



Woodrow Wilson High School Alumni Update - MAY 2008

WILSON GRADUATES ... WHAT ARE THEY UP TO NOW?

ARTIST LIVING AND THRIVING IN PORTLAND

Wilson graduate, **Cynthia Mosser '88**, invites you to join her for a solo art exhibition of her latest collection titled "Cool Perennials" at the Augen Gallery in Portland, April 30 - May 27 2008 at the Augen Gallery in Portland. Cynthia has been busy since graduating from Wilson, with solo and group exhibitions in the United States, Hungary and the Czech Republic including the Vizivarosi Gallery in Budapest, Hungary, the Affair at the Jupiter Hotel and Lewis and Clark College in Portland, Oregon. After graduating from Wilson, Cynthia attended Whitman College in Walla Walla, WA where she received a BA in Art History (1992) and studied abroad in Paris for a semester her senior year. In 1995 she attended Pratt Institute in Brooklyn, NY then later moved to Prague, Czech Republic (1998-1999) to teach English and illustrate for the expatriate newspaper, the Prague Post. Cynthia adds, "Upon moving back to Portland, my focus turned to fine art and teaching. My work is now represented by the Augen Gallery, and I am an adjunct foundation design instructor at the Art Institute of Portland." When asked about influential teachers at Wilson, Cynthia specifically remembers two, "**George Penk** with his quirky, entertaining and grounded approach to chemistry, as well as **Mr. Unsicker**, the yearbook and photography instructor. Mr. Unsicker taught me important lessons about composition and made me realize I wanted to make art a central aspect of my life." To learn more about Cynthia, go to www.cynthiamosser.com. Please join Cynthia for this special exhibition of her work. "I look forward to seeing you at the gallery!" states Cynthia.

CYNTHIA MOSSER, COOL PERENNIALS, APRIL 30 – MAY 27, 2008, AUGEN GALLERY

www.augengallery.com/ 817 SW 2nd Avenue (downtown between SW Yamhill & Taylor Streets), Portland, OR, 503.224.8182

LEADER IN STATE-OF-THE-ART CUSTOM SCENERY AND LIGHTING

Corky (John) Boyd '85 started his career years ago in the WWHS auditorium. "I was lucky enough to have done the scenic and lighting design for *Diary of Anne Frank* in 1985," states Corky. Today, he is the Vice President of Hudson Scenic Studio, a leader in scenery fabrication and mechanization, with a 72,000 square foot facility in New York that provides state-of-the-art engineering, construction, and scenic art. "I have been working in New York since graduating with an MFA from Yale in 1992. I work for Hudson Scenic Studio one of the largest scenic fabricators in the country. Building and automating scenery for many Broadway shows we will be represented by new productions of *Billy Elliot*, *South Pacific*, *Dirty Dancing* and *Nine to Five* in the coming season. As Vice President I spend most of my time on the planning and commissioning of the ever increasingly complicated scenery for shows like *The Lion King*, *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang*, *Spamalot*, *Beauty and the Beast* and *Mary Poppins*. Last year we built and automated the new ball for the Times Square New Year's celebration." Corky recently found some photos from his high school set and lighting design of *Diary of Anne Frank*, starring Kelly Hedtke Grant '88 and Scott Prendergast '88. "Watching Kelly and Scott in the show I should have known they were destined to go on to successful entertainment careers," states Corky. Hudson Scenic Studio is connected to WWHS in another way, as well adds Corky. "I find it remarkable that much of the scenery Kelly Hedtke Grant '88 plays against on *Phantom of the Opera* every night was built by Hudson Scenic Studio." Kelly is currently on Tour as the lead in *Phantom of the Opera*. "Corky, WHAT A TALENT!" exclaims Julie Accuardi, retired Wilson Drama Teacher. "Corky, along with his friend **John Cenicerros '84**, could design, build, and light anything. They turned the stage and room 108 into small theatres. *The Diary of Anne Frank* set was two stories high! They were magic, and I was so lucky to work with them. Corky sent Wilson a huge crate of curtains and scenic drops as a gift from Hudson Scenic a few years ago. We used them on *Camelot* and I am grateful to him to this day. Corky is a treasure, and Hudson Scenic is very lucky to have him!" To learn more about Corky and Hudson Scenic Studio, Inc. go to: <http://www.hudsonscenic.com/index.php> or email Corky at atcboyd@hudsonscenic.com.

NEW WWII BOOK EXPLORES COMBAT PHOTOGRAPHY

Brian Ratty '60 just released his second book in the Dutch Clarke Journals series. 'The War Years' is a historical fiction novel with a storyline spun around the Office of War Information (OWI) and combat photography. OWI was the propaganda arm of the military during the war years (1941- 1945) and produced thousands of films, images and stories about the war. This little known government agency also did recruiting, war bond drives and helped Hollywood produce hundreds of feature films with war themes. Brian's first book Dutch Clarke's Journals, The Early Years, published in 2002, is a coming of age action adventure story set against the backdrop of British Columbia and the opening days of WWII. "Being a professional photographer I had always wanted to do a story about combat photography so this was a great opportunity for me," states Brian. "But when I started doing the research I kept finding interesting information about OWI with all of it's shady behind the scene activities. The further I went the more these two subjects just seemed to fit together so I developed my story around them both. To my knowledge this is the first novel about OWI and combat photography so it was challenge to research and write the story accurately. After completing the book, some three years later, I decided to dedicate it to all the men and women who gave their sweat and spilled their blood during the struggle of World War II. No greater generation ever walked the face of this Earth. We share our tomorrows because of their yesterdays." Brian has setup a web site, www.Dutchclarke.com where readers can get more information, browse the story, listen to a pod-cast of the first chapter and order signed copies of the book. Dutch Clarke's Journals, the War Years (ISBN: 0-595-49447-1) 492 pages, 6X9 paperback, is now available at: www.Barnesnoble.com - www.Amazon.com - www.iuniverse.com - www.Booksamillion.com or use Google book search to find other retailers. "I have some very good memories of Wilson but the most important was taking a photography class with Robert White in my junior year. Because of that class I fell in love with image making. Some years later, on this teacher's recommendations, I went to Brooks Institute of Photography in California and have been a professional photographer ever since. It has been an exciting and rewarding career and I owe my start to Wilson High School." Congratulations Brian!

MULTNOMAH'S 100TH BIRTHDAY PARTY, AUGUST 8-17, 2008

Patti Waitman-Ingebretsen '61, President of the Multnomah Historical Association would like you to know that Multnomah is celebrating its 100th birthday. There will be "A Grand Celebration for our Community" where we will come together to celebrate Multnomah's 100th Birthday Party, August 8-17, 2008. There will be an "All class reunion for Multnomah School" on Friday evening August 15, 2008 at Multnomah School. The "Grand Celebration Parade" will take place in Multnomah Saturday August 16. Check the Multnomah Historical website for details: www.multnomahhistorical.com or contact Jan Boone-MC G. at: janmcboone@comcast.net or Carolyn Boone Grenfell at: CGrenfell@aol.com. You can reach Patti Waitman-Ingebretsen '61 at pattitwirler@comcast.net.

MESSAGES FROM CLASSMATES

OUT IN SISTERS, OREGON

Hi Everyone!! It is always such fun to see anything from Wilson High. Great memories and so many wonderful friends. I am living in Sisters, Oregon and make many trips to Portland to see family and friends. I always smile when driving past our old Alma Mater. I own my own Real Estate Agency in Sisters (Central Oregon Property Experts) which keeps me pretty busy... but not too busy to enjoy the beauty that surrounds us here in Central Oregon. A warm hello and smile for all of the wonderful people I have known from those great years at Wilson High! Best Wishes to a great group of fellow Wilsonites!! We truly were so lucky to have been part of this wonderful school ... and I think because of the quality of the teachers and staff ... we received a much higher level of education because of it!! **Sharon Barney-Orlando '67, Sisters, Oregon**

HEARING FROM WWHS IS WELCOME SURPRISE

I don't know exactly how I got onto this list for the WWHS Alumni Update list but I am VERY glad I am on it! Due to one thing or another I have been able to attend only one of my class reunions and that was the 40th. I enjoyed it immensely! And it was very good to wander around ol' Portland once again. This is actually the second very welcome surprise I have had from my old alma mater. Back in 1984, at or around the time the 20th reunion was being set up, I received a large booklet with the names and photos of my former classmates. Since I had also been contacted for some "update" prior to receiving this booklet my current info was also in the book. It was heartwarming to once again be a part of Wilson. So, I don't know exactly how you folks find us alums but I for one am very glad you do! By the way, I was in Mr. Slick's drama class, in the class of 1964, and managed to secure the Lead in our Senior Class Play that year. The play was *Rebel Without a Cause*, and for some odd reason Mr. Slick thought I could do justice to James Dean's classic performance. I am sure I did not but I tried very hard and had a lot of fun. Funny about being in a play, at first you are overwhelmed by the requirements, the memorization of lines and moves on stage. Then the almost petrified state of fear before the first curtain goes up! Once out there though I recall feeling a little "ham" begin to erupt in me, which I would have never suspected was there! Anyway thanks again very much! **John Richard '64, Wheatland, Wyoming**

OPPORTUNITIES TO SUPPORT THE CURRENT STUDENT BODY

HELLO TROJAN FOOTBALL FANS

Please join us at our first annual **Trojan Football Texas Hold 'Em Tournament** on Saturday, **June 7** at the Old Market Pub, 6959 SW Garden Home Rd, Portland. Doors open at 5:00pm, Deal at 6:00 pm sharp. It should be a great event, with all the proceeds going to benefit the student-athletes involved in our program. "I hope to see you all there," adds **Aaron Olsen '91** (Head Football Coach). Space is limited! Sign up today! Contact Lance Troutman at 503-293-6255 or lancenpdx@yahoo.com. If you would like to contact Aaron Olsen '91, he can be reached at aolsen@pps.k12.or.us.

REUNIONS

CLASS OF 1958 ... 50-YEAR REUNION ... SEPTEMBER 26-27, 2008

Class of 1958: 50th reunion - September 26-27, 2008; info available by contacting WWHS.1958@comcast.net or call Jack Bertell at 503 244 1533.

CLASS OF 1963 ... 45-YEAR REUNION ... SEPTEMBER 5-6, 2008

The 45th Class Reunion is fast approaching for the Class of 1963. The reunion has been scheduled for: Friday, September 5 informal gathering at Billy Bang's on Macadam. Saturday, September 6 dinner and music at Red Tail Golf Course. If you would like more information, please contact Diane Saari Wiesner '63 at dweezer5@comcast.net. They are looking for lost classmates, so please help us find your friends from 1963!

CLASS OF 1968 ... 40-YEAR REUNION ... SEPTEMBER 19, 2008

40-Year Reunion - Wilson High School , Class of 1968 is scheduled for Friday, September 19, 2008 at the Embassy Suites - Downtown, 319 SW Pine St, Portland at 7:00 PM - 12:00 AM. Attire: Dressy Casual. Contact: 503-626-3669 or 1-800-474-3669 or email them at wilson1968@classic-reunions.com.

CLASS OF 1978 ... 30-YEAR REUNION ... AUGUST 16, 2008

The Class of '78 will be holding a 30th reunion on Saturday, August 16, 2008 from 6:30 PM - 12:00 AM at the Stockpot Broiler -Patio, 8200 SW Scholls Ferry Road, Beaverton, OR 97008. *Please note there will be a family picnic on Sunday, August 17, 2008. Place and time TBA. Classic Reunions is the company we chose to help us. They may be reached @ 503-626-3669, toll free (800)474-3669. Information about the reunion may also be viewed at: Wilson1978@classicreunions.com.

CLASS OF 1988 ... 20-YEAR REUNION ... AUGUST 23, 2008

Members of the WWHS Class of 1988 have been busy planning their upcoming reunion. The graduating Class of 1988 will have a 20-year reunion on Saturday night August 23, 2008. To find out more, please contact Scott Prendergast at scottthep@hotmail.com or you can go to their facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=27808100346>. More details to come, and they will have another website soon. Please help us get the word out! And find all our graduates! Spread the word.

CLASS OF 1998 ... 10-YEAR REUNION ... SEPTEMBER 5, 2008

The Wilson High School Class of 1998 10-year reunion will be held on Friday, September 5, 2008 at On Deck Sports Bar & Grill from 7:00pm – Midnight. For more information and to RSVP, please visit, <https://www.classicreunions.com/>. They are also hosting a picnic on Sunday, September 7, 2008 from 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM at Gabriel Park, SW 45th & Vermont, Portland, OR 97219. Bring Your Own Picnic.

CLASS OF 1959 50TH REUNION ... Weekend of September 11-12-13, 2009

Wilson classmates of the Class of 1959 are planning for the 50th reunion. Our reunion will be the weekend of the 12th of September, 2009, the weekend includes the 11-13, but the major gathering will be the evening of the 12th. We are finalizing other plans in the next couple of weeks. Any questions or input regarding the reunion can be forwarded to the committee at wilsongrad59@comcast.net.

STAY IN TOUCH

DO YOU HAVE NEWS TO REPORT?

Send the details to Linda Doyle at lsdoyle@earthlink.net, including your name, class year and quote about your time spent at WWHS.

FIFTY PLUS YEARS OF WILSON DRAMA

Check out this compilation of "Fifty Plus Years of Wilson Drama" created with historical files and photos at <http://fifty.wilsonhs.com/drama/index.html>. Enjoy this tribute to students, teachers, staff, parents, and community who support Wilson. If you have photos or stories to share from your time at Wilson or you have news on what drama alumni have been up to since graduating from Wilson, please contact to Linda Doyle at lsdoyle@earthlink.net.

50TH ANNIVERSARY APPAREL

Interested in purchasing 50th Anniversary t-shirts, sweatshirts, caps? To place an order, contact Jack Bertell '58 at jrbertell@comcast.net.

WWHS ALUMNI MAILING LIST

If you know of someone that would like to get on the WWHS alumni mailing list, please have them go to the 50th website and complete the simple online form at <http://fifty.wilsonhs.com/>.