



President's Message

Greetings LWVUV Members,

We've been hearing the word "unprecedented" a lot lately. In 2020, it seems like new challenges are coming our way on an almost daily basis, along with new information. How can we find a way forward and forge a better future? How will we, as a society, manage to analyze what's going on and make crucial and timely decisions?

Information is key. Since its inception, the mission of the League of Women Voters has been to empower voters with access to the vote and accurate information. That endeavor continues, albeit in new and different ways. In this centennial year, some have noted that suffragists worked through World War I and the 1918 flu pandemic. We must work on despite the challenges of our own time.

Information is a theme that's mirrored in the League activities that we have planned for you between now and the November 3, 2020 election.

The suffragists could not have imagined our cyber world, and the scrutiny we must bring to what we read, see, and hear on a daily basis. On October 1, we will gather by Zoom to discuss the LWVOR study, **Privacy and Cybersecurity Today**, and answer the study consensus questions together. LWV will use our responses to press for state and federal laws that improve privacy protection.

On October 5, also by Zoom, we will attempt to bring you a **Candidate Forum** featuring the two candidates for Oregon House District 2, Charles Lee and Gary Leif. We will make that available afterward.

You are invited to join, by Zoom on October 27, **Misinformation, Fake News and Political Propaganda**, a workshop by Donna Cohen. Donna has a project called Civics for Adults. You can find out more online. You will be advised by Robin Wisdom about how to register in advance. If we have good attendance for this first workshop, we will consider investing in more. If you can bring in someone from outside the League who wants to participate, that will be great. In normal times, we would have brought Donna to town for a public in-person event.

And we will continue to hold **First Tuesday Talk Times** by Zoom at noon, if interest continues, so you can share your own great ideas and let us know what's on your mind.

Past donations and your support of our Garden Tours have provided us with the funds to invest in these informational activities. Your continued support and membership is greatly valued. We are

Enthusiasm abounds! We have something to sing about!

When initially thinking about ways to celebrate the passage of the 19th Amendment in 2020, our League reached out to Dr. Jason Heald, Professor of Music at Umpqua Community College, in hopes of adding a fun live performance to the list of observances. As a result of Covid19, several of our celebratory events were canceled and so it is with great pleasure to announce an educational project inspired by a musical Dr. Heald has recently written.

The 35-minute musical, filled with songs ranging from rap to traditional, features two actors and a pianist. Its working title is "Frontier Family Feud-Abigail Scott Duniway and Harvey Scott". Abigail was a women's rights advocate, newspaper owner/editor of The New Northwest and the first woman to cast a ballot in Oregon. Her younger brother, Harvey, was a long-time editorialist of The Oregonian. The musical provides a great opportunity to learn about the past and connect it with present day issues and events.

The long term plan (after Covid) is to bring this project as a live performance to schools. Until then, we would like to create a video of the performance, along with educational material, that can be disseminated, at no cost, to the local schools in Douglas County, and possibly, beyond. It is a project with a long shelf life.

A LWVUV project committee was recently formed and is in the process of selecting a videographer, securing funding and compiling the educational material.

If you have any interest in joining the committee, have experience with videography, ideas for funding sources, expertise in creating educational materials, and/or a passion for this type of project, please contact Sherry Couron, LWVUV Project Chair, by emailing her at couron121@msn.com or calling/texting to 541-315-0048. Many hands make light work.

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happy to be a 501c3 now, so donations to LWVUV are tax-deductible. You can find our most current information at our website, lwwuv.org. We hope to be back in the gardens next June! Fingers crossed.

It's easy to get discouraged when it seems like good change takes so long. But I think we've all been inspired by the Notorious RBG, who pointed out that the choices her mother had as a young woman, and the choices she had were vastly different in one generation. Ruth Bader Ginsburg was a champion of equality in all aspects of our lives, including equal access to the ballot. May her impressive legacy guide us and help shape a promising future for us all.

Please continue to do whatever you can, through your own networks, to make sure people are registered and "vote ready". Refer folks to lwvov.org and Vote411.org for voting information closer to the election. Then help GOTV (Get Out the Vote) with reminders when the time comes.

In League, Jenny



Membership Report

Welcome to new member and friend of the League Kim Wilbur.. We now have 63 members. If you would like a current list of members please contact me, your new Membership Chair. I will email you one.

I'd also like to remind you all of our online links associated with our League.

Website: <https://lwwuv.org>

Official email: info@lwwuv.org

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/LWVUV>

YouTube: <https://bit.ly/3bfyx6o>

Flickr: https://www.flickr.com/groups/lwv_umpqua_valley/

Please visit these links and "like" or "follow" us. The more people that follow us the more "cred" we get in the online world.

Watch your email for Zoom meeting invitations in the future. I'll be sending one out on Wednesday, Sep. 30 for our Privacy and Cyber-security Today study consensus meeting which is scheduled on Thursday, Oct. 1 at 5:30-7:30PM.

Thank you! Robin Wisdom

Garden Tour 2021

The LWVUV Annual Garden Tour is back! The date is set for Saturday, June 12, 2021, from 10AM to 5PM. Cost per ticket is \$15.

For anyone who is unfamiliar with our tour, it is our League's primary fundraiser. It is a one day, self-guided tour of six private gardens. Each garden hosts a local artist, as well as musician. Occasionally small private eateries have sold treats in a garden, making the tour a real community event.

Four of the gardens which had been slated for 2020 are still on board for next summer, plus two more! "Thank You" to our great committee members for assisting me in visiting numerous gardens during our COVID Summer to complete this tour.

The 2021 tour of six gardens spans approximately eight miles between an address near the YMCA to the northern-most location on Del Rio Road near the intersection with Garden Valley Blvd.

Once again the gardens are absolutely amazing. Patrons will enjoy fabulous views, clever collections of plant families, creative hard-scapes, shade gardens, vegetable & fruit gardens, river frontage, fun garden-art, hillside plantings, one property fully transformed from chaos to serenity, and even an award-winning African violet & orchid gardener.

Mark your calendars, and please help spread the word of this event as the time draws nearer. We are very fortunate indeed to have local citizens share their gardening skills and private spaces with us!

Updates with more details as we get closer!

Nancy Farris Garden Tour Chair

Let's Get to Know Each Other!

What with the pandemic, and now the tragedy of all the fires, we are all missing the presence of many, many people who are important in our lives, including other members of the League of Women Voters of Umpqua Valley. Are you beginning to forget what your friends look like? Are you beginning to forget what clear air smells like?

We have a partial solution for that first problem. We are planning to publish a list of League members, each with their name, a picture, and a brief bio and other information. We will make this information available only to League members. It would look something like the single entry below. What I hope you will do is email your information and a photograph to me, Joe Yetter (joeleeyetter@yahoo.com; please title your email "LWVUV entry for "--and your name)), and I will go ahead and put the information into a document that will list all of us, in a format like the one you see below. There will be no information you don't want included; and I'd suggest you not include contact information.

This will be good information for each of us to have as we meet by Zoom, call each other on the phone, or email--having a thumbnail pic and a tiny bio will keep us just a bit closer.

Could you do it today? It's easy to forget, I know.

Joe Yetter joeleeyetter@yahoo.com 360-801-0723

Last Name	First Name	Photo	Brief Bio/Interests	Notes:
	Connie	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; text-align: center;">Pic of YOU!</div>	From MN to AK to OR, where I have lived since 2014. Mom of 2, retired lumber/milling bus. owner, active volunteer, hiker, gardener.	Page



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

First Tuesday of each month, 12 noon “First Tuesday Talk Time”

October 1, 5:30-7:30 p.m.: **Privacy and Cybersecurity Today** consensus meeting.

October 5: Candidate Forum, to be privately recorded and distributed asap

October 27: Misinformation, Fake News and Political Propaganda, a Zoom workshop by Donna Cohen, from 6 to 7:30.

November 19 at 6:30 **Dr. Kimberly Jensen will speak about “Registration, Education, and Voting: Black Women and Voting Activism in Oregon, 1913-1916”,** in association with the Roseburg Public Library.

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Garden Tour Volunteers Needed for 2021

The 2021 LWVUV official Garden Tour date is: Saturday, June 12. Please put that date on your calendar! We have six beautiful gardens lined up (thank you Nancy and gang) and that means we need 24 volunteer Garden Hosts, along with our Poster Posse volunteers. It is never too early to volunteer.

This event is our main fundraiser for the year. Having had to cancel 2020's Garden Tour, we will need to work hard to make 2021 a blooming success!

I look forward to hearing from new and past volunteers. This is a fun way to support your League and you always have half the day on your own to visit the rest of the gardens!

Contact me, Connie Page, at 907-888-0460 or rkreofsky@gmail.com to volunteer. Thanks!