

Have you noticed that the days are getting longer? Even when I lived in colder climates we would say that in February there is always a hint of spring. The CWA luncheon on Monday, February 10 will be a Valentine Tea, so perhaps if the weather cooperates, we can dress up in something flowery or pastel. This was a popular event last year when we all enjoyed service on tiered plates of little tea sandwiches, scones and other teatime goodies and it will be similar this year.

Our program that day should be especially entertaining and informative as we focus on the era of the building of the Pittock Mansion. I am sure that many of you have toured this lovely home built in 1914 in Northwest Portland. Our program will give us a special insight into those times and the life of the people who made the mansion their home. Mary Hutchens will portray Mrs. Pittock, and her husband, Mike, will portray her chauffeur, as they tell the stories of Georgiana and Henry Pittock. The Pittocks endured the Oregon Trail and were integral to the growth of the city of Portland. Georgiana Pittock is also dear to gardeners as she is considered the founder of the Portland Rose Festival. For our program they will be focusing on the years when the mansion was being built and with things such as Women's Suffrage and WWI which were influencing the changing times in the city. I think that this type of storytelling really brings history to life, and I am sure we will all have a wonderful time learning a bit more of Oregon history.

Reservations for the tea are being taken up until noon Thursday, February 6. Sign-ups are made in the book in the Activity Center and payment may be handed in at the desk or placed in the slot near the Activity Center doors. The cost is \$32 for members and \$37 for guests. You may attend one event as a guest before joining the group. The *Charbonneau Women's Association* is a social club open to women of the Wilsonville area. You do not have to live in Charbonneau to join and enjoy our events. Dues are \$30 and cover the club year from September through May. Membership forms are online or in the front of the book in the Activity Center Closet and payment may be made in the same way as for events. There is still a lot of fun to look forward to this year with luncheons on the second Mondays of March, April and May. The May luncheon will feature a fashion show. All these events will be held in the Dining Room of the Charbonneau Clubhouse starting at 11:30 am. I hope to see you there.