Staff News for Santa Rosa Junior College, February 29, 2008



Left to right: Board President Richard W. Call, PG&E District Manager of Operations Randy DiCaminada, and SRJC Director, Facilities Operations, Jay Carpenter. Photo by Dory Haessler Timko

PG&E Presents Rebates to SRJC

At the February 12 Board of Trustees meeting, PG&E District Manager of Operations Randy DiCaminada presented rebate checks to SRJC for a total of \$737,345.75 for three college energy conservation projects. Of this amount, \$711,584 was for the Public Safety Training Center photovoltaic project; \$28,761.75 was for the Santa Rosa Campus motion detectors, and \$11,500 was for the boiler upgrade project. For decades SRJC has continued its fine record of green and sustainable conservation measures that are well supported by the college community.

Medical Coverage Update

Agreement Reached - Blue Shield and Palm Drive Hospital successfully reached an agreement that was effective January 1, 2008. Palm Drive Hospital is again a participating hospital in the Blue Shield provider network. If you have questions about your benefits or contracting providers, call 1 (800) 642-6155.

Two Membership Cards - Employees enrolled in the Blue Shield and Medco plans receive two membership cards in each employee's name only. Your dependents covered under your plan will not receive cards with their name. Let your medical provider or pharmacy know this. Additional information is available online at www.blueshieldca.com and/or www.medco.com. Additional or replacement membership cards can be ordered from Blue Shield or Medco at: Blue Shield Member Services 1 (800) 642-6155 or Medco Member Services 1 (800) 711-0917.

Karen Furukawa Honored With Carlson Award

The recipient of the 2008 Elizabeth Carlson Award is Karen Furukawa, Director of Human Resources. In a presentation at the Women's Faculty Staff Luncheon on March 7, Karen will receive a framed certificate, a book of poems that includes some of Elizabeth's verse, and a special gift from the staff members who nominated Karen.

The Carlson Award commemorates the outstanding qualities that Elizabeth Carlson possessed. She was employed at SRJC between 1974 and 1997; however, she passed away in 2000.

Reflecting many of Elizabeth's fine qualities, Karen was selected as this year's award recipient because of her 'passion for creative expression, service to the college and community, leadership abilities, dedication to students, acting as a role model for women students, faculty, and staff, and for her overall positive energy in the area of influence.' We congratulate Karen!

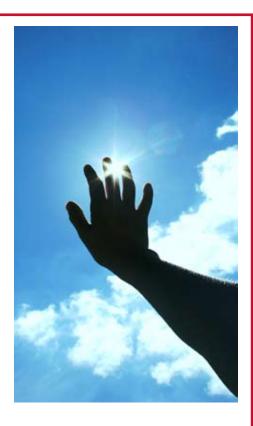
Faculty! SRJC Spring Forum 2008 April 18

Presented by the SRJC Economic Development Institute and Institute for Environmental Education, this year's Spring Forum for faculty will focus on "Environmental & Sustainable Technology at SRJC." Friday, April 18, Forum - 7:30 AM - 1:00 PM, Lunch - 1:00 PM, Shone Farm, Dutton Pavilion

The forum creates an outstanding opportunity for faculty from diverse disciplines to come together to discuss "green" topics that range from green buildings and sustainable living to transportation alternatives. Twenty exhibitors will also participate in the forum, sharing information about the ways they address conservation issues. **Exhibitors** include representatives from PG&E, Solar Living Institute, ZAP Electric Cars, Alternative Transportation and Technology Initiative, North Bay Electric Car Association, North Coast Builders Exchange, among others.

Robert Girling, Professor in the School of Business at Sonoma State University since 1976 and widely read author will discuss with panelists from PG&E, Solar Living Institute, NorthBay Energy Services, colleges' approach to environmental and sustainable technology. Free and relevant material will be available at the forum, plus approval for flex time is pending.

All forum participants will have a choice of lunch entrees and two desserts. Since seating is limited, make reservations now with Chuck Robbins at 527-4498 or crobbins@santarosa.edu. Look for more details in upcoming issues of the Insider.



Faculty Recognition Awards Event May 8

On Thursday, May 8, the annual Academic Senate Faculty Recognition Awards event is scheduled in the Art Gallery, Doyle Library from 3:00 to 4:30 PM on the Santa Rosa Campus. Nominations for the awards will be distributed in March.

At the awards event, all newly tenured faculty members will be recognized, and all full-time and adjunct faculty members are eligible for the awards, which will be given in ten categories:

| Unsung Hero |
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| Outstanding Contributions by Adjunct Faculty Member |
| Staff Development |
| Professional Achievement |
| Curriculum Development |
| Innovative Use of Technology in Education |
| Publications/Fine Arts/Performing Arts |
| Santa Rosa Chamber of Commerce Excellence in Education Two nominees submitted and one is selected for the Excellence Award |
| President's Award - selected by Senate President |
| Sabbatical Leave Project - selected by Sabbatical Leave Committee |
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Susan Carpenter Selected 2008 NISOD Awardee

Child Development Instructor Susan Carpenter is SRJC's 2008 National Institution for Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD) awardee.

She is among over 1,300 other awardees worldwide who will attend the prestigious NISOD International Conference on Teaching and Leadership Excellence May 25-28 in Austin, Texas.

Susan is being recognized for her contributions to the Child Development Department, to the community, and to her contributions at the state level to help set new directions for early childhood educators statewide.

Director, Early Childhood Education Joel Gordon credits Susan with being an exemplary faculty member, an excellent teacher, and a leader in the field of early childhood education in the California Community College system:

"Susan has provided leadership in our department in a number of ways, but the common thread running through all her work is her determination to synthesize the vocational needs of the employers in our community with sensitivity to how to best educate a diverse array of teachers, and to share with them all a focus on the highest standards of care and education for young children." Susan will also be recognized at the Academic Senate Faculty Awards event scheduled on May 8 from 3:00 to 4:30 PM in Art Gallery on the Santa Rosa Campus. Congratulations, Susan, on behalf of the college community.

Reception Honors Retirees on March 13

The college community is invited to attend a March 13 reception to honor over 50 SRJC employees who retired between 2006 and 2008. The reception will be held in the Art Gallery in the Doyle Library on the Santa Rosa Campus from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. This will be the time to recognize the significant contributions that our retiring employess have made to SRJC's success over the years.

RETIREE PHOTOS NEEDED! Schedule a photo shoot in Public Relations (Bech Temps off Elliott Avenue) before Friday, February 29. If a new photo isn't taken, old staff directory photos may be included in the program. You can also e-mail a head shot to dhaesslertimko@santarosa.edu before the end of the month. Give PR a call before dropping in for your photo on ext. 4266.

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Susan Baldi, Life Sciences, 29 Years Benjamin Benson, Behavioral Sciences, 26 Years Jody Brennan, Counseling & Support Services, 5 Years Howard Bryan, Business Office Technology, 45 Years Sarah Butters, Purchasing, 6 Years Byron Craighead, PE, Dance & Athletics, 36 Years Richard Dillon, Facilities Operations, 16 Years Mary-Lou Escobedo-Gross, Child Development, 18 Years George Grijalva, Disability Resources, 32 Years Julie Hahn, Counseling & Support Services, 29 Years Pete Hardy, Public Safety, 19 Years Melanie Heisler, Bookstore, 12 Years Thomas Hopkins, District Police, 8 Years Wendy Krupnick, Agriculture & Natural Resources, 6 Years Lorene Lake, Bookstore, 13 Years Betty Larson, Bussman Service Center, 15 Years Lorin Leith, English as a Second Language, 18 Years Joann Moorehead, Tutorial Center, 18 Years Brenda Nichols, Disability Resources, 18 Years Brian O'Brien, Life Sciences, 33 Years Vera Preston, Tutorial Center, 7 Years Jeanne Riedel, Child Development, 11 Years Ellen Swenson, Health Sciences, 31 Years Girmay Temesgen, Facilities Operations, 21 Years Richard Vera, Industrial & Trade Technology, 33 Years

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Susan Amalia, College Skills, 30 Years Cynthia Battershall, English, 36 Years Amelia Benedict, Health Sciences, 21 Years Elaine Book, College Skills, 10 Years Gary Brown, Computer & Information Sciences, 26 Years Diane Campagna, PE, Dance & Athletics, 17 Years Jay Carpenter, Facilities Operations, 22 Years Norm Cleaver, Public Safety, 23 Years Rian Cooney, English, 18 Years Penny Dalton, Children's Center, 11 Years Toodie Dodson, Adult Reentry Services, 22 Years Margaret Ellingson, English, 20 Years Jack Farmer, Facilities Operations, 27 Years Michael Farrell, Children's Center, 18 Years Ralph Farve, English, 27 Years Julie Gleason, Child Development, 30 Years Veronica Gondouin, Health Sciences, 23 Years Wendy Hill, Human Resources, 9 Years Anton Negri, Off Campus Coordinator, 26 Years Steve Olson, Occupational Ed & Economic Dev, 37 Years Bonnie Pearson, Community Education, 17 Years Joan Poquette, Admission & Records, 11 Years Robert Schmidt, Bookstore, 15 Years Diann Sevall, Occupational Ed & Economic Dev, 24 Years James Watson, Facilities Operations, 15 Years John Watrous, Art, 21 Years Sally Williams, English as a Second Language, 17 Years Barry Wood, Mathematics, 24 Years

Upcomming Alumni Activities

SRJC alumni, mark your calendars for some upcoming events!

Friday, March 14, 2:00 -5:00PM

SRJC Facility Changes

3:00 PM Guest Speaker, Dr. Curt Groninga, VP, Administrative Services/Assistant Superintendent Library Media Room 4245 - Doyle Library

Friday, April 18, 3:00 PM

Slide Presentation on Japan

Guest Speaker, Reta Kyle, former SRJC Employee Pedroncelli Center, Santa Rosa Campus

Friday, May 16 1:00PM

Lunch at Josef's La Rose Restaurant

Cost: \$22

Contact Curt Askim with any questions at 545-7435.



Writing Center Conference Set At SRJC March 1

The English Department will cosponsor the 15th annual 2008 National Association of Writing Center Conference on March 1. Assistant Superintendent/Vice President Academic Affairs Mary Kay Rudolph will offer the Welcoming Address. The keynote speaker is Sherri Winans Washington's Whatcom Community College. Several SRJC faculty and staff will also be presenters. The conference theme is "Writing Selves in the Center" and descriptions of presentations and registration information can be found at www.santarosa.edu/english/NCWCA2008.html.

Registration begins at 8:00 AM and opening remarks start at 9:00 AM. The fee for professionals is \$60 and \$25 for student tutors. Continental breakfast, lunch and afternoon reception are included.

Faculty Award Nominations Sought By Feb 29

The SRJC Alumni & Friends Association seeks nominations to honor an outstanding SRJC faculty member. Faculty, staff, students, and alumni are invited to nominate candidates for the award, which will be presented at the Faculty Recognition Awards Celebration in spring.

The award recipient will be selected based on the following criteria: teaching excellence, sensitivity to student needs, the development of innovative teaching materials or techniques, and service to the college and/or broad community.

A one-time student scholarship will be made in the Outstanding Faculty member's name. The student scholarship recipient will be selected by the faculty member and must be studying or pursuing educational goals in the faculty member's department or area of study. All nominations must be submitted no later than 5:00 PM, Friday, February 29 to the SRJC Alumni and Friends Association. Scholarship must reapply.

Enjoy Our Culinary Café!

The sun is out, the sky is blue, and the culinary café is waiting for you! Throw off those winter blues by enjoying some delicious food at SRJC's Culinary Café in downtown Santa Rosa.

The café is open from 11:30 AM to 2:00 PM, Wednesday-Friday and the bakery is open from 7:30 AM to 2:00 PM, Wednesday-Friday,

Doyle Scholarship Applications 2008-09 Due March 3

Applications for the Doyle Scholarship and the Doyle Occupational Education Award are available and may be picked up at the SRJC Scholarship Office on the Santa Rosa Campus, the Financial Services Office on the Petaluma Campus, and through local high school counselors. Annual award amounts for both scholarships range from \$1,000 to \$1,600. Students taking SRJC summer classes can also receive Summer Doyle awards from \$400 to \$750. High school seniors and college-level students are encouraged to apply. Students who are currently receiving the Doyle Scholarship must reapply. **Applications for 2008-09 must be received by Monday, March 3.**

SRJC Foundation Scholarship applications for both continuing and transferring students are also available, and are due March 3 with required financial information and an essay. Workshops are in progress on both the Santa Rosa and Petaluma campuses to assist with scholarship application procedures. Applications for the Doyle Scholarships and the SRJC Foundation Scholarships are available online at www.santarosa.edu/scholarship. For more information, give the Scholarship Office a call at 527-4740.

Volunteers Needed! Expanding Your Horizons Conference

The Expanding Your Horizons (EYH) science and math conference organized for 7th and 8th girls will be held this year on April 12 at Sonoma State University. In its 16th year, EYH is co-sponsored by SRJC, Sonoma State University, and Agilent Technologies.

One key aim of the conference is to encourage young women to seriously consider pursuing careers in science and math. SRJC's women employees are urged to volunteer to lead hands-on workshops that encourage young women's interest in science, math, technology, or business. SRJC faculty members have been very involved in past EYH conferences, and both seasoned and new leaders are sought to present workshops.

If you are interested in participating in the conference, send an e-mail message to Donna Spilman, donna spilman@agilent.com at Agilent Technologies or contact Kelly Mackura kmackura@santarosa.edu or 527-4400. You can also find a brochure and online registration at www.eyh-soco.ort/CallForWorkshops.htm. The sign up deadline has been extended. Please contact Donna for further information.

Faculty Jazz Concert March 7

SRJC's Music Department presents its first Faculty Jazz Concert on Friday, March 7 at 8:00 PM in Newman Auditorium on the Santa Rosa Campus that spotlights seven faculty members and special guest artists Scott Nygard on trumpet and David Prescott on trombone. The concert is a benefit for the SRJC Foundation Music Department Fund.

Directed by Bennett Friedman, the ensemble will perform new arrangements of jazz classics. Faculty performers will include: John Mattern and Bennett Friedman on saxophone; Mark Anderman, Paul Christopulos, and Chris Pimentel on guitar: Gary Digman on bass; and Michael Brandeburg on drums. Admission is \$10 general and \$5 for students and seniors. Contact the Music Department at 527-4249 for more information.



Colored Ink Spotlights Black History Month Feb 28

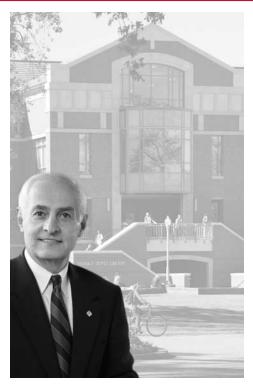
To spotlight Black History Month, SRJC's Student Affairs Leader Center presents **Colored Ink: Cultural Repertory Theatre** on Thursday, February 28 on the Santa Rosa Campus from 7:00 to 9:00 PM in Newman Auditorium, Emeritus Hall.

Made up of young adults from the Bay Area, the outstanding hip hop theatrical group offers an innovative performance taken from real life experiences that celebrate urban culture, challenge societal inequities, and reflect the Bay Area's unique culture.

Performers are graduates of the Brava Theater Academy whose exciting new form of artistic expression promises a stunning live performance. *Colored Ink* performs at numerous workshops and events in schools, shelters, jails, group homes, and recreation centers to promote discussion and action about crucial issues in Bay Area communities, and especially introduces a new generation of Bay Area youth to the self-empowerment that comes from making art. Contact Student Affairs with questions, ext. 4647.

Theatre Arts Presents One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest

During March, the Theatre Arts Department will present *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest* by Dale Wasserman. From Ken Kesey's novel and directed by Wendy Wisely, the unconventional comedy takes place in a mental institution and moves audiences along an emotional roller coaster of hilarious heights and heart-wrenching twists. The plot focuses on a new inmate and amiable scoundrel Randle McMurphy who soon has the ward in an uproar as he challenges the iron-fisted control of the chilling Nurse Ratched. The play contains strong language, adult subject matter, and dramatized acts of violence, so is recommended for high school age and older. Performances will be held in Burbank Auditorium on the Santa Rosa Campus March 7, 8, 12, 13, 14, & 15 at 8:00 PM; March 15 & 16 at 2:00 PM. Tickets are \$8-15, which you can buy tickets online at www.santarosa.edu/theatrearts. Box Office Hours: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday from noon to 5:00 PM, Burbank Auditorium Lobby. Box Office Phone: 527-4343 For more information, contact Leslie McCauley, Theatre Arts Chair, at 527-4248 or lmccauley@santarosa.edu.



Save the Date! President's Community Address May 29

The "2008 President's Address to the Community" is scheduled on Thursday, May 29 from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM in the Walter Haehl Pavilion on the Santa Rosa Campus. The luncheon typically draws nearly 350 guests from the college and community. Save this important date! More information to come in future *Insiders*.



Spring 2008 Concert Schedule

MARCH

Baroque Sinfonia

Directed by Nick Xenelis

Guest Artists: Daniel Celidore/Evan Craves

Friday, March 7, 8:00 PM

Glaser Center, 547 Mendocino Ave., Santa Rosa Donations Requested

SRJC Faculty Jazz Concert

Directed by Bennett Friedman

Friday, March 7, 8:00 PM

Newman Auditorium, Santa Rosa Campus \$10 General, \$5 Students/seniors

Vocal Jazz Evening

Directed by Jody Benecke

Friday, March 14, 7:30 PM

Newman Auditorium, Santa Rosa Campus \$10 General, \$5 Students/seniors

SRJC Jazz Bands

Directed by John Mattern/Mark Wardlaw

Wednesday, March 19, 8:00 PM

Newman Auditorium, Santa Rosa Campus \$5 General

MAY

Jazz Combos

Directed by Bennett Friedman Guest Artist: Terrence Brewer, Guitar

Monday, May 5, 7:30 PM

Newman Auditorium, Santa Rosa Campus \$5 General

Piano Ensembles performing

Two-piano Repertoire

Directed by Florence Aquilina

Thursday, May 8, 7:00 PM

Forsyth Hall, Room 105, Santa Rosa Campus Free

Vocal Recital

Intermediate Voice

Directed by Jody Benecke

Sunday, May 11 at 2:00 PM

Newman Auditorium, Santa Rosa Campus

Symphonic Band

Santa Rosa Wind Symphony
Directed by Nick Xenelis/Bennett Friedman

Tuesday, May 13 at 7:30 PM

Burbank Auditorium, Santa Rosa Campus \$5 General

An Evening of Chamber Music

Directed by Gary McLaughlin

Wednesday, May 14, 5:30 - 8:30 PM

Newman Auditorium, Santa Rosa Campus Free

SRJC Jazz Bands

Directed by John Mattern/Mark Wardlaw

Wednesday, May 14, 8:00 PM

Burbank Auditorium, Santa Rosa Campus \$10 General, \$5 Students/seniors

SRJC Orchestra

Directed by Cynthia Weichel

Guest Artist: Jordan Wardlaw, Saxophone

Guest Artist: SRJC Dance Department

Thursday, May 15, 7:30 PM

Burbank Auditorium, Santa Rosa Campus

Choral Concert Featuring

Varsity Choir, Concert Choir, Chamber Singers, & Harmony Corporation

Directed by Jody Benecke/William Neely

Saturday, May 17, 8:00 PM

Burbank Auditorium, Santa Rosa Campus \$10 General, \$5 Students/seniors

Season Finale

Baroque Sinfonia &

Symphonic Chorus

Directed by Nick Xenelis/Dan Earl

Saturday, May 31, 8:00 PM

TBA - For info call 527-4999 ext. 9228 \$15 General, \$10 Students/seniors

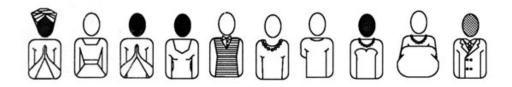
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Season Finale

Baroque Sinfonia & Symphonic Chorus Directed by Nick Xenelis/Dan Earl

Sunday, June 1, 8:00 PM

Jackson Theater, Sonoma Country Day School \$15 General, \$10 Students/seniors



SRJC WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH MARCH 2008 - SANTA ROSA CAMPUS

All of these events are FREE and open to the public!

The Triumphs and Struggles in Women's Sports Monday, March 3, 12:15-1:20 pm, Newman Auditorium

This panel will be made up of five women with careers in sports, Penny Hastings, Diane Campagna, Karen Stanley, Marie Sugiyama and Kelly Wood, representing four different generations. Our moderator, a sports writer, will begin by covering some of the more significant events that occurred in the history of women's sports from the late 1800's until about 1950.

Women's History Month Kickoff Event Tuesday, March 4, 12:00-1:30 pm, Doyle Library Quad

Women's Drumming Circle, Jazz, Hip-Hop, Modern dance, theatrical and musical performances to kick off a month of events.

Women at Ground Zero

Wednesday March 5, 12-1 pm, Newman Auditorium

Authors Susan Hagen and Mary Carouba deliver a lively, fast-paced, and often surprisingly humorous retrospective of their experiences in New York City in the weeks following 9/11. Booksigning to follow. Co-sponsored by The Leader Seminar.

La Pasión de España: Dance performance by Sol Flamenco Saturday, March 8, 7-8:30 pm, Newman Auditorium

Sol Flamenco is a Santa Rosa based dance and music troupe embodying the passion and fire of the intoxicating Spanish art form known as flamenco. As recently as the 1930's, Flamenco's signature trademark, percussive footwork, was performed by men only. Since then, however, legendary female dancers bent the rules, danced up a storm, and are now dancing on equal footing with men.

This special performance is in honor of International Women's Day. This event is funded by a grant from the SRJC Foundation Randolph Newman Cultural Enrichment Endowment.

Virginia R. Harris: Art as a Mirror and a Reflection Monday, March 10, 12:15-1:30 pm, Newman Auditorium

Virginia R. Harris is an acclaimed, innovative quilter and artistic activist. She will explain the varied colors, shapes and fabrics that transform a traditional craft into art that challenges stereotypes. Her creations have been exhibited around the world and are in the permanent collection of the Smithsonian Museum, the Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum and many private collections. Several of her quilts will be on display in the Doyle Library for the entire month of March.

Women and Mental Health

Wednesday, March 12, 12:15-1:30 pm, Doyle Library Room 4245 (First Floor)

Experience an interactive conversation with a panel of diverse women working in the field of Psychology: Brenda Flyswithhawks, PhD; Binh Nguyen, MA, MFT; Analia Arevalo, PhD; and Patience Auer, RN, MFT. Join these professionals in an in-depth discussion examining their personal path to healing others and facilitating the journey to mental health.

Iron Jawed Angels

Thursday, March 13, 6-8:30 pm, Doyle Library Room 4246 (First Floor)

Watch the powerful story of the suffrage movement in *Iron Jawed Angels*, starring Hilary Swank and Angelica Huston. After the screening of the film, discuss the movie and the movement with SRJC historians Anne Donegan, Alice Roberti, and Danielle Bruns.

Maquiladora: A Destruction of the Mexican Family Monday, March 17, 1:30-3:00 pm, Doyle Library Room 4245 (First Floor)

A lecture and film presentation on the Maquiladora industry on the border towns of Mexico. The lecture by Laura Larqué will focus on the devastating changes the Mexican family has been experiencing for the last 30 years as a result of the maquiladora hiring, working conditions, and firing procedures, and how these practices have altered the family roles of men and women in Mexico.

The Impact of Eleanor Roosevelt Tuesday, March 18, 3-5 pm, Doyle Library Room 4246 (First Floor)

The year 2008 is the 75th anniversary of the inauguration of Franklin Delano Roosevelt. Join SRJC historians Marty Bennett, Anne Donegan, and Anne Exton as they discuss the legacy of Eleanor Roosevelt before, during, and after her time in the White House.

All events are facilitated by members of the SRJC Women's History Month Committee. (527-4586)

SRJC WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH MARCH 2008 - PETALUMA CAMPUS

All of these events are FREE and open to the public!

Women of the Harlem Renaissance Friday, February 29, 2008, 7 pm, Room 191

April Harris of the Humanities Department will discuss the women of the Harlem Renaissance, including Zora Neale Hurston, Nella Larsen, Bessie Smith and Josephine Baker, their influence on the Civil Rights Movement, and the emerging conversations of race and gender in the United States.

Indigenous Women of Oaxaca, Mexico (Lecture & Film) Friday, March 7, 2008, 7-9 pm, Room 191

Join us for a lecture by Laura Larqué and a discussion on the women of Oaxaca, including issues of tenured land rights, workplace discrimination and indigenous rights. Immediately following the lecture, the film *Blossoms of Fire/Ramo De Fuego* will be shown and moderated by Maureen Gosling, Director/Producer. This film features the women of southern Oaxaca, Mexico in all their brightly colored, opinionated glory as they run their own businesses, embroider their signature fiery blossoms on clothing and comment with angry humor on articles in the foreign press that inaccurately depict them as a promiscuous matriarchy.

Creative Writing Reading featuring poet, Terry Ehret & SRJC students March 10th, 7 p.m. in the Atrium by the café

Terry Ehret, the 2004 Sonoma County Poet Laureate, a National Award Winning poet, founder of Sixteen Rivers Press, and the author of four books of poetry, including her recently published Lucky Break, will be reading from her work along with several Santa Rosa Junior College creative writing female students. A booksigning will follow the reading.

Student Oral History Project Presentations Wednesday, March 12, 7 pm, Room T-1 Capri Creek Temporaries

Alice Roberti's History 18.2 (History of Women & Social Change in the US from Reconstruction) students will present their oral history projects based on interviews with local culturally diverse women from Sonoma County.

Muslim Women Speak March 13th, 10:30-Noon, Room 692

A panel of Muslim women from the Islamic Society will speak on Islam and their experiences living as Muslim women in the U.S.

Conversations with a Holocaust Survivor and a Palestinian Thursday, March 13, Noon-1:30, Room 692

Therese Mughannam-Walrath, a Palestinian born in Jerusalem; and Laure Riechek, a Jewish teen during the European holocaust who joined the resistance and survived, draw on their own life stories to illustrate the need for peaceful coexistence and the end of war in Palestine and Israel. How can we both satisfy the need for a Jewish homeland and respect the homeland rights of Palestinians?

Therese will share slides of recent trips to Israel and Palestine.

Celebrating Japanese Women's Artistry Friday, March 14, 2008, 7 pm, The Art Lab, 321 Building E

Art Instructor Jean Horton and her painting and drawing students will present an exhibition celebrating the art and influences of Japanese women artists. Student work inspired by Japanese art and poetry will be displayed in the new art studio in Petaluma.

Dr. Allison Baker's History 21 students will also present their oral history projects.

Maquiladora: A Destruction of the Mexican Family Wednesday, March 19, 7-10 pm, Room 698

Join us for a lecture by Laura Larqué and a film presentation on the Maquiladora industry on the border towns of Mexico. The lecture will focus on the devastating changes the Mexican family has been experiencing for the last 30 years as a result of the maquiladora hiring, working conditions, and firing procedures, and how these practices have altered the family roles of men and women in Mexico.

Introduction to Jane Austen, Her World, Her Influence March 20, 1:30-2:30, Room 657

English instructor, Melissa Kort, will speak on the ongoing fascination in pop culture with Jane Austen's work. Alice Roberti, History Instructor, will review the rights of women and the events that took place during Austen's life. Terry Ehret, English Instructor and writer, will share the influence Austen has had on her life. Moderator, Barbara McClure, English Instructor.

All events are facilitated by members of the SRJC Women's History Month Committee. (527-4586)

Honoring Culturally Diverse Women is funded by a grant from the SRJC Randolph Newman Cultural Enrichment Endowment.



Mark Your Calendar! PDA Day August 15

It's already time to begin thinking about how you may want to contribute and participate in the Fall 2008 PDA Day scheduled on Friday, August 15. With such a fantastic variety of workshops to choose from at Spring 2008 PDA Day, Staff Development wants to make fall PDA as outstanding. Since the success of PDA is due to the SRJC colleagues who come forward to prepare and present interesting workshops, access http://www.santarosa.



<u>edu/src/PDA-current/pdasp-overview.html</u> to get some ideas for fall PDA and to see the great selection of workshops that were offered this spring.

You can now offer a workshop in your discipline, lead a cross disciplinary discussion group, demonstrate your specialized skills, or suggest a district, classroom, or workplace

issue that should be presented and discussed. Let Staff Development know what your ideas are or submit the name of individuals from Sonoma County who might present an interesting, relevant workshop to SRJC employees. Complete the Workshop Specifics Form that's available at www.santarosa.edu/src/form. (Just click on Call for Presenters.) Be sure to turn in the forms before Monday, March 17 to Staff Development! We look forward to putting together another outstanding PDA Day this fall with your help. Contact the Resource Center for Staff Development at 527-4852 if you have any questions or suggestions.



Physics Instructor **Lynda Williams** was spotlighted in an article in the Seattle Times on February 24 as the "Physics Chanteuse," her science cabaret alter ego. Lynda also published an article on "Space Ecology - The Final Frontier of Environmentalism" in December 2007 edition of Natural Living Magazine. Both are available at http://www.scientainment.com.



Fire Clouds ev 1/6, monotype print, 10h x 12.5w inches

New painting adjunct faculty member **Linda Grebmeier**, who teaches drawing in Healdsburg, is exhibiting some of her monotype prints at the Merced Multicultural Art Center through March. 31. In conjunction with the 2nd Annual California Centered Printmaking 2008 Exhibit, the exhibit is displayed at 645 SW Main Street in Merced. More information may be accessed at http://www.artsmerced.org/exhibits/index.html. In addition to printmaking, Linda also paints in oil and encaustic and draws with pastel and chalk. Access www.paintsong.com.



We extend our sympathy to retired SRJC Music Instructor and Department Chair **Curtis Sprenger** whose wife, Marlene, passed away on Thursday, February 21 after a long battle with cancer. Curt and Marlene were married nearly 46 years and Curt says "the loss is more than I can express. She was such a wonderful wife, mother, and partner."

A service is scheduled in Marlene's honor on Saturday, March 8, at the Daniels Chapel of the Roses, 1225 Sonoma Avenue, Santa Rosa at 11 AM. Marlene's brother Jerry Banek will preside as minister. In lieu of flowers, it's requested that any memorial donation be made to Memorial Hospice Services or the Sutter VNA Hospice Service.



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