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Bringing the World Home

MUSEUM OF THE PEACE CORPS EXPERIENCE AND
THE OREGON HISTORICAL SOCIETY JOIN FORCES



Ron Myers of the CMPCE Board
Presenting at the OHS Breakfast
January 23, 2010



Display of Peace Corps
Artifacts at the OHS
Breakfast

It is my pleasure to inform you that the Committee for a Museum of the Peace Corps Experience has entered into a collaborative effort with the Oregon Historical Society to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of Peace Corps in 2011.

Together, CMPCE and OHS will be putting on an exhibit that will highlight the contributions of Oregon and Northwest Peace Corps volunteers to the history and success of this great program. The show is scheduled to run from March to June of 2011.

Oregon and other northwest states have consistently been in the top ten of producers of volun-

teers. We also boast one of the largest and most active of the returned volunteer communities. Recognizing the significance of these facts, the Oregon Historical Society was persuaded to host our 50th Anniversary exhibit.

This is an exciting opportunity and one that will bring a great deal of recognition to Portland and all the RPCV's educational programs to be held at the museum.

Please think about how you can get involved. We need your input and look forward to working with you side-by-side. Call Martin Kaplan, 503-699-9833, to volunteer.

OREGON HISTORICAL SOCIETY HOSTS KICK-OFF BREAKFAST

The Board of Directors of the Committee for a Museum of the Peace Corps Experience (CMPCE) is excited about recent developments that we want to share with you. As you may or may not already know CMPCE is working with the Oregon Histori-

cal Society (OHS) to put on an exhibit in celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the birth of the Peace Corps next year. The exhibit is scheduled to run from March through June 2011. To kick off the planning for this event CMPCE and OHS co-

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KICK-OFF BREAKFAST AT THE OREGON HISTORICAL SOCIETY (CONTINUED FROM P. 1)



Breakfast Attendees Enjoying the Festivities

"The Peace Corps is a remarkable tradition that emphasizes that our country is about more than power and wealth. It is also about the power of our values and the power of a helping hand, the ethic of service, and the understanding that we have an obligation not only to our own people, to people around the world to help them make the most of their own lives."

— President Bill Clinton



First Peace Corps Director Sargent Shriver Visiting Volunteers in Somalia, 1963

sponsored a breakfast last month for OHS to see and understand the support in the community for this exhibit. The response from the RPCV community was fantastic! There were over 60 people in attendance and the enthusiasm was electric. We don't want to lose this enthusiasm and we need your support for this exhibit. As evidence by the turnout at the breakfast the PCV camaraderie is still there. We need your support in several ways:

Artifacts and stories. If you have an artifact from your Peace Corps experience that you are willing to share with us either on loan or part of our permanent collection let us know by completing the attached form. If you know of someone with an artifact or story let us know so we can contact them. A videographer is volunteering his time to help us videotape RPCV's telling their stories on their Peace Corps experience and its impact on their life and career following their service. If you would like to tell your story let us know.

Program support: we have several different types of activities: It takes man hours and manpower to collect, collate, and assemble the pieces to put together an exhibit. Let

us know if you would like to help with this. b) We are planning on activities to run before and concurrent with the exhibit and need assistance putting these together. Let us know if you would like to help out with either planning one of these activities or participate in an activity.

Fund raising. It takes money to get the word out, plan activities, and put an exhibit together. We not only need financial support but also people to help us in the fund raising effort. This can run the gamut from grant writing to planning fund raising activities. Let us know if you would like to put your talents to work in fund raising. At the end of this newsletter please find sheet to complete to let us know your interest. Thank you for your past and continued support for a Museum of the Peace Corps Experience and specifically for this upcoming exhibit at the Oregon Historical Society.



Model of Buddhist Temple from Nepal. Gift of Brian Carr Smith

Submissions that will appear in the Peace Corps' 50th Anniversary Exhibit at the Oregon Historical Society



Russian Dolls. Gift of Susan Gallagher



Beaded Stool from Kenya. Loan from Marcie Garritt

4 / 15 DEADLINE FOR PHOTOS OF OBJECTS FOR PEACE CORPS EXHIBIT (THIS TIME WE REALLY MEAN IT) (BY MARSHA MATTHEWS, OHS)

In celebration of the upcoming 50th anniversary of the Peace Corps in 2011, the [Committee for a Museum of the Peace Corps Experience](#) (CMPCE) has teamed up with the [Oregon Historical Society](#) (OHS) to create an exhibit commemorating the contributions of Peace Corps volunteers. To make this unique exhibit a reality, we need YOUR stories, artifacts, and support to make this project a true representation of the Peace Corps experience. Whether it be loaning an object for display in the exhibit, sharing your personal story, or helping us fundraise, there are many ways to get involved in this inspiring project. The exhibit, opening March 2011, will present a variety of objects, from leatherwork, carvings, and furniture to pieces of art and personal mementoes. If you have an object(s) you would like to loan to the exhibit and share your experience with us, please let us know! The deadline to submit artifacts is **April 15**, so take a break from your taxes to show your support of the Peace Corps! Email:

marsha.matthews@ohs.org with a brief description of your object(s), the year and country of service, and a low resolution digital image of your object(s) **by April 15!** You're also invited to fill out and return the loan worksheet on page 4.

COMMENT FROM BILL STEIN,
PRESIDENT OF CRPCA

CRPCA is a big supporter of this project. In 2009 we granted \$750 to CMPCE so they could reach out to a large number of RPCVs to build excitement for the exhibit. OHS has alerted us that though they are very enthusiastic about the exhibit, "it can not be accomplished without the willing and active participation of RPCVs." I urge all CRPCA members and RPCVs from around the Northwest to think about what you might have brought back from your country-of-service that you would be willing to lend for this great Third Goal endeavor for a few months in 2011. Then take a few minutes to fill out the worksheet and submit your photo(s). Thank you!

Loan Worksheet

**Committee for a Museum of the Peace Corps Experience
Oregon Historical Society**

Peace Corps 50th Anniversary Exhibit

Thank you for agreeing to share your artifacts, images, recordings, and/or source materials for the production of the *Peace Corps 50th Anniversary* exhibit. We will be completing a formal loan agreement for each individual who loans material to the Oregon Historical Society for the purpose of creating this exhibit. The information on this worksheet will assist us in developing and designing the exhibit.

Please provide the information requested for each object. Please attach or e-mail a low res image of your object(s).

Lender's Name _____ Phone _____

Peace Corps Country _____ Years of PC Service _____

E-mail address _____

Return form/images to: Marsha Matthews, Director of Public Services, Oregon Historical Society, 1200 SW Park Ave., Portland OR 97205; 503.306.5274; marsha.matthews@ohs.org

Number	Description & Condition

Please use additional worksheets as required for your loan

**COMMITTEE FOR A MUSEUM OF THE
PEACE CORPS EXPERIENCE**
50TH ANNIVERSARY EXHIBIT AT THE OREGON
HISTORICAL SOCIETY

HOW I CAN HELP (please complete this form and return it to
CMPCE, P. O. Box 14861, Portland, OR 97293 or email to pcmuseum@comcast.net):

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Country of Peace Corps Service and Years Served: _____

___ I'd like to lend an artifact for display in the exhibit.

___ I want to be involved in a program or activity during the exhibit.

___ I would like to help identify donors and corporate sponsors.

___ I have attached a list of potential donors.

___ I want to make a gift towards necessary production expenses.

___ My employer provides matching gifts.

___ I would like to help recruit others to get involved with this project.

___ I want to be interviewed on **videotape** about my Peace Corps Service.