



The record crowd at Discovery Days poses for a group photo

Highlights from Discovery Days 2009

Discovery Days is the signature educational event at Washington Women's Foundation. The program features speakers in each of our five grant-making areas: Arts & Culture, Education, Environment, Health and Human Services. We ask these speakers to discuss urgent, critical issues in their respective fields, and to give us their thoughts on how we can best make philanthropic investments on a personal and foundation level. Our goal is to give the 2010 Grant Committee some new ideas and inspiration as they embark on their funding deliberations, as well as provide all members and guests some insight in to current approaches and responses as they consider their own charitable giving.

This year saw record attendance at these five sessions, held over two days in mid-November; there were over 110 attendees for every presentation. Go to the WWF website to read highlights on the presentations about topics such as: getting students 'college-ready,' the link between homelessness and domestic violence, some cutting-edge local arts groups, and the response of philanthropy to upcoming health care reform. Also, new this year, **see videocasts of most of these speakers** online!

Great thanks go to event co-chairs **Carrie George**, **Cathy Hillenbrand** and the other 10 members on the Discovery Days planning committee; it was terrific effort. We also thank presenting sponsor **Laird Norton Tye** for its generous support that allowed us to offer Discovery Days at no charge to members and guests.



If you missed Discovery Days, you can find both notes and videocasts of the event online at:

[www.wawomensfoundation.org/
learning-resources/educational-programs.php](http://www.wawomensfoundation.org/learning-resources/educational-programs.php)

Vivian Phillips, Managing Director of ACT's Hansberry Project, speaks to WWF members about the vibrant and innovative small arts organizations in Seattle.



A few highlights from our impromptu photo shoot with members attending Discovery Days!

Coming Up at WWF

Please register online at www.wawomensfoundation.org/calendar-of-events or call Emily at the office at 206-340-1710

Holiday Home Gathering - December 10, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m., WWF member Carrie George's home on Mercer Island
Celebrate the holiday season and connect with fellow WWF members. Featuring **Grace Chien**, CEO of Girl Scouts of Western Washington, a recipient of WWF's 2008 Pooled Grant in Human Services, and WWF board member.

Service Opportunity: Serve Lunch at YWCA Angeline's Center - December 15, 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Back for the second year by popular demand! Join us to serve a special holiday meal at YWCA's Angeline's Center, a safe haven for hundreds of homeless and low income women in downtown Seattle. **Cost: \$25 to cover price of meal for 200 women.**

Grant Committee Kick-off - Thursday, January 7, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m., 2100 Building
We are seeking all WWF members who would like to join the 2010 Grant Committee! To join the Committee, please register and attend this initial meeting. If you can't attend but would like to participate on the Committee, please let the office know. 2010 calendar of meetings available online.

Save the
Dates!

Education Outing: Seattle Public Library - January 14, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.
2010 Member Celebration at Seattle Art Museum - February 2, 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.



Dear Members,

Seasons Greetings!

As we enter this holiday season, I am reminded how grateful we are for each of you, your commitment to the Foundation, the energy and enthusiasm you bring to our work, and your great generosity of spirit. Thank you for your support and participation at WWF!

The Foundation is on a strong trajectory of growth and enthusiasm. As we move toward our 15th year in 2010, our Board of Directors has undertaken some important strategic planning work, to assure our future success and impact. The board is considering all elements of our grant-making, educational programs, membership and priorities with a view to assuring members of continued innovation and inspiration as we move forward. We are deeply grateful to all of our members who have offered their feedback and perspective. The board will be continuing its work in the coming weeks, and look forward to sharing some announcements in the first quarter of 2010.

Sending best wishes to you and your loved ones for a wonderful holiday season, and a new year filled with hope and renewal.

Warmly,

Carla E. Lewis, President



Two Great Ways to Give This Season

Give A Woman in Your Life the Gift of Philanthropy

Share the power and potential of women in philanthropy by giving the gift of WWF membership to a special woman in your life – aunt, niece, daughter, mother, granddaughter, god-daughter. A gift acknowledgement will be sent directly to the gift recipient.

Give a Gift to Support the Foundation

Please consider a gift to the Annual Fund in honor or memory of a woman who has been a mentor to you. Your tax-deductible gift will invest in the programs and operations of the Foundation. Annual Fund Letters are in the mail now.

Please give on our website at

www.wawomensfoundation.org/donate-now/

Or contact Emily at emily@wawomensfoundation.org or at 206-340-1710.



2009 Annual Meeting

At WWF's Annual Meeting on September 29, members heard about the business of the Foundation, our 2008 financial highlights, and how to get involved on our committees. We also held the annual election of directors to the WWF board, and elected three new board members to begin their terms in January 2010. Please join us in welcoming them!

Meet Our New WWF Board Members:



Grace Chien

Grace Chien is Chief Executive Officer of Girl Scouts of Western Washington, a recipient of WWF's 2008 Pooled Fund Grant in Human Services. Grace also serves on the boards of the Executive Alliance and Seattle Rotary #4, and is an appointee of the Governor on the Washington State Commission for National and Community Service. Grace received her Juris Doctorate and Masters in Public Administration from the University of Washington. She is an alumna of Leadership Tomorrow and the Executive Development Institute. Grace joined the Foundation in 2009.



Laura Midgley

Laura Midgley has been an active member of the Foundation since 2002, serving as Chair of the Grant Committee and most recently as Chair of the Committee Cabinet. In her capacity as Cabinet Chair, Laura served as an *ex-officio* member of the Board in 2007 and 2008. Laura is currently Vice President of the board of Child Care Resources and President of the Parent Council at University Prep. Laura is an Emeritus board member of Program for Early Parent Support (PEPS) where she served as board chair, and was a founding board member of Rebuilding Together Seattle. Laura also volunteers for Family Law CASA King County as a court appointed child advocate. This academic year, Laura and her family are hosting an AFS student from Turkey.



Judith Runstad

Judith Runstad has been an attorney with Foster Pepper, LLC for over 35 years; she is currently Of Counsel, specializing in the areas of real estate development, land use and environmental law. Judy serves on the boards of Wells Fargo and Potlatch Corporation; is past chair of Seattle Chamber of Commerce, Downtown Seattle Association and the United Way of King County Campaign; and is a former trustee of Seattle University, Leadership Tomorrow, The Seattle Foundation, Seattle Art Museum, ACT Theatre and YWCA. Judy joined the Foundation in 1996 as a founding member.

Recent Happenings @ WWF

WWF Visits the Wing Luke Asian Museum – September 25

Event planned by WWF Membership Committee

WWF kicked off the program year by visiting the spectacular Wing Luke Asian Museum in the International District. We heard from WWF's **Christina Rockrise** about her experience designing the museum store, along with Wing Luke Executive Director **Beth Takekawa** addressing the history of the museum. The highlight was a tour of the **1910 Historic Hotel** and the **Yick Fung Company Store**, historic landmarks for immigrants and residents of the International District, now part of the Museum.

Fall Education Forum: Impact Assessment – October 13

Event planned by WWF Education Committee

Evaluation experts **Therese Caouette**, Professor at Seattle University, and **John-Paul Chaisson-Cardenas**, Executive Director of the Latino Community Fund, led a participatory and engaging workshop on impact assessment. Over 40 attendees heard the "top 10 myths" about evaluation, as well as ways that all organizations (small and large) can measure the impact of their programs. Members also had the opportunity to practice a unique evaluation method to identify common themes in responses to open-ended survey questions. A fun, informative, and practical forum!

Van Tour: Grants In Action! – October 23

Event planned jointly by Impact Assessment & Membership Committees



WWF members just off the bus and excited about the positive impact of our grants!

Twenty WWF members rode the first-ever "WWF Express" together to **First Place**, a grantee who is making excellent use of our \$100,000 grant. They are establishing an on-site mental health assessment and treatment program for the 80+ students in their preschool to sixth grade school program, all of whom are overcoming the traumas of homelessness, domestic violence and poverty. With our funds, First Place has created an innovative partnership with Antioch University, whereby doctoral and masters-level students in psychology are conducting assessments and assisting with the treatment plans for the First Place children. Antioch University President and WWF member **Cassandra Manuelito-Kerkvliet** was on hand to discuss this innovative partnership. The trip included a brief visit with a wonderful 2nd grade class that was engaged and enthusiastic.

Next, the bus proceeded to Seattle Center, where **The Vera Project** has established a permanent home for its all-ages music programming. We toured the stage, the sound and recording booth, the silk-screen studio, the art gallery – all meant to create a positive, drug- and alcohol-free venue for young people to engage in music. In addition to putting on cutting-edge music shows, Vera provides training and classes on all aspects of the music industry, from design and creation of posters and t-shirts, to sound production, to business promotion. It was an impressive and inspiring morning, seeing the impact of WWF grants in action! Special thanks to **Gina Haggerty** and **Ellen Kerr** for helping to plan this pilot effort.

Kudos to our own Foundation Members!

Debbi Brainerd was named a 2009 Woman of Influence by Puget Sound Business Journal

Marion DeForest, WWF's Deputy Director and member, made our office proud by completing her first triathlon in September!

Molly Hanlon was named Board Chair-Elect of YWCA Seattle-King-Snohomish Counties

Sarajane Milder was honored for her support and contribution at the Seattle premiere of *Chronicles of a Professional Eulogist* by filmmaker Sarah Jane Lapp

Nancy Nordhoff was named "Outstanding Philanthropist" on November 13, National Philanthropy Day, by the Washington Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals

Teresa Santerre, Vice President of Prestige Custom Builders, has a project featured in the Nov/Dec issue of *Seattle Homes and Lifestyles* magazine

Maggie Walker was named to the UW's Department of Communications' Hall of Fame, an honor for alumni who have made a significant positive difference in people's lives. UW's College of Arts and Sciences also honored Maggie's tenure as chair of its advisory board by naming a newly-discovered tropical fish after her!

Always Seeking Member Kudos Please send your or other members' accomplishments to megan@wawomensfoundation.org

Grantee Spotlights: Our Community Investments at Work

Here is a snapshot of the great work of two WWF grantees, each of whom received \$100,000 from our pooled fund.

Puget Soundkeeper Alliance

2007 Environment Grant

Stormwater runoff is the number one source of pollution harming Puget Sound, causing orcas, salmon, marine birds and other Puget Sound wildlife to be threatened with extinction.

Puget Soundkeeper Alliance (PSA) hopes to control stormwater runoff from urban areas into the Puget Sound basin by tracking down and stopping discharge of toxic pollutants into the Sound. PSA actively monitors Puget Sound water quality by boat, enforces the Clean Water Act through legal challenges, and implements solution-oriented partnerships with the business community.

PSA's efforts over the past 25 years have resulted in a **reduction of toxic runoff from 4,500 pollution-intensive businesses.** This has been accomplished by working with the Department of Ecology (DOE) on stormwater issues, reviewing drafts of industrial permits, and appealing permits to the Pollution Control Hearings Board when DOE fails to protect water quality. PSA also monitors compliance with pollution permits and uses the citizen lawsuit provision of the Clean Water Act to obtain permit compliance when the DOE fails to take action.



Kayakers participate in PSA's South Park Cleanup in the Duwamish River

With the help of the three-year, \$100,000 grant from WWF, PSA resolved 26 Clean Water Act lawsuits this past year. These resolutions generated **\$890,100 in mitigation funding from polluters that was distributed among 24 conservation organizations.** Along with the monitoring of existing pollution into the Sound, PSA is working to identify technical innovations to help curb pollution.

www.pugetsoundkeeper.org

Artist Trust – 2008 Arts & Culture

Artist Trust has used the first installment of our grant to enhance their professional development program for artists, and to provide six local artists with direct monetary support for their art. Two artists enriching our community with their work are profiled here:



Preston Singletary, *Raven Steals the Stars*, 19.5"x6.5"x6", 2009

Craft artist **Preston Singletary** received \$1,500 for research expenses on Tlingit culture to enhance his art and provide a deeper cultural context in which to work. The artist has been producing glass sculptures that feature themes of transformation, animal spirits and crests, shamanism, basketry, and cultural components of his tribe for over the last 20 years.



www.prestonsingletary.com

Filmmaker **Lucy Ostrander** of Bainbridge Island received \$1,500 to cover the rights in incorporating archival footage into her documentary. Titled "Fumiko Hayashida: the Woman Behind the Symbol", the documentary is a portrait of the woman whose 1942 photograph has over time been transformed into a symbol of the Japanese American Internment history. The full-length film captures footage of 97 year old Fumiko and her daughter's pilgrimage to the original Minidoka concentration camp in Idaho.



Lucy Ostrander, still from *Fumiko Hayashida: The Woman Behind the Symbol*, 2009. Image courtesy of Museum of History and Industry.

www.stourwater.com

Welcome New WWF Members!

Gwen Babcock
Pauline Bach
Ann Bowden
Grace Chien
Beth deGroen
Tonya Dressel
Catherine Garth
Robyn Grad
Casey Margard
Elizabeth Martin
Sue Mecklenburg

Resa Moore
Harriett Morton
Grace Nordhoff
Margit Rankin
Elizabeth Romney
Michele Rosen
Michelle Sailor
Suzanne Skinner
Terri Stratton
Jeanne Tweten
Nina Zingale

www.artisttrust.org

A SPECIAL THANK YOU

to Foundation members who have recently hosted Prospective Member events:

**Sarah Church
Kathleen Davis
Donna Lou
Laura Midgley
Kathy Rumberger**

Contact Megan at WWF if you are interested in hosting an event for your friends to learn more about WWF membership!