

Women's History Luncheon: History, Hankies and Her Accessories

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11:30 am - 1:30 pm

Coos History Museum, Sprague Gallery, Coos Bay

Doors open at 11am

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Seating is limited to this catered luncheon: tickets must be purchased in advance! Secure your seat today. Coos Bay crooner, Shaymus Hanlin will be singing and historic costume expert, LaRee Johnson, will be the featured speaker.

Tickets are \$40/CHM member or \$45/non-member. Individual seats are available as well as tables of eight. Contact the museum for more information or to purchase tickets.



LaRee Johnson, a 37-year collector of vintage clothing, member of the Costume Society of America and National Button Society, lives in historic Astoria, Oregon. Although her purpose is to preserve vintage fashion, it is always a pleasure to open her closets and trunks and share her collection with Nostalgic Fashion Presentations. She authored and photographed *Ladies' Vintage Accessories*, a 333-page comprehensive value and identification guide in hardback on ladies accessories from mid-1800's to modern. The book went into 4 editions selling nationwide.

LaRee has collaborated with her husband, Andrew E. Cier, on the Bicentennial Edition *Destination: The Pacific* Guidebook and Personal Journal, listing all the Lewis & Clark sites from Long Beach WA to Cannon Beach, OR at the mouth of the Columbia River. She is active in the community with membership in the Clatsop County Historical Society, and past service on the Board of Directors for the Lower

Columbia Preservation Society, Lewis & Clark Bicentennial.

LaRee also adapted and performed in the video "Herstory," diaries from three Oregon pioneer women, one of whom is Mary Riddle who lived locally many years in Swenson. She is dressed in authentic period fashion reading from their journals in historic locations in Clatsop County. This was an authorized Oregon Trail Project, locally filmed by filmmaker Mick Alderman.

LaRee's current project, "Lady With a Past," again collaborating with Andrew E. Cier, is a lush photographic collection of sepia toned images of antique clothing from her personal collection. These images can be seen at: www.etsy.com/shop/ladywithapast (<http://www.etsy.com/shop/ladywithapast>). The notecards are available for sale in their downtown Astoria Studio by appointment.