



A Newsletter of the League of Women Voters of Umpqua Valley

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May 2022

Calendar of Events

Primary Election	5/17/22	First Tuesday Talk Time	6/7/22
LWVOR Council	5/20-22/22	Spring Garden Tour	6/18/22
Annual Meeting	5/24/22	LWV National Convention	6/23-27/22

League of Women Voters Umpqua Valley

2022 Spring Garden Tour



Saturday, June 18, 2022 10 am – 5 pm

Tickets \$15 Available starting May 16
Check or exact change only. See individual businesses for hours.

Roseburg: While Away Books, My Coffee, Umpqua Sweets & Treats
Glide: Atom Bistro & Coffee Bar
Sutherlin: Central Feed & Supply
Winston: Harvest Store
Day of tickets: Edmonsons', 2454 Roberts Creek Rd. Roseburg

Tour 6 gardens with Live Music and Working Artists
 Artworks available for purchase

More information: lwuv.org or Nancy Farris text/call 541.643.8113 nfarris73@hotmail.com

President's Message, May 2022



Hello League Members!

There's so much to catch up on! We hope you find this an informative newsletter, and also please attend our Annual Meeting on Tuesday, May 24th at 5:30PM at the C.H. Bailey House Bed & Breakfast. This will be our last membership meeting of the year.

Our very own Sherry Couron has invited us to enjoy our annual gathering at her beautiful home, the C.H. Bailey House. She and Nancy Farris are working out the details now. Robert Johnson, Attorney, Dole Coalwell and DC Law, has agreed to be our speaker. A delicious menu will be catered by Chef Martin Condon II of Condon's Culinary Creations in Roseburg. Let us know if you need a ride to Sherry's.

It has been a busy spring. What we've been working on ~

Frontier Family Feud: Abigail Scott Duniway and Harvey Scott
Umpqua Valley Quilters Guild Quilt Show
Voters' Guides distribution
Douglas County Commissioner Candidates Public Forum
League Annual Meeting preparation
Spring Garden Tour 2022 preparation

Primary Election 2022 May 17 — Be sure to get your ballot in soon. Vote!

Have a wonderful summer! I hope your travels are safe, and you stay active and informed. Your board will hold its summer retreat virtually sometime in August to plan for 2022-2023.

Thank you for your support, communications, ideas, and advocacy! We will continue on with your help with strength, intelligence, and spirit!

See you at the Annual Meeting!

Robin Wisdom

LWV Umpqua Valley President 2021-2023

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Announcing

In 2020, Dr. Jason Heald, Umpqua Community College music director, asked the League to support and get the word out to schools and the public in general about a new musical he had created about Abigail Scott Duniway and her brother Harvey Scott.

“Frontier Family Feud: Abigail Scott Duniway and Harvey Scott” was performed at the Umpqua Community College’s Whipple Fine Arts Theatre on April 1. Donna Spicer starred as Abigail and Kevin Helppie as Harvey. Debra Gaddis was the pianist. The League raised funds and awareness, and helped to coordinate this event. And this is an on-going project. Teachers can still request a special performance at their schools. So far, there have been five school performances.



A Suffrage panel spoke prior to the performance that day as well. Dori Jacob, Pat Sherman, and Alice Lackey told stories about several suffragists that had lived in Douglas County. It was so interesting! Dori spoke about Bethenia Owens-Adair, the first woman doctor to practice in Oregon. Pat told us about Kathryn Clarke, who was born in Douglas County and became the first woman to serve in the Oregon Senate. Alice brought us up to speed on how many women have been elected to the U.S. government and how many women serve now. Oregon’s legislature is composed of 44 percent women, and is number three among states for the highest proportion of women serving.



From the Supplemental educational material that was developed by League member Sherry Couron:

“This 35-minute musical, written and directed by Umpqua Community College Professor of Music Dr. Jason Heald, features two actors and a pianist. The musical encompasses history and advocacy pertaining to women gaining the right to vote. Abigail Scott Duniway was a women’s rights advocate and newspaper owner/editor of *The New Northwest*. As a newspaper editor, Abigail wrote about such topics as voting rights, daycare, equal pay and equal protections. Her younger brother, Harvey Scott, was a long-time editorialist of *The Oregonian* at a time when Oregon women were working to gain suffrage. Harvey’s opinions differed greatly from Abigail’s, and they often found themselves at opposite ends of an issue. The musical has a connectedness to issues of the past with those of the present.”



(From far right on stage) Donna Spicer, Abigail; Dr. Heald; Director Christina Allaback; & Pianist Debra Gaddis



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Back in October of 2019, our League was invited to be a sponsor of the 2020 Umpqua Valley Quilters' Guild's 37th Annual Quilt Show "Vintage Meets Modern", planned for April of 2020. In honor of the centennial celebration of the ratification of the nineteenth amendment, the show would include a set of art quilts in what was called the Women's Suffrage Quilt Challenge. We all know that April 2020 put a lot of plans on hold. For the quilting community, one of the side-effects of the COVID-19 pandemic was that a lot of quilters had more time to spend at their sewing machines! When the show was finally able to be held at the Douglas County Fairgrounds this April, the array of quilts on display was mind-bogglingly impressive!

The ten locally created Suffrage Quilts were all lovely and creative, some with a vintage feel and others more modern. It was a difficult choice, but we awarded the ribbon and \$50 prize to Myrt Thames. Her art quilt, on a gray and white fabric with vintage images, includes the yellow rose and sunflower (symbols of the pro-suffrage movement), along with a silhouette of a suffragist holding the purple, white and gold flag onto which Alice Paul sewed a new star each time a state ratified the nineteenth amendment. Thirty-six stars at last completed the flag with ratification on August 18, 1920.

The show at our fairgrounds also included a fabulous collection of Suffrage Quilts created by five central Oregon quilt guilds, and brought here by Susan Cobb, creator of two of the quilts. Purple for loyalty, white for purity and virtue, and gold for light, life, and Kansas sunflowers unified this collection. The artistry displayed in these 45"x45" quilts is truly amazing. I enjoyed meeting Susan, who also created a booklet with photographs and background information about each of these quilts. She left us extra copies. Maybe you can get one when you come to our Annual Meeting.

You can also view these quilts online at this link, <https://www.sogs.org/100-years-of-suffrage>. The Sisters, Oregon, community, known for their town-wide quilt show, held the 2020 Sisters Outdoor Quilt Show. Fortunately, they created videos capturing images of the many beautiful quilt collections.

Viewing the quilts is a chance to honor and celebrate the work of activists of the past and to enjoy the extraordinary talent of modern quilters.

Jenny Carloni



Vote411.org and lwvor.org/vote Voters' Guides

Vote 411.org is an ambitious undertaking by the League of Women Voters nationwide. Here in Oregon, League members have worked hard to provide voters with early and accurate information about what will appear on their ballots. In Douglas County alone, election clerks have to prepare about 200 different versions of ballots in one election since what's on your ballot depends on where you live and how you are registered. Many League members gather and submit information about candidates and measures to Vote411.org in a similar effort. Even though the League invites all candidates to participate in Vote411.org, some do not. Still, we hope it has been of some use to you and apologize for any inaccuracies.

LWVOR offers a **Statewide Voters' Guide** containing information about candidates running at the state level here - <https://www.lwvor.org/vote>

Several versions are available online now including English, Spanish, Audio, Video. The Large Print and Mobile Friendly versions will be available soon. We did our best to distribute paper versions, in English and Spanish, throughout our community as well. If you know someone who's seeking nonpartisan information, please direct them to these League resources.



It's An Election Year!

The Primary Election 2022 is upon us. First of all, I hope you attended the Douglas County Commissioner Candidates forum on April 26th or watched it on our YouTube channel (<https://bit.ly/3bfyx60>).



Thank you to Members who helped distribute printed LWVOR statewide Voters Guides around the county. You can read or download the VGs online here: English: <https://bit.ly/3seyMd8> or the Spanish guide: <https://bit.ly/3MXZGOH>.



Vote! Be sure to get your ballots in in time. The best way is to drop your ballot off at an Official Dropbox by May 17. You can find a list of Drop Boxes on the Douglas Elections webpage (<https://douglascounty-oregon.us/178/Elections>). If you mail your ballot in, you don't need a stamp, but adding a stamp helps offset the expense for the state. And you must have your ballot postmarked by May 17. It will be counted even if it arrives late up to one week.



House Bill 3291 requires ballots returned by mail showing the ballot was mailed not later than date of election and received by county clerk not later than seven days after date of election. The official certified results will be posted on the Douglas County Elections Department website and the Secretary of State's website on June 8 to June 13. <https://douglascounty-oregon.us/178/Elections>.

Board of Commissioners Candidate Forum, Held Live, April 26, 2022

Our League held a real, live, in-person forum after two years in the world of virtual reality. About 85 people, including League members, eight candidates, and members of the public, gathered in Cascade Hall at the fairgrounds on Tuesday evening, April 26. Among the candidates were the three sitting commissioners and five challengers. During the hour and a half long forum, we were able to hear opening and closing statements and responses to an array of questions from the public. Term limits, and why they don't apply to our commissioners, was a hot topic. Other topics ranged from preparing for climate change and drought, to how to sustain our branch libraries and improve the availability of childcare in our county. Every candidate wants Douglas County to remain in Oregon but will honor the vote of the people on that issue. It takes a lot to put on an event like this. We appreciate all who helped.

On a related note, the News-Review did not send a reporter, nor did they conduct interviews with the candidates and publish them, as has been their past practice. Apparently, they've been undergoing some staff changes, but if you wish they had provided more local election coverage, please let them know.

The forum was video recorded and is on our YouTube channel here: <https://bit.ly/3yiitzQ>



Living Room Conversations

Perhaps you've heard about our new Communications Committee that started up this past year to talk about polarization and civil discourse in our community. In November 2021 we started thinking about and studying how to help bridge gaps and gain more understanding between Douglas County citizens. We found ourselves attracted to an organization, [Living Room Conversations](#). Based on the recommended format, small groups of people get together to discuss what they think about certain subjects. The point is to listen to the other person with curiosity and with understanding. It is not to change people's minds. It's about *listening* to each other.

This spring has been so busy for your board of directors and committee members that we decided to wait until Fall 2022 to further develop this pilot project. After reconvening in the fall, it is our goal to engage 2 Republicans, 2 Democrats and 2 Independent/Unaffiliated Douglas County residents (for a total of six participants) to meet for 90 minutes once a week for four weeks who will participate in these conversations.

The following are "conversations" we have decided on thus far. You can look these up on Living Room Conversations' website under "Topics."

First Week: Relationships First

Second Week: The American Creed

Third Week: The Golden Rule in Politics

Fourth Week: Money in Politics

Key Principles

Engaging Differences is Valuable

Listening for Understanding

Connecting with Empathy

Engaging with Humility

The committee is open to new members. Please contact us if you are interested.



Annual Meeting



In an email from Robin Wisdom on May 4th, you were all invited to the League's annual meeting on Tuesday, May 24th at 5:30PM at the C.H. Bailey House, 121 Melton Rd, Roseburg 97470. Dinner will be served, Robert Johnson will be our guest speaker, and then the business meeting will be held. The event is scheduled from 5:30 P.M. until 8:00 P.M.

* Directions to CH Bailey House Inn:

From Roseburg go East on Diamond Lake Blvd (Hwy 138) 4.4 miles to a green street sign which reads: "DIXONVILLE ⇨"



Turn right and immediately jog left onto Buckhorn Road.

Go 1.0 miles to Dixonville Rd. Turn right (the Dixonville store is on your left)

Go 3.2 miles to the end of Dixonville Rd. where it meets Melton Road.

Turn left.

C.H. Bailey house is the large white building just to your left. The event is in the barn. It will be very clear once you get there.

If you need a ride, let us know! Call Robin at 541-672-6982.

Please see the May 4th email for complete event details.





New Mugs are Here!



The board of directors chose to order more coffee mugs because we ran out. A number of Leagues, one in Wisconsin, one in Oklahoma, and LWV Curry County, ordered the last of our mugs. They saw our webpage with photos of the mugs and contacted us. <https://lwwv.org/support/league-logo-mugs-for-sale/>

We now have 12 oz. mugs for sale for \$5 each. They actually cost a bit more than \$5 each, but the board chose to subsidize getting the mugs out there. We paid \$5.77 for each. Online, the mugs cost \$10 each plus shipping.

These are a new design too. They have the latest League logo on them according to national League requirements. They are white and have dark blue handles and rim.



2022 Annual Spring Garden Tour



This year our tour of six gardens is in Winston, all within a seven-mile radius of each other. Just in time for a Father's Day outing!

Saturday, June 18, 2022

10AM to 5PM

\$15 (please pay with check or exact change)

Tickets go on sale May 18th at these outlets:

Sutherlin: Central Feed and Supply

Roseburg: My Coffee, While Away Books, Umpqua Sweets and Treats

Glide: The Atom Bistro and Coffee Bar

Winston: The Harvest Store

Day of tour: Garden A, The Edmonson's 2454 Roberts Creek Rd.

The Garden Tour Committee is a fun group! If you, or someone you know are interested in gardens and community events, give us a call and join the team!

Please don't hesitate to text, call or email me with any questions, thoughts or suggestions.

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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/

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



BOARD MEMBERS 2021 – 2022

- President – Robin Wisdom
- Vice-President – Vacant
- 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 & Voter Service – 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.