Majoska, NLCHM’s longest serving Board President (2001-2012), passed away in January. Jean was born in Sydney, Australia, where she majored in business in college and was a realtor and private secretary for several business organizations. She trained as an opera singer and sang and danced in a Hawaiian hula group for ten years. She also served as a docent at the Bishop Museum in Honolulu.

Jean moved to Lincoln City in the late 90s. Her interest in history and museums led her to volunteer at NLCHM as a docent, and then a member of the Board of Directors. Jean led the museum through the challenging and complex expansion and upgrading of the NLCHM building skillfully and knowledgeably coordinating with the city, Urban Renewal, the architect, and contractor.

Jean continued to served on the Board until 2018. She also played a large role in working with children at the museum, from giving school group tours to being a steward of our Mildred and Marie Children’s Room. Our “take a book, leave a book” library in our children’s room is named the Jean Majoska Library in her honor.

The museum community is deeply saddened by the news of her passing.

**JEAN MAJOSKA
TO BE HONORED
AT ANNUAL MEETING**

Jean Majoska will be honored at this year’s annual meeting in June. Details will follow in the next newsletter.

YEAR-ROUND MUSEUM HOURS SET

Museum hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday. The same hours will continue year-round.

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Red Devils exhibit Opens Feb. 8

A new exhibit, “The Devils of North Lincoln County,” opens Saturday, Feb. 8 and will run for all of 2020. The exhibit will showcase Red Devils photos, quotes from those who have experienced them, and artifacts, including a four-foot-tall parade float devil head, several Red Devil costumes, and more!

The Red Devils group formed in Taft and Devils Lake in 1933 to promote events like the Redhead Roundup and Devils Lake Regatta. The group promoted events and entertained



The Red Devils and other participants in the Redhead Roundup pose for a photo in the 1930s (above).

visitors with shenanigans, including kidnapping redheads and throwing them in the ocean or lake, holding mock weddings, and other general tomfoolery. The group played an important part in the success of tourism in North Lincoln County and were key in the “20 Miracle Miles Campaign.”

LaRoque exhibit opens March 7 in Anne Hall Gallery

“Rites of Spring: The Works of Marcel LaRocque” will open Saturday, March 7 at 2 p.m. in the Anne Hall Gallery. The exhibit will feature beautiful watercolor works by the late Marcel LaRocque. Art curator Matt Blakeman will be there to answer questions.

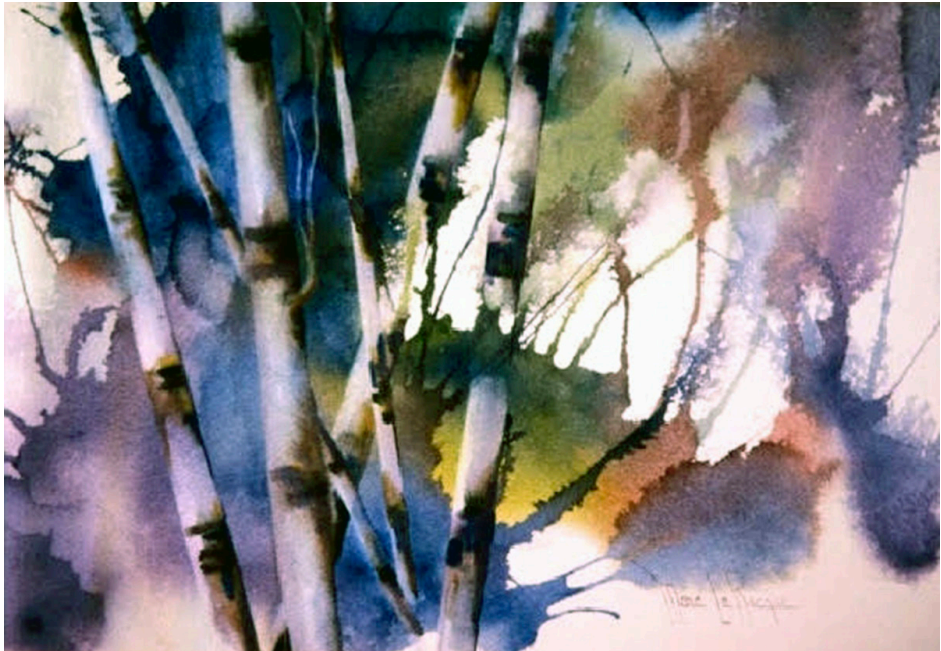
LaRocque was born Dec. 30, 1922 in Rhode Island and died May 3, 1988 in Oregon. He and his partner, John E. “Jack” Coyne, owned and operated Panache Antiques at 3536 SE Hwy. 101 in Lincoln City for about 10 years prior to his death. The shop was located where Theatre West currently resides, and Marc and Jack gave the theatre troop its first permanent home. LaRocque was trained as a

designer and worked for the May Company in Ohio and California prior to moving to the Oregon coast. He did elaborate window displays for the department store chain and also was a gifted set designer. He taught watercolor classes in Lincoln City and worked with local artist, Joan Farrouque.

LaRocque was a member of the Watercolor Society of

Oregon. One of the paintings that will be included in the exhibition, “Rites of Spring,” won special recognition in the Society’s 1987 Fall Show. Though best known as a watercolorist, LaRocque was an innovative and experimental artist who worked extensively with mixed media and collage.

Enjoy refreshments during the opening.



LaRoque’s painting, “Rites of Spring,” (above).



Dick Anderson, Lincoln City mayor and advisory board member of STCCF, presents grant check to NLCHM Director Jeff Syrop. Jeff's daughter, Eila, and wife, Emy, are on right.

Confederated Tribes of Siletz funds video screens for exhibit enhancement

Four video screens will be playing cultural and historical footage on a loop starting in February, thanks to a grant from the Siletz Tribe Charitable Contribution Fund (STCCF). These video screens will play the Confederated Tribes of Siletz cultural film “Skookum Tillicum” in the Native American exhibit, a traditional Japanese glass fishing float video in the Japanese glass float exhibit, Model T footage in the early transportation exhibit, and

Pixie Kitchen and Pixieland home videos in the Pixie exhibits.

Many thanks to STCCF for helping to enhance our exhibits and continuing to preserve and interpret North Lincoln County history.

Enjoy Spring Story Time with Force

Kids of all ages are invited to Spring Story Time at the Museum with storyteller Doug Force at NLCHM on Saturday, March 14, from 2 to 3 p.m. with special stories related to

Board asks for extra \$5,000 for needed repairs

NLCHM's museum building has experienced some out-of-the-ordinary maintenance issues over the past months including the failure of one of the furnaces during a cold spell, failure of the elevator—which required expensive repair—and the removal by someone of about 20 cedar shingles, which were replaced with the help of contractor Tony Hugeback.

During this year's annual fundraiser, the museum's Board of Directors is asking that members and friends give extra to help bolster the museum's building fund.

The Board has set a goal of \$5,000 extra, which is about the price of a new furnace.

The museum underwent major renovations in 2004 and received shiny new furnaces, a dehumidifying system, and more, but now



that they are over 15 years old, more tune-ups and replacements are expected over the next few years.

Please send a check or visit the museum to donate or make a donation online; follow the link to the website: www.northlincolncountyhistoricalmuseum.org/btb.

WWII exhibit continues, includes Johann donation

“The Kiss,” a statue celebrating the United States' victory over Japan, is on display in the “WWII on the Oregon Coast” exhibit. It was donated by 96-year-old Pearl Harbor Medal of Valor recipient Ed Johan, also one of the founders of NLCHM. Ed loves people and can be reached at: Ed Johann, Marquis Newberg, 441 Werth Blvd., Newberg, OR 97123, (503)-554-7154.



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