

EMERITI GUILD NEWS

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CHAIR'S MESSAGE

Greetings! I assumed the Chair position following Carol Fountain, an incredible leader and a delightful colleague, who served in this position for eight years. We are all very grateful for her giving so much time and energy (and wine and chocolate gift baskets as prizes) to the Guild.

In February at the Emeriti Guild annual meeting, although not present, I was elected to chair the Guild for the next two years. I look forward to seeing many of you at our social events - a time to visit with former colleagues and friends (and hopefully win a prize)!

During the beginning of 2023, I spent over three weeks in Vietnam, returning after 53 years. I worked for the Red Cross (Donut Dolly) in Vietnam in 1968-69, working in recreation centers and flying out in choppers, taking programs to our soldiers in the field. In 1995, one of the MBA candidates from Vietnam interned at BSU Human Resources. This was the beginning of a lasting friendship with Hang, Chi, and Mai. I kept my promise to visit and we had such a delightful reunion. I then embarked on an Overseas Adventure Travel tour making our way south to Saigon. On the way, we visited an orphanage, a ceramic village, a seven generations water puppeteer, made rice paper, visited a Montagnard village, China Beach, Hoi An during the Tet (New Year) festivities and ate incredible food, eventually reaching Saigon. I hadn't realized how much I needed to return to see friends and visit this beautiful country and its lovely people.

I look forward to seeing you at our Spring Social on Tuesday, May 9th from 2:00-4:00 p.m. in the Emeriti Guild center.



Jane Buser, Chair

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SPRING FLING SOCIAL

A Spring Fling Social will be held on Tuesday, May 9, 2023 from 2-4 p.m. Refreshments will be provided. Parking is available in the lot near the Center. A current parking permit is required to use the lot. Please plan on attending and feel free to bring a guest.

There will be a drawing for door prizes. To be eligible for the drawing, please RSVP that you will be attending the social to Barbara Schenk at bschenk@boisestate.edu.

Note: We will be moving to the Yanke Building on Parkcenter Boulevard later this year and will not have room to house our book collection. We hope you come to the social for community building and take books (at least two or ten or more) home with you.

OF CRAVATS AND CROATIA

Origin of the Necktie (or 'Cravat')

Did you know the necktie originated in Croatia? The Thirty Years War (1618-1648) ravaged much of Europe. During this time the Croatian Light Cavalry fought throughout Europe and reached all the way to Paris. The Cavalry soldiers wore brightly colored scarves

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REGULAR GUILD ACTIVITIES

All regular Guild activities are held at the Emeriti Center. Be sure to display your parking permit when using the parking lot. We are located at 2239 University across from the Brady Garage, behind the old Quiznos space.

Programs Tours and events as scheduled.

Coffee Social First Tuesday of the month, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.—A gathering for conversation.

Book Group Third Wednesday of the month). 12 to 2 p.m. —All Guild members and guests are welcome.

Current book list through June 2023:

5/17/23 *The Song of the Cell* by Siddhartha Mukherjee (2022) (352 pp).

6/21/23 (Summer Solstice) *Visual Thinking* by Temple Grandin (2022) (436 pp).

Watercolor Group Second Tuesday of the month, 10 a.m. — Watercolor, pencil or pen and ink artists paint independently and are helpful to each other, but no formal lessons are given. There are no provisions for oil or acrylic painters. Contact Corrine Smith at csmith2@boisestate.edu.

Emeriti Lecture Series Great DVD Courses (We are discontinuing the DVD Great Lecture series usually held the first two Wednesdays of each month as there have been no attendees the past two months. Members interested in restarting this group or who have an idea for a new group should contact Dick Rapp at rapp@boisestate.edu).

Board Meeting Second Monday of the month, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Annual Meeting Held in February each year. Includes a keynote speaker, a business meeting, and election of open officer positions for the next year.

Holiday Gathering Held in December of each year.

Spring Fling Social Held in May of each year. This year's is May 9th!



Holiday Emeriti Social, December 7, 2022

NEW EMERITI BOARD

Chair – Jane Buser
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ANNUAL MEETING NOTES

The Annual Meeting of the Emeriti Guild was held in the Lookout Room in the Student Union Building, on February 28, 2023 from 2-4 p.m. Refreshments were available for the approximately 40 people who attended. Carol Fountain, Emeriti Guild Chair, welcomed everyone and thanked current board members for their service. She then spoke briefly on the following topics: 1) The Guild Center's move to the Yankee Building, Fall 2023; 2) The Spring Fling social event (May 9, 2023); and 3) The history of the Iron Gate and its connection to the Emeriti Center and the campus.

Dr. John Buckwalter, new Provost of Boise State University, gave the Keynote address highlighting some major goals and objectives of the University followed by taking audience questions. After Dr. Buckwalter's talk, a moment of silence was held for members who passed away in the past year.

A business meeting was then called to order by Fountain and she stated the Guild's financial account balance was \$10,018. An annual election of officers to fill out the board for the upcoming term was held. New officers elected: Jane Buser, Chair; Barbara Schenk, Vice Chair; and Connie Charlton, Secretary. *(Note: A full listing of the new board is listed in this newsletter).*

On behalf of Emeriti Guild members, Barbara Schenk presented a gift of appreciation to Carol, and thanked her for her dedicated service (eight terms as Chair). Carol thanked everyone stating that it was an honor to serve the Guild. She will remain as an advisor to the board into the future.

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around their necks in a certain way as part of their traditional national costume.

During the reign of Louis XIV, this style, 'in the Croatian Way', or 'a lamaniere croate', became very popular among the fastidious Parisians. This new fashion item became the vogue first in France, and then the rest of Europe as well as the entire civilized world. Thus the 'cravat' became a symbol of the well dressed man.

—Carol Fountain,
Immediate Past Chair

SOME AVAILABLE RESOURCES

Calendar

<https://www.boisestate.edu/emergitguild/calendar-of-events/>

Campus Resources

<https://www.boisestate.edu/emergitguild/resources/links/>

Bylaws

<https://www.boisestate.edu/emergitguild/resources/bylaws/>

Newsletter Archive

<https://www.boisestate.edu/emergitguild/resources/newsletters/>

ANNUAL MEETING PICTURES

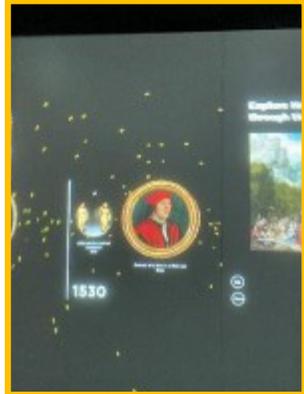


Clockwise: Top Left Barbara Schenk; Carol Fountain; Provost Buckwalter; and Guild members in attendance at the Annual Emeriti Guild meeting in the Lookout Room in the Student Union Building on 2-28-23.





Keith & Catherine Stein Luminary Visit



Clockwise: *Top Left* Emeriti members wait to enter the Luminary; NYC's Metropolitan Museum items; historical Medieval collections; live streaming Webb Space Telescope links; Emeriti members learning about the Luminary's capabilities.

On March 13, 2023 some Emeriti members attended a scheduled Program at the Keith and Catherine Stein Luminary. This facility is housed in the new Center for the Visual Arts building at Boise State University.

The 'Luminary' is an all-digital museum space equipped with touch-activated glass wall surfaces to display content. It has surround sound, and high-lumen ceiling projectors that work to produce immersive, sensory, and active experiences. The Luminary's content at this time is focused on visual and performing arts and cultural exhibitions. But you can also virtually explore countries, historical content, museum collections, the James Webb Space Telescope (live!) and so much more.

The emeriti were able to ask questions of the Luminary staff to explore future possible uses for the resource, including virtual labs for Biology students, as well as other educational applications.

To learn more about the Luminary, please go to: www.boisestate.edu/luminary.

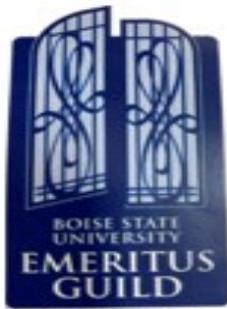
Membership Renewal Reminder

Dues are being collected for the 2023 year. Membership dues were suspended for the last couple of years due to very few planned activities (and Covid). Now the Guild is back in activity mode!

If you need to pay your dues, you may bring payment with you to the Spring Fling on May 9, or you can send checks (*payable to Boise State University Emeritus Guild*) to: Emeriti Guild, MS 1003, Boise State University, 1910 University Drive, Boise, ID 83725-1003.

- Annual Guild Membership Dues are \$25
- Lifetime Guild Membership Dues are \$250

If you have had a change of address, email, or phone number or have any questions about membership, please contact Nancy Otterness (Membership Chair) by sending an email to nottern@boisestate.edu.



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