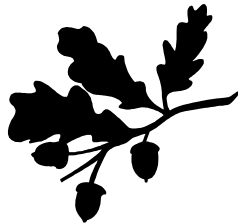


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**NEXT MEETING
OF THE PIONEER
ASSOCIATION OF THE
STATE OF WASHINGTON**



**Saturday,
October 19**
1:00-3:00 p.m.

Pioneer Hall
1642 43rd Ave East
Seattle WA 98112

Speaker: Joan Tucker
"Beggar/Builder: The
Story of Mother Joseph"

Family History: TBA

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Next meeting: October 19

"Beggar/Builder: The Story of Mother Joseph"

The Fall general membership meeting is scheduled for Saturday, October 19, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m..

The program will be a dramatization entitled "Beggar/Builder: The Story of Mother Joseph", and presented by Joan Tucker. Joan has been an award-winning newspaper owner and general manager in Oregon, Wyoming and Washington. She has also been a freelance writer of non-fiction, including a book about logging for railroad ties in Wyoming.

Mother Joseph came to Washington Territory in 1856, and designed and built 29 hospitals, schools and orphanages. Her work extended over 46 years, until her death at the age of 79. Mother Joseph was chosen as one of the two persons from Washington State whose statues stand in the rotunda of the U.S Capitol Building in Washington, D.C.

As she researched the remarkable life of pioneer nun Mother Joseph, Joan Tucker realized she wanted tell her story. She began performing the dramatization in the 1980's, after presenting the it for the Washington State Legislature at the 1980 ceremony naming Mother Joseph its most distinguished citizen that year. She has given over one hundred performances since that time across the Northwest, California, Canada and Alaska - including as part of such notable events as the Washington Commission for the Humanities "Inquiring Mind" series (1991-93), and at the 1999 ceremony where Washington Governor Gary Locke named April 16 as Mother Joseph Day.

Come and enjoy hearing more about Mother Joseph, as Joan Tucker brings her story to life. Music and refreshments will conclude the meeting. A brief business meeting, and family history, will precede the program.



"Harvest Ingathering"

A new member welcome potluck, Saturday, November 16.
See colored insert in this issue of *Pioneer Presences*.



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President's comments

Hello! to all members. I hope each of you has had a wonderful summer.

Your new Board of Trustees is in place (see a complete listing in the box on the left of this column), and met September 22 to plan our coming year's activities.

We have several challenges in front of us, including: furthering discussions on how best to bring about the building upgrades; converting our current database to the "Past Perfect" software system; making improvements to our membership process; and continuing to develop depictions which share the stories of our pioneer ancestors.

I hope to see each of you at the general membership meeting, which will be held Saturday, October 19 at Pioneer Hall. You are all also invited to partake in the new member "Harvest Ingathering" event, scheduled for Saturday, November 16.



Robert Teague

Update on activities around Pioneer Hall

Exciting activity has been happening at Pioneer Hall this past year. While we wait for contributions from a significant fund-raising drive, and the major interior upgrades which will follow from that, large showcases have been rearranged and displays developed to tell the "pioneer story".

Catherine Spedden, with the help of dedicated volunteers, is spearheading the new displays, as well as the creation of miniature shadow box displays to supplement the photographs on the walls of Pioneer Hall.

Speaking of those photographs, Pam Hillman has been charged with identifying the pioneers in those images, and gathering information about their lives and background. Shirley Wright, Carol Hawkins and Eva Calhoun are among those helping with this project. Please see the "Who's that Pioneer" article on page four for more details.

A Membership Committee, with former Pioneer president Barbara Krohn as its chairman, has been meeting over the past few months. Dues statements have been sent, and new membership cards are about to be printed and sent both "Life" and regular members.

On Saturday, November 16, a special event has been planned to help welcome new members to our organization. The "Harvest Ingathering" potluck event is a first step in welcoming those who have joined the Pioneers in the past year. Please see the colored insert in this issue of *Pioneer Presences* for more information.

Plans are underway for a big Spring clean-up effort in 2003. A work party aimed at sprucing up Pioneer Hall with a thorough cleaning and minor repairs is being planned, with more information to come in the Winter issue of this newsletter.

Pioneer annual meeting re-cap

Submitted by Carol Hawkins

At the annual meeting of the membership in June, the general manager of the Washington Thoroughbred Breeders Association (WTBA), Ralph Vacca, shared his ties with horse racing in Washington State. From the old Meadows racetrack where Boeing and the Museum of Flight are today, through the Longacres years, Vacca saw many changes in the sport. In his role as general manager with the WTBA, Vacca helped with both the closing of Longacres and the opening of Emerald Downs, a new state-of-the-art racetrack in Auburn.



Speaker Ralph Vacca addresses the membership

Vacca shared his love of horses, from his jobs as a young "pony boy" and "hot walker" to working with breeders here, and in Kentucky. Before taking his current position with the Thoroughbred Breeders Association in 1973, Vacca sold advertising and wrote articles for breeder magazines. A graduate of Washington State College (now Washington State University) with a degree in Animal Studies, Vacca's emphasis on education led him to help establish a scholarship program through his association with breeders.

Members in attendance enjoyed the traditional salmon barbecue, and several members were recognized for special achievements. Among them were Rush Spedden, brother of Catherine Spedden, who was given the nod for "travelling the furthest". Alice Holcomb was noted as the oldest Pioneer Association member in attendance.

Roger Newman gave a family history, and entertainment kept those who braved less than summery weather in high spirits.



*Alice Holcomb, at 95,
oldest pioneer member attending*



*Rush Spedden, our
"furthest travelled" member*



*Roger Newman presents
his family history*

(photos by Peggy Parietti)

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Who's that Pioneer?

Do you have an ancestor's photograph hanging on a wall of Pioneer Hall? If you do, we need your help. In order to assure proper identification of, and information about, the individual(s), please send us the following information: 1) ancestor's name; 2) date and place of ancestor's birth; 3) when and how the person(s) came to Washington; 4) any information about his or her time here in the state, including jobs, positions of prominence, participation in special events or even just fun stories; 5) where your ancestor settled; 6) date and place of ancestor's death and 7) your name and relationship to the pioneer pictured.

Please mail this information to: Pioneer Hall, Attn: Pioneer Membership Committee, 1642 43rd Avenue East, Seattle, WA 98112.



Decade at the Hall

It's been a decade since the Fiske Genealogical Library moved into Pioneer Hall. On September 1992, the Pioneer Association of the State of Washington began a new relationship with the Fiske Foundation. For the story of that relationship, see the next edition of *Pioneer Presences*.



*The Pioneer Association of the State of Washington
invites you to a "new member" event, its*

"Harvest Ingathering"

Saturday, November 16, 2002

Pioneer Hall, 1642 43rd Avenue E, Seattle

- Who: New Members, as our guests - current members, as hosts
What: Bring a potluck dish - salad, entrée or dessert
Where: Pioneer Hall (see address above)
When: Saturday, November 16, from 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m.

"Harvest Ingathering: a 'new member' event"

I will mark my calendar, and plan to be there

I plan to bring _____

Regretfully, I am unable to attend

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City, ZIP: _____

Mail this form to:

Pioneer Association Harvest Ingathering, 1642 43rd Avenue East, Seattle WA, 98122

Plan to share who you are, as well as when and where your
ancestors came from. We want to hear your story.