



THE KEY CONNECTION

1 Cosmopolitan Executive and Art Historian to Speak

Thursday, October 12 at 11:30 AM, TAM's Murray Family Event Space, 1701 Pacific Avenue



Stephanie Stebich
Photo by Dane Meyer

Tacoma Art Museum (TAM) Director Stephanie Stebich will speak at our Fall Luncheon with her talk, titled "Mission Ready: The Tacoma Art Museum and Education."

Stebich assumed the helm of TAM in April 2005. She has held administrative and curatorial positions at the Minneapolis Institute of Arts, Cleveland Museum of Art, Brooklyn Museum of Art, and Guggenheim in New York City. She is a graduate of

Columbia University and New York University's Institute of Fine Arts, from which she received her MFA with a focus on modern art. Born in Germany, Stebich has also studied in London.

Members will enjoy visiting the spectacular home of the Tacoma Art Museum, designed by renowned architect Antoine Predock.

The 71-year-old institution claims a permanent collection of highly reputable international, national, and regional artists.

On display in October will be work by Aminah Brenda Lynn Robinson and Eric Carle (illustrator of the children's book, *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*) and a collaborative project honoring composer and sculptor Trimpin.

The luncheon features a Northwest deli buffet with turkey, ham, and roast beef; roasted and crisp vegetables; and a variety of cheese, breads, salads, and beverages. The cost includes parking and museum admission plus a docent-led tour of the galleries after lunch. The deadline for reservations at \$32 is Tuesday, September 26; late reservations cost \$39. Please RSVP using the coupon on the back page. If you wish to carpool or have other questions, please contact Bonnieclare Erling at 206-878-2350 or be@f2fconsulting.com. For driving directions and registration information, please visit www.psa-pbk.org.

2 Dead Sea Scrolls Exhibit

November 18 at 10:30 AM, Pacific Science Center: Meet in lobby of Boeing IMAX Theater

Don't miss this private guided tour of the Pacific Science Center's Dead Sea Scrolls exhibit. The scrolls include the earliest version of the Hebrew Bible, later known to Christians as the Old Testament. The exhibit focuses on the role of technologies, such as carbon dating, chemical analysis, multispectral imaging, and DNA testing. Experience the cultural and spiritual impact of

the scrolls through demonstrations and hands-on activities. Please bring friends and stay as long as you like. Tickets cost \$9 for ages 3 to 12, \$15.75 for ages 13 to 64, and \$13 for 65 and over. RSVP by Wednesday, October 18 on the back page coupon or contact Margaret Palmquest at 206-325-4940 or mpalmquest@hotmail.com.

3 Kaffeeklatsch: The Dead Sea Scrolls Discussion

Saturday, October 7 at 11 AM to 12:30 PM

Luther Room, Community Center at Mercer View, 8236 SE 24th Street, Mercer Island

Come join your fellow PBK members for an informative discussion with Mindy Jeppesen, Master of Theological Studies, Hebrew Bible at Harvard University. She is a contributor to *The Dead Sea Scrolls Reader 5: Poetic and Liturgical Texts* and the recipient of several honors, including the Harry Austryn Wolfson Fellowship in Jewish Studies at Harvard Divinity School.

Enjoy cakes, fruit, coffee, and tea and an opportunity to chat with others. We encourage you to bring guests. For more information on the center, call 206-236-3545 or e-mail ccmv@mercergov.org. Please RSVP by September 30, using the back page coupon or contact Sandra Andrews-Strasko at 206-214-7797 or sandra@emptyyournest.com. The cost is \$5.00.

4 High School Outreach Program Serves Schools in 12 Counties

For several years PSA-PBK has sponsored an annual awards program in high schools, both public and private, in 12 Washington counties. The program honors graduating seniors who exemplify Phi Beta Kappa's core values—intellectual honesty, broad interests, tolerance, understanding, and the growth of the spirit as well as the mind—values that are the same today as when PBK was founded in 1776. The program introduces PBK and its ideals to students who we hope may be

elected to PBK. School principals are asked to provide the name of a student who best fits this description. We present a book containing a special bookplate with his or her name inscribed in calligraphy. Last year, we awarded 89 copies. A nonfiction book is selected that is relevant and useful for someone entering college and for a high school reader. Connected with a liberal education, the book's approach should incorporate both scientific method and rational discourse.

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5 Wear Your Key *Message From Your President*

Years ago, when I first returned to the University as an adult, I had the good fortune to enroll in an English class taught by Margaret Walters, who was also a pioneer in teaching by television. She was an enthusiastic Phi Bete, from a family of Phi Betes. One of her favorite stories was of a friend who always wore his PBK key and who, one cold winter night, was very unhappily stuck in a small midwestern town, the victim of a bad train connection. As he was preparing to spend a lonely night in a 24-hour cafe, a stranger approached, identifying himself as a fellow Phi Bete. He commented on the man's PBK key and offered his companionship and assistance. This may have been a rare incident, but it is one that makes us feel good about Phi Betes everywhere.

We have recently been trying to figure out how to reach many more Puget Sound residents who are members of Phi Beta Kappa, but not of our association. Most of us have had others

recognize our key; many times it is because they, too, are Phi Betes. A brief, casual conversation could create a new affiliation valuable for all of us. This happened recently at a New Year's Eve party, where a young man recognized the key worn by a longtime board member. Now he is one of our newest and most active board members.

It's such a simple thing—wear your key. Be prepared to strike up a conversation with a fellow Phi Betes who might also like to be association members.

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We hope you've noticed the changes to your newsletter and that you find this format more readable, easier to navigate, more attractive, and generally more appealing. It is a work in progress. We are always open to adjustments, which may please you even more. Please direct your comments to KateOstrom@aol.com.

Kate Ostrom

HELP SELECT PATHFINDERS FOR SPRING

Make the spirit of PBK come alive again by nominating a person or an institution for our prestigious Pathfinder Award. Suggest a person, group, institution, or business for good work done in our community to foster intellectual growth and creativity. Award winners are honored at the PBK Spring Luncheon.

6 Chapter News

Alpha News: University of Washington

The Washington Alpha Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa held its 2006 initiation ceremony on June 8 at the University of Washington in Seattle. Executive Secretary Gerald J. Oppenheimer and three executive board members (Past President Louise Richards, Michael C. Shapiro, and Norm Arkans) conducted the ceremony. This year, 375 UW undergraduates were invited to join the organization; 50 attended the ceremony. (A full list of invitees can be found at <http://depts.washington.edu/uwpbk>.) Professor Ed Lazowska, the Bill and Melinda Gates Chair in Computer Science and Engineering, spoke on "What You Missed by Not Majoring in Engineering."

The Alpha Chapter sponsored an honors student luncheon on May 16. Executive board member Christine Ingebritsen, Acting Dean of Undergraduate Education, was the speaker. The purpose of these luncheons is to raise awareness of Phi

Beta Kappa among those high-achieving undergraduates who participate in the Honors Program (<http://depts.washington.edu/uwhonors>). We plan to continue the program in the future with one or two luncheons a year.

The chapter also elected a new slate of officers at its annual meeting in May: Zev Handel (President), Debra Glassman (Vice President), Pam Stewart (Secretary), and Karen Demorest (Treasurer).

The executive board is looking forward to a new year of activities for the Washington Alpha Chapter. Among the goals for the board are increasing the conversion rate of invitees to members and raising awareness among undergraduates of the history and mission of Phi Beta Kappa.

7 The Last Word: Deserving Scholars and Awards

Your Generosity Supports Deserving Students

Thanks to your generosity, we completed our most successful scholarship fundraising drive ever. We raised over \$6,000 with our first direct solicitation and will be able to provide much-needed support for more of our hard-working, bright students at the UW and UPS.

We are developing new ways to communicate the need for continuing assistance to high-achieving undergraduates. It's no surprise to our membership that the cost of higher education increases as the percentage of state contribution shrinks. Those who value liberal education must take the leadership in filling the financial gap so that the dream of a college education remains attainable regardless of economic status.

Our focus now will be on presenting the need to an audience beyond our membership. I hope you'll be willing to help by providing contacts to our Development Committee members and by telling your friends and neighbors of the importance of supporting these deserving students.

UW Grads Awarded Ernest R. Stiefel Scholarships

Two University of Washington graduate students have been awarded Ernest R. Stiefel Graduate Scholarships. Jennifer Wang will be working towards a Ph.D. in social psychology, focusing

on the ways in which culture affects the individual throughout the life span. She graduated with a degree in psychology. Grant Mandarino is pursuing an M.A. in comparative literature, focusing on critical theory, film, and the European 20th-century avant-garde. His undergraduate major was art history. The award amount varies from year to year; this year Wang and Mandarino received \$2,000 each.

The scholarship honors PSA-PBK board member Ernie Stiefel for his many years of service. Any UW or UPS graduate or professional student who is a member of Phi Beta Kappa is eligible to apply. For more scholarships and awards information, see www.psa-pbk.org/scholarships_awards.html.

PSA-PBK Scholarship Awards

The four recipients of the \$1,500 scholarships are Rachel Gross, a history and Spanish major at University of Puget Sound; Tristan Orford, an international political economy major at UPS; Sara Kahle, a business administration and accounting major at University of Washington; and Alana Whitehead, a dance and Russian major at UW.

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Keep Saturday, February 10, 2007, open for a musical kaffeeklatsch treat with Carl Dodril, founder of the Pipe Organ Foundation.

EVENTS

Fall luncheon, Thursday, October 12 (RSVP by September 26)
Total due: number attending multiplied by \$32 = ____ (\$39 after September 26)
Guest name(s) _____

Dead Sea Scrolls, Saturday, November 18 (RSVP by October 18)
Number attending multiplied by \$9.00 (ages 3 to 12) = \$ ____
\$15.75 (ages 13 to 64) = \$ ____
\$13.00 (ages 65 and over) = \$ ____ Total \$ ____

Guest name(s) _____
Kaffeeklatsch, October 7
Total due: number attending multiplied by \$5 = ____
Guest name(s) _____

DUES (please check mailing label to see if your dues are expired)
____ \$ 30 Regular
____ \$ 60 Sustaining
____ \$100 Patron
____ \$250 Key

GET INVOLVED ____ I want to volunteer. Please contact me.

Questions? Email us at administration@psa-pbk.org OR call Kate Ostrom at 425.255.3151

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\$ ____ Dead Sea Scrolls Exhibit
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