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# The RAPS Sheet

The newsletter of the Retirement Association of Portland State

OCTOBER 2019

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**Professor Tami Clare, director of the Pacific Northwest Consortium for the Science of Cultural Heritage Conservation at PSU, speaks on Thursday, October 17, in 294 Smith Memorial Student Union.**

## October 17 meeting reveals ways science can preserve art

**USING CUTTING EDGE SCIENCE** to preserve artwork is the academic specialty of Tami Lasseter Clare, associate professor of chemistry at Portland State. Her Thursday, October 17, presentation “Pigment of Your Imagination: Tales of Artwork from a Conservation Science Perspective,” takes RAPS members directly to the intersection of materials chemistry and the conservation of artistic and historic works.

A \$1-million grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation awarded in 2017 enabled Clare to set up the first conservation science lab in the Pacific Northwest. As director of the Pacific Northwest Consortium for the Science of Cultural Heritage Conservation at PSU, Clare and her colleagues support and collaborate

with conservators of artistic and historic works throughout the region.

Professor Clare earned a bachelor of science degree in biochemistry from the University of Washington in 1999 and a doctorate in materials chemistry from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 2005. Before joining the PSU faculty in 2009, she worked as a scientist in the conservation department at the Philadelphia Museum of Art and was awarded a postdoctoral fellowship at the National Science Foundation Discovery Corps.

The Thursday, October 17, meeting begins at noon in 294 SMSU with a light deli lunch, with Professor Clare’s talk beginning at 12:45 pm.

—Dawn White

## CO-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

# Recognizing consistent and long-standing contributions

**IT IS PAST TIME** to publicly recognize the amazing level of work our long-time member Larry Sawyer has put in for RAPS over his many years in the organization.

The following is a partial list of Larry's participation and leadership activities, many of which cover nearly two decades:

- Website editor
- RAPS representative to regional and national higher education retirement associations
- Service on many RAPS committees
- Taking on officer positions on the RAPS Board, including president
- RAPS' official photographer
- Leader of the RAPS Hiking Group

Because Larry provides audio-visual support to most RAPS events, a key level of historical documentation is provided to the university at no charge. The level of effort involved in providing this service is substantial, as he transports audio speakers, screens, and various pieces of equipment to and from each event.

Larry was responsible for forging a relationship

between RAPS and Collette Tours that calls for a percentage of each booking donated to the RAPS scholarship fund. In barely three years, this arrangement is heading toward a total of \$6,000 being raised!

I am continually amazed by the level of behind-the-scenes effort that Larry puts into the RAPS organization. So, on behalf of all RAPS members, I would like to say to Larry: *Thank you!* (Larry is on the far left in a hiking photo he took in 2018).

—Dave Krug



**RAPS GOES TO**  
**Portugal**  
WITH COLLETTE  
**OCTOBER 3-12, 2020**  
**\$3,649** PER PERSON, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

*Portugal* . . . Ancient castles, Roman ruins, lemon and almond groves, whitewashed villages and welcoming locals—and it's the next destination for RAPS. During 10 days we'll see Lisbon, Obidos, Sintra, Araiolos, Evora and a host of other unforgettable sites. Airfare from Portland, airport-to-hotel transfers, and 12 meals are included. Plus, there's an optional four-night extension to Madeira Island. And because you're traveling with Collette, part of your fare will benefit the RAPS Scholarship! *Book by April 3 and save \$100!*

To learn more, please contact: **Larry Sawyer, 503-771-1616** or [larry\\_sawyer@comcast.net](mailto:larry_sawyer@comcast.net)

# RAPS Group Reports

## Book Group

**THE RAPS BOOK GROUP** met on September 17 at Nancy Chapman's home and discussed *The Library Book* by Susan Orlean. Of course we all liked the book—what book group would not like a book about books?

Focused on the Central Library in Los Angeles, and beginning with a 1986 fire that came close to destroying the library and its collection, the book explores the interweaving of library and community. In a gentle and affectionate way, the book wanders through the history and functions of the library and its staff. Of course there is the mystery of the origin of the fire, but that seemed minor amid all the activity in the library.

Our Tuesday, October 15, meeting will be at Phyllis Leonard's home at our usual 1:30 pm time. We will discuss *Where the Crawdads Sing*, a novel by Delia Owens. Phyllis lives at 1061 NE Ninth Ave, Portland, apartment 1623 at the Aster Tower. Telephone Phyllis at 503-930-5672 or email her at leonard.pj@gmail.com and let her know whether you will be there.

The book group meets at 1:30 pm on the third Tuesday of each month. New members are always welcome.

—Joan Shireman

## Bridge Group

**THE RAPS BRIDGE GROUP** meets in the afternoon on the first Tuesday of each month. We begin play at 12:15 pm. We try to finish up by 4 pm. We meet in Smith Center. We have had some new and returning members join us for our last few meetings. Please feel free to be another one of our new members for bridge (we really would welcome more new members).

Our next meeting will be on the afternoon of Tuesday, October 1, in 333 Smith Center. Please mark your calendars for the following upcoming fall term meetings which will be in 323 Smith Center: Tuesday, November 5; and Tuesday, December 3. I will send out the reminder email notice about one week prior to each date we play. If you wish to join us, please contact Steve Brennan, 503-646-6297. My email address is: the.steve.brennan@gmail.com.

—Steve Brennan

## Hiking Group

**THE SEPTEMBER 24 HIKE** involved six hiking group members who followed the Spring Park hiking trail and navigated a path of Waverly Basalt rocks to reach the historic Elk Rock Island in the Willamette River. Hikers traveled 2.5 miles of trails along the island and were rewarded with impressive views of the steep cliffs on the west side of the river. They also encountered profusely blooming wildflowers, impressive trees, and a variety of birds.

The hike planned for Tuesday, October 22, will explore trails located in or near the Portland Audubon Wildlife Sanctuary, a 172-acre property located 10 minutes from downtown Portland. The sanctuary features a Wildlife Care Center, enclosures that house the sanctuary's "education birds," an interpretive center with exhibits and bird viewing opportunities, and the Portland Audubon Nature Store.

The sanctuary can be entered from the Interpretive Center parking lot located at 5151 NW Cornell Road, Portland 97210. Rich opportunities for bird observation are available on the trails of the sanctuary. A map of the Wildlife Sanctuary and neighboring Macleay Park trails can be found at:

<https://audubonportland.org/>

More information regarding the October hike can be found at <https://www.pdx.edu/raps/RAPS-Hikers>. If you plan to hike in October, please contact Larry Sawyer at 503-771-1616 or [larry\\_sawyer@comcast.net](mailto:larry_sawyer@comcast.net).

—Larry Sawyer



**September hikers Kirke Wolfe, Mary Lane Stevens, Tom Hard, Tom Dieterich, and Cilla Dieterich roamed impressive nature trails on Elk Rock Island in the Willamette River.**

—Photograph by Eileen Brennan

# In memoriam: Johanna Borrevik Fedde, 1919-2019

**JOHANNA BORREVIK FEDDE**, who taught Norwegian for more than 30 years at Portland State, died August 13



at the age of 100.

Ms. Fedde was born February 5, 1919, in Stavanger, Norway, to Berge Johannes Borrevik and Signe Kristine Fedde Borrevik, both of whom were teachers. She graduated from Stavanger Cathedral School in 1938 and enrolled at the University of Oslo.

Ms. Fedde was in her second year at the university when World War II broke out, and she witnessed German troops march into Oslo on April 9, 1940. She left Oslo to return to Stavanger, and she and her family took shelter in the fjord country of western Norway for a time. She later returned to the University of Oslo to complete a bachelor of arts degree in 1942 and a master of arts in 1946.

After teaching in Norway for 10 years, Ms. Fedde became an exchange teacher at Ballard High School in Seattle. She met and married her distant cousin, G. Bernhard Fedde, and the couple settled in Portland in 1957. She taught German, English, and French at Benson and Grant high schools for 14 years while earning a master of education at the University of Oregon.

In 1966 Ms. Fedde began teaching at Portland State, where her husband, a lawyer who practiced in Portland,

served as an adjunct professor of history and international law. She continued teaching Norwegian at Portland State until 1990.

Ms. Fedde was a generous volunteer in the Portland area, contributing more than 1,000 articles as a correspondent for *Western Viking*, a Norwegian-American weekly newspaper. She was also a talented pianist and public lecturer in subjects as diverse as music, Norwegian bunads—a traditional Norwegian folk costume—and World War II.

She was the recipient of St. Olav's Medal, awarded by the King of Norway, for promotion of Norwegian heritage and culture abroad, and the William Niskanen Trophy by the Oregon/Southwest Washington Associates of the American Scandinavian Foundation. She was also honored as Scandinavian of the Year in 1991 in recognition of outstanding cultural and educational achievement for the Scandinavian community.

Both Johanna and Bernard were strong supporters of Nordic Northwest, a Portland-based nonprofit organization that strives to preserve Nordic culture in the Pacific Northwest.

Ms. Fedde is survived by her cousin, Marty Borrevik and his family; many relatives in Norway; and many friends.

Remembrances may be sent to Nordic Northwest, 8800 SW Oleson Road, Portland OR 97223. A memorial service was held August 30 at Nordia House.

—Doug Swanson

## Upcoming RAPS events

**NOVEMBER** (Thursday, November 21) Provost Susan Jeffords addresses RAPS members on “Committing to Student Success,” 333 SMSU.

**DECEMBER** (Thursday, December 12) Annual Holiday Brunch, held at Augustana Lutheran Church, 2710 NE 14th Ave., Portland.

**JANUARY** (Thursday, January 16) “Surviving and Thriving as We Age,” presentation by Susan Poulsen, professor emerita of speech communication and licensed nurse; Christine A. Krueger, physical therapist; and Ann-Marie Cordova, physical therapist assistant, 333 SMSU.



**Former PSU president Wim Wiewel addressed RAPS members at the September meeting, held at Lewis & Clark.**

—Photograph by Larry Sawyer

# In memoriam: Roy Lester Love, 1937-2019

**ROY LESTER LOVE**, who served Portland State as athlete, coach, and athletics administrator for more than three



decades, died at his Tigard home on June 17. He was 82 years old.

Mr. Love was born in Portland on April 22, 1937, to Roy and Lillian Love. He attended Sellwood Grade School and graduated from Cleveland High School in 1955. He

entered Portland State and played baseball for four years, earning all-league and all-district honors while being honored as team captain. He later earned a master's degree from Oregon State University.

In 1962, only three years after his graduation, Mr. Love was named PSU's head baseball coach. Eight of his teams qualified for post-season play, including the 1962 team, which finished second in the nation at the NAIA level, and the 1967 team, which won the Pacific Coast College Division championship. Mr. Love served as baseball coach until 1974, compiling a 257-215 record, while also spending several seasons as an assistant football coach. In 1975 he was named athletic director, a position he held until 1986. Two years after he stepped down as athletic director, in 1988, he was asked to resume his duties and served another five years.

During his years leading the Department of Athletics, Portland State teams won four national championships in volleyball and two in wrestling, five league championships in football, and many other titles in baseball and women's basketball. Mr. Love spearheaded the University's move to conference sports for women (Mountain

West and Pacific West); football (Western Football Conference); baseball (Northern Pacific and Pac-10 Northern Division); and wrestling (Pac-10).

Mr. Love was also the longtime co-director of the popular Metro Baseball Camp at Alpenrose Dairy, where he worked with thousands of the Portland area's Little League players.

After his retirement from Portland State, Mr. Love was involved in fundraising for a variety of projects, including the Ed Warren Fitness Center at Cleveland High School and field lights for three Portland high schools. He was one of the leaders of the Cleveland High School Track and Field Project, co-founder of the Commerce/Cleveland High School Alumni Association, and was the president of the Portland Interscholastic Hall of Fame Association for eight years. He was also president of the Summerfield Golf and Country Club Association in Tigard.

Mr. Love was inducted into several halls of fame, including those at Portland State and Cleveland High School, as well as the Portland Interscholastic League Hall of Fame and the Oregon Sports Hall of Fame.

Mr. Love is survived by his wife of 40 years, Arvalene; three stepdaughters, Julie Plato (Bruce); Sharon Scandifio, and Leann Kjemhus; six grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter. He is also survived by his brother, Bill Love (Fran); two nieces; and two grandnephews.

A memorial service was held July 12 at Eastmoreland Golf Course. Remembrances may be made to the Commerce/Cleveland Alumni Association or the PIL Hall of Fame.

—*Doug Swanson*

—Photograph from Portland State University Archives Digital Gallery

# Past Tense—Televised history revisited at PSU

**IN 1960**, three Portland State College history professors – Charles Le Guin, Basil Dmytryshyn, and Charles White – taught a Western Civilization course on TV, the first in Oregon, over KOAP-TV, Portland’s public broadcasting channel. A black and white photo of the three taken during a class session appeared in *Portland*

*State: A History in Pictures*, published by RAPS in 2009.

In August 2019, 59 years later, the three retired professors reunited in Salem at the home of Basil Dmytryshyn, striking a similar pose.

—Dawn White

—1960 photograph from Oregon Historical Society Files  
—2019 photograph by Dawn White



**PAST TENSE** features glimpses into Portland State’s history. To submit a story (or an idea for one), email the RAPS History Preservation Committee at [raps@pdx.edu](mailto:raps@pdx.edu).