

Charbonneau Women's Association article for April Villager

The Charbonneau Women's Association tries to provide a variety of programs at our luncheon meetings throughout the year. In January we focused on organizing and decluttering and at our February tea we had a dramatic historical presentation. In March we heard Dan Murphy speak about musical theater and the current season at Broadway Rose. Often in the early Spring months our thoughts, and programs, turn to plants and gardens. This month we are presenting a program to encourage you to think in a different way about your outdoor space, whether it be a patio, courtyard or yard. Lucy Davenport of *Bonsai Akira Nursery* will be coming to speak about the joys of bonsai trees and how native Northwest plants can be used in this ancient garden art. The luncheon will feature an Asian themed buffet lunch. Reservations are being taken in the book in the Activity Center closet until Thursday, April 10 at noon. The cost is \$32/members and \$37/guests.

After this we are all looking forward to one of the big events of the year. On May 12 CWA will present a fashion show by *The Difference* in Lake Oswego. The theme is ***Revamp Your Style – The Magic of Accessories***. The clothes will be modeled by 9 of our own members and Babs Osterud, personal stylist from *The Difference* will be there to commentate. Her motto is taken from fashion designer Marc Jacobs, "Clothes mean nothing until someone lives in them." Thus, clothes gain their value, emphasis, and character only when they become a part of your unique dressing style or identity. That day we will be enjoying a catered buffet lunch by *It's Party Time*. Reservations will start to be taken soon so talk to your friends and neighbors. You will be able to reserve a table for 8 for this special event luncheon. Watch your e-mail for more information.

CWA would welcome your help for the coming year. The board positions rotate in early June. The board meets once a month on the first Monday at 9 am. Of course, no one makes all of the meetings and so we like to have several women serving in each area. That way we always have someone to share ideas and duties with. Charbonneau is a busy place with a lot of things to enjoy. It takes many hands we don't want it to be overwhelming for anyone.