

LEAGUE LINES

A Newsletter of the League of Women Voters of Umpqua Valley
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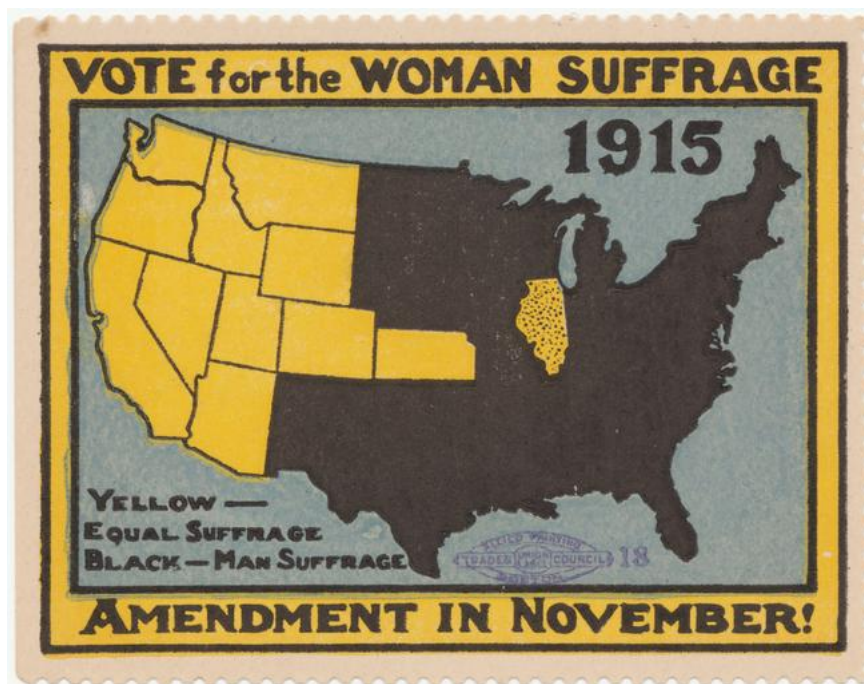
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Calendar of Events

Due to COVID19, the League is using the Zoom app to connect with members. Links to each Zoom meeting will be email to members on the day before the meeting.

Sep 23	2 nd Showing of the Musical	6 PM	Zoom Virtual Mtg.	
Oct 2	Women's March w/Common Ground	11 AM	Corner of Garden Valley and Stewart Parkway	
Oct 26	Pesticides & Other Biocides Study Consensus Meeting	2 PM	Zoom Virtual Mtg.	
Nov 23	Nov 2 nd Elections Info by County Clerk Dan Loomis	6 PM	Zoom Virtual Mtg	



President's Message, April 2021

Hello, League of Women Voters of Umpqua Valley Members!

I hope you are all safe, healthy, and avoiding crowds during the COVID-19 Delta variant outbreak. This outbreak is the reason our monthly meetings will continue to be conducted through our Zoom account until further notice. We were hoping we could meet in-person soon, but here we are again.

You will receive meeting notices via email with Zoom links. Please check our online calendar for meeting times and dates here <https://lwwuv.org/calendar/>. If you have questions about using Zoom, please contact me as I will serve as our Zoom host.

Normally, our monthly meetings will be on the fourth Tuesday of each month, except in December when we all take a holiday break. However, we make an exception this month when our meeting is set for Thursday, Sept. 23rd. In January, the board of directors will re-visit the decision to meet by Zoom and see if we can meet in-person some time in 2022.

There will be a few big events this month around our new musical. I hope you attended the September 7th AAUW Zoom meeting. This was the first official public showing of our new musical, "A Frontier Family Feud: Abigail Scott Duniway and Harvey Scott". This was written by Jason Heald, UCC's music director, and supported by your League of Women Voters. Sherry Couron, League treasurer and musical committee head, has done tremendous work on our behalf. The musical is fabulous, created expressly to educate and celebrate our voting heritage. The Sept. 7th showing was a bit choppy for those who attended the meeting. The best way to watch the play is directly on YouTube – <https://bit.ly/FamilyFeudMusical-FullVideo>. There will also be another showing at our monthly September meeting on Sept. 23 at 6PM. By that time, we should have an actual copy of the musical to present rather than having to go through YouTube and Zoom, and then the showing should be better. You'll receive an email about this later in September.

We have such talented and committed people among us. Thank you to all of you for your work and creativity. We also heartily welcome new members who joined during the summer, Ann Fasig, Joanne Gonsolin, and Jan and Mark Ralston.

The issues we face seem daunting – climate change with wildfires all over the west, and smoke filling our valleys and our lungs during so much of the summer; hurricanes and tornados in the east; the assault on reproductive and voting rights; gun control opposition; and the COVID outbreak since 2020 and with renewed vigor now. Together we can face these issues. Thank goodness for our state League Action Team members who monitor and submit testimony regularly to the Oregon Legislature based on League positions. Our job is to assist the Action Team, especially concerning our area, and to figure out how we can address those subjects in our own community. Your thoughts and ideas are invaluable, and we would love to hear them. We are open to you anytime, and we invite you to join us on First Tuesday Talk Time (FTTT) which is held each first Tuesday of the month at noon by Zoom. Each month we send out email notices to all of our contacts. Thank goodness for the internet!

Thank goodness for **You!**

Robin Wisdom, LWV Umpqua Valley, president 2021-2023
541-672-6982 (home), 541-784-8672 (cell)

Family Feud Musical
6 PM on September 23rd, 2021
Watch your email for the invitation

Gerrymandering Time 2021

Redistricting in Oregon

There's a lot going on right this minute regarding redistricting. As you know, the decadal census has been completed and, thus, the re-writing of congressional district boundaries begins. Redistricting is happening all over the nation.

Here in Oregon, members of the public were invited to participate during one of the virtual hearings to provide feedback on the draft maps created by the committees. Congressional District #4 (some portions of Douglas County are also in District #2) hearings were held on Sept. 8 & 10. PDF versions of the maps are online. To view proposed maps and for other information, visit <https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/redistricting/>. Map submissions are now closed.

If you'd like to share your comments on the [OLIS](#) maps, please email them to Oregon.Redistricting@Oregonlegislature.gov. Be sure to include the name of the map(s) you are referencing. Received comments may be posted on OLIS for a future hearing.

Here is a link to the [maps and article](#) published by *The News-Review* on Sep. 8, 2021. These maps are considered bi-partisan gerrymandered maps. According to the League, it would be better yet if an independent citizen commission draws up the maps. Voters should choose their politicians, not the other way around.



According to [People Not Politicians](#), if the Legislature is unable to adopt legislative district maps by September 27, it becomes the duty of the Oregon Secretary of State to propose new state legislative districts to reflect shifts in Oregon's population over the last decade. If this responsibility falls to the Secretary of State, Secretary Fagan will create a [People's Commission of Oregonians](#) to advise her.

A place on the Secretary's commission would be a volunteer role with Oregon's Secretary of State's office. The Secretary is looking for Oregonians with diverse backgrounds and experiences to apply and will announce results by Sep. 27.

Please support [People Not Politicians](#).

TACKLING THE PESTICIDES AND OTHER BIOCIDES CONSENSUS PROCESS

The term “biocides” might be new to you. It’s a broad term for pesticides, herbicides, fungicides, rodenticides, and basically anything humans use to kill “pests.”

In order to update and improve its ability to submit testimony on legislation related to biocide use, an LWVOR committee recently completed a two-year study called *Pesticides and Other Biocides*. Now, the LWVOR is asking members to read the study and provide input on biocide use and regulation and which organizations should be responsible for biocide-related policy.

This description of the study is from the LWVOR’s website:

The use of pesticides is a balancing act between advantages and disadvantages. To understand the impacts, both beneficial and adverse, requires a broad overview of prevailing policy and the effects that policy has had. This study reviews the environmental and health costs and benefits of pesticide use, the current state of regulation at the federal, state and local level and the practices, and precautions presently in place for their use. It reviews potential improvements to regulations and changes to practices that could improve outcomes and protect the environment and human health while maintaining a stable, safe and reliable supply of foods and other farmed products.

Five key areas of pesticide development, use and policy were identified for review and potential improvements:

1. Education, training and labeling
2. Transparency and information gathering
3. Funding, research, and evaluation
4. Adaptive management and Integrated Pest Management
5. Burden of proof and the precautionary principle.

Our local League has scheduled our member consensus meeting for Tuesday, October 26 from 2:00-3:30 PM, by Zoom. We hope you will want to participate. You can read the study online or borrow a hardcopy from Robin Wisdom. After reading the study, prepare your personal responses to the Consensus Questions along with general comments. Have those handy when we engage in discussion and together, we will craft our local League input for submission to LWVOR.

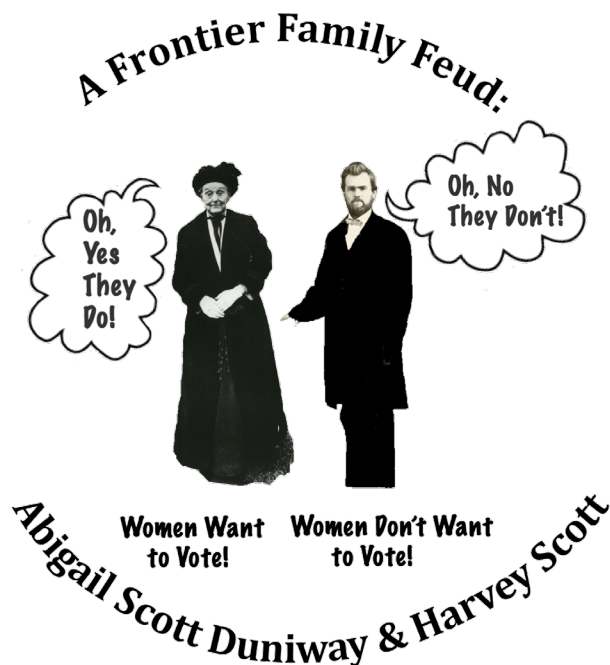
The complete study comprises 52 pages plus eight pages of appendices. It includes a long list of references with e-links to a vast amount of information for the truly curious. If the Consensus Questions seem cumbersome, just try to distill your input into related comments. Don’t worry! We’ll work through this together.

Admittedly, this will require a bit of work, and may not be as much fun as some of your other pandemic pastimes, but LWVOR will appreciate your effort!

Submitted by Jenny Carloni

Announcing A Musical for the Ages!

Abigail Scott Duniway (1834-1915) was a nationally known leader of the early woman's movement, a lecturer, organizer, writer and newspaper owner/editor of *The New Northwest* and devoted 40 years to women's rights. As a newspaper editor, Abigail wrote about social issues, such topics as voting rights, daycare, equal pay and equal protections.



Harvey Scott (1838-1910), Abigail's younger brother, was a long-time Editor-in-Chief of *The Oregonian* at a time when Oregon women were working to gain suffrage. He was a dominant editorial voice in the Northwest for 40 years wherein he monitored politics and advised voters how to vote. Harvey's opinions differed greatly from Abigail's, and they frequently found themselves at opposite ends of an issue.

The League of Women Voters of Umpqua Valley is proud to announce a 42-minute musical, written and directed by Dr. Jason Heald, Umpqua Community College Professor of Music, featuring two actors and a pianist. The musical encompasses the history of advocacy pertaining to women gaining the right to vote particularly in Oregon, and then in other states.

Created locally right here in Douglas County, Oregon, this brand new musical is all about the struggle for women's right to vote in Oregon back in the early 1900's.

Links

- Short **trailer** of the musical video. <https://bit.ly/FamilyFeudMusical-Trailer>
- Enjoy the **full musical** on YouTube. <https://bit.ly/FamilyFeudMusical-FullVideo>
- Webpage: <https://bit.ly/FamilyFeudMusical>

If you are willing to have a video showing in your classroom or a live production in your back yard or on your stage, email us at info@lwwuv.org.

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Celebrating Women's Suffrage

MUSICAL:

FRONTIER FAMILY FEUD – ABIGAIL SCOTT DUNIWAY AND HARVEY SCOTT

As you may recall, we began working on this project with Dr. Jason Heald in 2020 as a way to celebrate 100 years of women's right to vote. Dr. Heald created the musical, directed and produced the project, and LWVUV sponsored the project. We also created an educational supplement for educators to accompany the musical. The long-term plan, post Covid19 restrictions, is to bring this project as a live performance to schools. Until then, a video of the performance has been created, along with educational material, that will be distributed to educators in our local schools, and possibly beyond.

We are currently working with our local ESD to distribute the musical and supplement to Douglas County educators. We hope to have this done by early October 2021.

The recorded version is available on YouTube at: <https://bit.ly/FamilyFeudMusical>. We hope you take the time to watch the performance, give it a thumbs up and, if possible, leave a positive message on the site. The more "likes" and positive feedback the video receives, the more successful our project will become.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to reach out to LWVUV member Sherry Couron at couron121@msn.com or mobile 541-315-0048.

FY 2022-2023 Membership Drive

FROM OCTOBER THROUGH NOVEMBER, 2021

It's almost that time of year again. Our membership drive committee is gearing up to send you a letter and a copy of our membership form. But you don't have to wait. You can print the form on the next page and send it now. And remember: your dues and gifts are tax-deductible!

As you know, our membership is an annual thing and is valid for our *fiscal* year which is July 1st through June 30th of each year. Once a year we collect membership dues in the fall for our next fiscal year. When you pay your membership dues this October or November, your membership is valid through June 30, 2023.

We would like to welcome our newest members who have already paid for the 22/23 FY and will not be receiving a dues reminder. They are:

Ann Fasig, Joanne Gonsolin, and Jan and Mark Ralston.

Thank you, All, for your support and membership.

Join Us! Participate in democracy and be informed! We welcome new friends!



Yes! I want to join the League! ☐ as a renewing member ☐ as a new member

I am enclosing:

- _____ \$0 for Student Membership
- _____ \$60 for Individual Membership
- _____ \$90 for two Household Members
- _____ \$30 for Living Lightly Member
- _____ Donation to LWVUV budget (tax-deductible)
- _____ Total to LWVUV (tax-deductible)

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Mail check(s) and form to LWVUV, PO Box 2434, Roseburg OR 97470
For more information,
Contact President Robin Wisdom, 541-672-6982, rwisdom@jeffnet.org
Treasurer Sherry Couron, 541-315-0048, couron121@msn.com

Optional: Fill out the section below & return it with the membership form above.

What are your strengths? _____

What are your interests? _____

Some examples of ways to be involved are:

☐ Voter Service – register and inform voters _____

☐ Governance – attend public meetings as Observer Corps _____

☐ Social Policy – educate about issues, government policy and citizen action _____

☐ Set up/take down for events _____

Other way(s) you want to help: _____

Best way to reach you: _____

Thank You!

2021 GARDEN TOUR

The 2021 Garden Tour was a huge success! Over 300 people came to see the gardens. We are fortunate indeed to be able to provide this wonderful community event each year, bringing people of all ilks together, opening up opportunities to meet and get to know our neighbors, as well as letting people know that the League of Women Voters carries on after 100 years!

I'm pleased to say that we already have enough gardens for the 2022 Garden Tour! It will be in Winston next year on the third Saturday of June (6/18/22).

We have some unusual and special highlights scheduled that are the first of their kind for our tour! If you are unfamiliar with the tour, there are photos of past tours at our website, lwvuv.org. Select "Spring Garden Tour" and "Past Garden Tours." <https://lwvuv.org/garden-tours/>

We have some open seats at the Garden Tour Committee table! Anyone interested in joining our team, please contact me any time.

Nancy Farris



2018



2019



Contact Us!

There are a variety of ways to contact your LWVUV board of directors and see what's going on in your local League and around the state. Let us know what's on your mind. We are always happy to hear from you.

Official email: info@lwwuv.org

Website: <https://lwwuv.org>

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

YouTube: <https://bit.ly/3bfyx60>

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.

And you can always call us -- President Robin Wisdom's number: 541-672-6982 (home), 541-784-8672 (cell).

Thank you!
Robin Wisdom

**PORTLAND GIRLS TO
SERVE JAIL TERM**

**Alice and Betty Gram Convicted
of Obstructing Traffic
at National Capital.**

WOMEN GO TO WORK HOUSE

**Prisoners Demand Right to Buy
Such Food as They Desire, Wear
Own Clothes, Consult Counsel,
and Receive Their Friends.**

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Wash-
ington, Nov. 14.—"Fifty dollars fine or
30 days in jail," was the alternative
put up to Miss Alice Gram and her sis-
ter, Miss Betty Gram, of Portland, when
they were found guilty in police court
this morning, along with 30 other pick-
ets, on a charge of obstructing traffic
in front of the White House, or, in
more understandable terms, for partic-
ipating in the suffrage picketing.
The Portland girls and their asso-
ciates declined to pay the fine and ac-
cepted sentence, half of it on account
of their participation in the Saturday
demonstration and other half for pick-
eting yesterday.



BOARD MEMBERS 2021 – 2022

- President – [Robin Wisdom](#)
- Vice-President – Joe Yetter
- Secretary – Julee Wright
- Treasurer – Sherry Couron
- Member at Large & Garden Tour Committee Chair – Nancy Farris
- Member at Large – Lisa Sabol
- Member at Large & Newsletter Editor – Dori Jacob
- Member at Large – Jenny Carloni
- Member at Large – Beverly Paulson
- Nominating Committee – Dori Jacob, Jenny Carloni, Ann Fasig, Beverly Paulson
- Webmaster & Zoom Host – [Robin Wisdom](#)

Join the board! Know what's going on! You Are an Important Part! Serving on your League's Board is a great way to serve your community. [Find out what's going on](#) and participate with great people.

There are openings on the board. If you are interested in serving your community in some capacity large or small, please [email](#) or call us at 541-672-6982.