



SALEM CITY CLUB

Celebrating 40 years of exceptional civic discourse

2008 ANNUAL MEETING RECAP

Sunday evening, June 1st, Salem City Club held it's 41st annual meeting, "The Blossoming of Salem" in the Spinning Room at Mission Mill. One of the many highlights of the evening was the presentation of Salem City Club's most prestigious award the **Carole Eggers Citizenship Award**. As outlined in the award description: ". . . recipients may be honored for a single noteworthy act or accomplishment, or for long and distinguished service that has contributed to the improvement of the community. . . "

Gretchen Hall Carnaby received the **2008 Carole Eggers Citizenship Award**. As the nomination of Gretchen read:

*"**Gretchen** is so deserving of recognition for her tireless efforts to both preserve and maintain the historic gardens surrounding both Bush House and Deepwood. Over the years she has inspired hundred of volunteers to donate their energy and time to beautify these city treasures. Residents of Salem owe Gretchen a great debt for her leadership in making a difference.*



*Along with Leslie Coleman Zeigen, Gretchen co-founded the **Friends of Bush Gardens** when the City was considering **paving over the Rose Gardens** because of the expense of maintaining them. Twenty five years ago Bush Park had eleven full time gardeners and now it has one, a professional horticulturist, who serves the entire city but is based in Bush Park. He works in partnership with Gretchen and FOBG as well as a variety of community "volunteers" to keep the park in good shape."*

We are proud to include Gretchen Hall Carnaby with the other twenty-eight recipients of the Carole Eggers Citizenship Award! A complete listing of Gretchen's accomplishments can be found at the end of this page.

Along with the presentation of this award those in attendance heard from three diverse and growing local enterprises reflective of Salem's vibrancy: **David Janoviak of Salem Repertory Theatre**, **Roger Yost of Go Downtown Salem**, and **Mary Lou Zeek of Mary Lou Zeek Gallery**. Each of these guest speakers provided members with their personal passion for Salem, the arts, and their commitment to making Salem the best capitol to live in the northwest!

The final piece of business for the evening was the installation of the 2008-09 Officers and Governors. Officers are- President: Bradd Swank, President Elect & VP Programs: Don Fries, VP Membership: Anita Saalfeld, Treasurer: Steve Kenney, and Immediate Past President: Delana Beaton. Governors are- Doug Barricklow, Rick Davis, Tom Golden, Lela Jackson, Rosa Leonardi, and Neil Sherwood. Congratulations to all!

Salem City Club is on summer hiatus and will commence our 2008-09 Season on **Friday, September 12** at noon at Mission Mill. We hope to see you there!

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Gretchen Hall Carnaby – 2008 Carole Egger's Citizenship Award Recipient

Gretchen Hall Carnaby is the co-founder of **Friends of Bush Gardens**, a citizen volunteer group that works with the City of Salem to promote, enhance and maintain the gardens surrounding the Historic Bush House. Her sustained enthusiasm and clarity of mission has created a remarkable momentum for gardening and for historic parks in Salem. Earlier she stood virtually alone and now many stand with her ~ a testament to her commitment and leadership.

1. Worked tirelessly with the city staff to ensure that the gardens are preserved and enhanced by FOBG, a totally citizen volunteer group
2. 30 years of annual plant sales – the Art Fair plant sale started approximately a dozen years ago
3. Has expert knowledge and contact with a wide variety of plants men (nurserymen) who supply unusual plants for our twice-yearly sale (a number of them do not sell directly to the public except they work with Gretchen)
4. Oversaw the design and building of the historically correct gazebo which has served as a focal point in the Rose Garden and is used for many celebrations by Salem and surrounding citizens
5. Photographing and researching the old roses
6. Propagating and replacing according to the original plans of the Bush family and L & S
7. Sold propagated roses at selected plant sales
8. Over saw the landscaping and refurbishing of perennial beds around Bush House
9. Constantly teaching the volunteers about plants
10. Is environmentally sensitive and has promoted use of organic rather than chemical garden products throughout the garden
11. Instigated having the historic trees professionally pruned and they have come back to a healthy condition
12. Lined up Arthur Lee Jacobsen, national authority on crab trees, to lecture and give a guided tour of the extraordinary collection L & S planted in the Bush garden

Gretchen is a Founding member of the **Salem Hardy Plant Society** that now has about 175 member households. She diligently works as the nominating committee.

Founding member of the Lord and Schryver Conservancy and current board member. Project coordinator for the rehabilitation of the historic gardens at Deepwood. Gives lectures for community groups about the legacy of Lord and Schryver.

The **L&S Conservancy** is a 501 C-3 community based organization, founded in 2004 whose mission is to preserve and interpret the legacy of L&S to promote a greater understanding of their contribution to NW landscape architecture. Current projects include:

- Gretchen is the project coordinator for rehabilitating Deepwood's Historic Gardens and is developing a Friends group to support the effort
- She works with the City in developing an Interpretive Center in the Carriage House at Deepwood in collaboration with Friends of Deepwood and Deepwood Gardeners
- She interpreting L&S elements in Bush's Pasture Park, archiving L&S materials, conducting oral histories, documenting surviving gardens, publishing L&S monographs
- She presents lectures and workshops on L&S designs & distinctive style while supporting the Garden Conservancy's work in Oregon and the Pacific NW



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