



### 3rd Annual DDP Garden Party



Guests enjoy the view at the BBB party.

Chris and Neil Swanson graciously hosted the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Blankets and Books for Babies Potluck, renamed a few years ago as the Dorthea Drake Pennington Summer Garden Party, honoring Dorthea who began the project and the fundraiser. The party was held on Saturday, August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2009 with remarkably pleasant weather. More than 60 SMA members, spouses and guests were in attendance. It was a lovely evening at the Swanson's home. Tables ringed the pool and the patio. A very successful fundraiser with \$3,375 raised to benefit Blankets and Books for Babies (BBB) and student support.

Heartfelt thanks to Chris and Neil Swanson for graciously offering to host this fun event at their lovely home. Thanks, too, to her committee (Muriel Thomas, Kay Dawson, Joan Foley, and Jean Morton).



Past President Kay Dawson and current President Muriel Thomas.



### Annual Meeting—May 2009

SMA members met at Waverley Country Club for the Spring Luncheon and Annual Meeting. Once again, the highlight of the luncheon was the graduate student award ceremony. The 2009 recipients, introduced by Allison Fryer, were: Ashleigh Miller (Outstanding Journal Article), David Muller (Outstanding Master's Thesis), David Roalf, (Alliance Award) and Rebecca Tempel (Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation).

President Kay Dawson reviewed our past year's achievements, thanked the outgoing board for their year of service, and recognized Joan Foley, in particular, for her 22 years of service on the SMA board. Dean Mark Richardson reviewed recent developments in the medical school and thanked SMA for our ongoing support of the school.

Joan Foley presented the slate of nominees for our officers for 2009-2010 who were elected by acclamation. They are: Muriel Thomas, President; Jodi Karr, Vice President, Sabrina Enochs Chiu, Secretary and Ellen Schwarz, Treasurer. Muriel Thomas presented Kay Dawson with flowers, in appreciation for her year of leadership.



Allison Fryer (L) and Kay Dawson (R) flank graduate students.

### Valentine Candy Sale

The 2009 sale was a virtual sellout again, as the OHSU community turned out with enthusiasm for chocolate treats. The two-day sale concluded with a profit of \$1,026.

Coordinator Susan Sack extends a big thank you to: Ellen Schwarz, Mark Kemball, Pam Berg, Lynn Purdy and all the SMA sale staffers who make this a successful event each year.



Jean Morton at the CHH booth.

## Garden Group

Our Garden Group of 40 members enjoyed a very busy year of activities.

We started October 2008 with an evening meeting when members participated in "Present Your Favorite Plant".

Ken Lister was our January speaker, with a slide presentation on European Gardens. In February, Karen Iverson of the Wooden Shoe Tulip Farm in Woodburn gave a great talk on "All About Tulips". Zilpha Haycox made beautifully decorated tulip cookies for the event!

Hummingbirds: Facts, Flowers and Feeders by Abby Crouch, was our March meeting. Then in April we toured the Classic Chinese Garden. We took the month of May off to concentrate on our own gardens!

In June we toured the Rogerson Clematis Collection at Luscher Farm in Lake Oswego - given by Linda Buettler.

July was an evening garden tour of the "Gail Austin Garden", in Garden Home. We finished our year with a tour of member Leslie Robinson's beautiful garden.

We are open to any SMA members that would like to join us, no gardening experience needed. You are always welcome to bring a guest to any event. Thank you to all of the Garden Group who support our efforts in attending the events throughout the year.



Susan McAnulty, Kim Beaudet & Leslie Robinson at the hummingbird lecture.



Susan McAnulty, Zilpha Haycox & Sarah McCarty at the Wooden Shoe Tulip talk.

**Welcome New Members!**

**Laurie Flint**

**Current Membership = 111**

Have an event or article for the next newsletter?

Contact Alisha Wang c/o:  
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Sarah McCarty, Gillian Casson, guest, & Leslie Robinson touring Leslie's garden.



Ranee Trainer & Ellen Schwarz at the Classical Chinese Garden.

## 2009 Winter Luncheon with Randy Gragg



Pam Anderson with guest speaker Randy Gragg

The Winter Luncheon at Five-Spice Bistro in Lake Oswego was a welcome dining treat on a cold February day.

Our speaker Randy Gragg, Editor of Portland Spaces Magazine, spoke about "History Lessons: Short Stories on how Portland Came to Be".

Great food and an interesting "lunch and learn" topic was enjoyed by 45 members and guests.

Thank you to all of our members who supported the Luncheons this past year. Your enthusiasm for attending makes it a pleasure for us to plan these events for you.

## Book Sale Demise

One of our most reliable fundraisers, the Books Are Fun book sale, was discontinued. OHSU changed its policies regarding onsite sales and banned them altogether, despite heroic efforts by Mark Kember to intervene on our behalf. Locations still available to us do not attract much traffic. In addition, Reader's Digest has declared bankruptcy and is unable to pay proceeds from our last sale. Books Are Fun has been repurchased by its founder and will apparently be an option for us if OHSU revises its policy in the future.

We are always looking for new ideas for raising funds to support our Blankets and Books for Babies project, our student awards and our contributions to the School of Medicine. Please contact a member of the board if you have an idea for us to consider.

# THREADS



Muriel Thomas knitting squares for a project.



Raneee Trainer models her hand-knit sweater.



Jean Morton with a completed baby blanket.

## Arbonne Fundraising Update

Thanks to the initial fundraising event, over \$300 was deposited in the OHSU Foundation account for student support.

Go online to [www.arbonne.com](http://www.arbonne.com) to see the full line of products available and 35% of sales will be donated to the Alliance. If you wish to participate, please contact Anita Taylor for the SMA's own special log-in number.

## Bird Watching

Sarah McCarty led two bird walks in March 2009: One on Saturday, March 14 to the Oaks Bottom Wildlife Refuge in SE Portland and one on Wednesday, March 18 to Sauvie Island.

Those interested in future outings may contact Sarah and request to be signed up for her "Birding Walks" email notices.



Susan Sack, Sara Neill, Sarah McCarty & Pauline Newman at Oaks Bottom Wildlife Refuge.

## September 2009 Swift Watch Event

The Garden Group and the Birding Group (Tweets) joined forces to attend Swift Watch at Chapman School in Portland on September 21, 2009.

Leslie Brown led a tour of crepe myrtles and gardens in the neighborhood near the school. The group found some lovely blooming specimens and enjoyed the gardens and houses.

People settled into lawn chairs to enjoy refreshments and watch the swifts gather for their nightly swoop into the school's chimney. Increasing numbers of Vaux's Swifts swirled past the chimney as dusk approached. A Cooper's Hawk swept in and roosted on the chimney until it snatched an unfortunate swift and flew into the trees to consume it. A Peregrine Falcon was spotted as it flew into the swirl of birds. The Cooper's and the Peregrine took turns hunting as the crowd cheered and boomed. The swifts contin-



ued pouring into the chimney through a gorgeous sunset until it was too dark to see and the group dispersed for home.

## Student Support Funds for Bike Racks

Students at OHSU are now parking their bikes and gear out of inclement weather thanks to SMA funding.

Member Anita Taylor brought the proposal of bike racks to the SMA. The students requested additional bike racks, as there was only rack space for 25 bikes but estimated a daily need 50-60 spaces. The SMA Board passed a motion to fund the project.

Seventeen wall bike racks, one 5-foot floor rack and a new tarp were purchased by the Alliance for \$2,183. The Dean's Office paid \$900 for the installation.

Thanks to Anita Taylor for bringing this project to the SMA's attention and to Tana Grady-Weliky, MD for her assistance with funding of the project.



New bike racks in the student lounge.

Photo: Mike Bonofiglio-OHSU

## **Interest Group Contacts**

**Movie Group:** Susan McNulty  
**BLT (Bargains, Lunch and Talking):** Anita Taylor  
**Garden Group:** Pam Anderson, Kim Beaudet, Leslie Brown  
**Gourmet Group:** Bonnie Nuttall  
**Threads (Knitting/Sewing):** Jean Morton  
**AM Book Group:** Eva MacLowry  
**PM Book Group:** Joan Foley  
**Walking Group:** Ellen Schwarz  
**Tweets (Bird Watching):** Sarah McCarty

Please refer to your SMA Directory for contact information.

## **Book Group Selections**

**AM** Contact Eva MacLowry

### **PM**

**Oct. 8:** "The Art of Racing in the Rain" by Garth Stein  
**Nov. 12:** "The Zookeeper's Wife" by Diane Ackerman  
**Dec. 10:** "Guernsey Literary & Potato Peel Pie Society" by Mary Ann Barrows & Annie Shaffer  
**Jan. 14** HOLIDAY PARTY

## **Thank you Contributors**

**Articles:** Pam Anderson, Joan Foley, Sarah McCarty, Anita Taylor

## **Upcoming Events**

### **Fall Luncheon**

**Wednesday, Oct. 14.** OHSU BICC Gallery. Speaker: Tom Wang, MD: "Facial Plastic Surgery—One Smile at a Time"

### **Winter Luncheon**

**Tuesday, Feb. 16.** Multnomah Athletic Club. Speaker: John Haines, Executive Director of Mercy Corps NW.

### **Spring Luncheon/Annual Meeting**

**Tuesday, May 4, 2010.** Waverley Country Club

### **Garden Group:**

**Jan. 18.** 7pm. Vern Nelson, The Hungry Gardener.

### **B3 (Blankets & Books for Babies) PACKING DATES**

**Jan. 11 – Mar. 1 – May 3**

**Contact Sarah McCarty for details.**

**Photos:** Leslie Brown, Gillian Casson, Muriel Thomas, Anita Taylor

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