

Shaw library to host annual banquet

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Linda Hussa, a Surprise Valley rancher and award-winning author and poet who read at the White House, will be the featured speaker at the Shaw Historical Library's annual banquet Oct. 20 at Oregon Institute of Technology.

The program will include music by the Link River Ramblers, a silent auction featuring regional artifacts and the release of the library's annual Journal, "Buckaroos and Barons: Cattle Ranching in the Land of the Lakes."

Shaw board president Marge D'Wylde said the program includes a no-host social hour at 5:30 p.m., dinner at 6:30 and Hussa's program, "Western Ranch Life in Poetry and Prose," at 7:45 in the Mt. Mazama and Mt. Scott rooms at Oregon Institute of Technology's College Union.

D'Wylde said Hussa, who has ranched in the Surprise Valley area of Modoc County with her husband, John, for the past 40 years, is "nationally known for her haunting, endearing and often funny stories about contemporary ranch life."

Along with reading poetry at the White House in 2005, where she was



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The cover of the new Shaw Journal, "Buckaroos and Barons: Cattle Ranching in the Land of the Lakes," features old-time cowboys.

introduced by then-first lady Laura Bush, Hussa has read at the Library of Congress and Fish Trap, was a member of the Orion Society tour in 1998 and been a featured poet at the National Cowboy Poetry Gathering since 1991.

Her books include three poetry collections, "Ride the Silence," "Where the Wind Lives" and "Blood Sister I Am to These Fields." Hussa's other books are "Sharing Fencelines," "Lige Langston: Sweet Iron," and "The Family Ranch: Land, Children, and Tradition in the American West."

She has lived in Surprise Valley since 1971, when she married John Hussa, moved to his family ranch and became involved in the family's cow-calf business and quarter-horse breeding. The Hussas also have raised Navajo-Churro sheep since 1989.

"The Great Basin and the western way of life figure prominently in my writing," Hussa says of her work. "The language of the work we do, the animals we raise and tend, the human history that defines the way I think is particular to this place. But at its heart

If you go

Cost for the Shaw Historical Library's annual banquet is \$30 per person, \$55 for two, or \$165 for a table of six. The entrée will feature beef rib roast with a non-meat option.

Reservations are necessary by Oct. 13 and can be made by calling the library at 541-885-1772 or online at www.library.oit.edu/shaw/banquet.

The no-host social hour, which begins at 5:30 p.m., the 6:30 dinner and 7:45 program will be at the Mt. Mazama and Mt. Scott rooms at Oregon Institute of Technology's College Union.

Link River Ramblers

The Link River Ramblers is a bluegrass band started in 2007. The group of Klamath Falls musicians decided to make themselves available for audiences wanting to hear energetic, toe-tapping bluegrass music. Their musical focus is bluegrass, but they also blend in an occasional waltz, old-time fiddle tune or folk song.

is the human experience."

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Advance copies of newest journal to be released

Advance copies of "Buckaroos and Barons: Cattle Ranching in the Land of Lakes," the newest Shaw Journal, will be released at the Shaw Historical Library's annual banquet.

"We are celebrating the publication of our 25th Silver Anniversary issue of the Shaw Journal," said Shaw librarian Anne

Hiller-Clark, noting the issue explores the region's cattle industry.

"We explore famous historical ranches, associations that were formed to protect and serve them and the wonderful buckaroo traditions that became the hallmark of cattle management in Oregon and the West," Hiller-Clark said.

"Throughout the journal we examine the steadfastness of the ranching family, saluting the men and women who continue the traditions of managing land and livestock."

Highlights include photo essays by Mary Williams Hyde and Madeline Graham Blake and writings by Linda Hussa, the Sur-

prise Valley rancher-author-poet who is the banquet's featured speaker.

People wanting to obtain copies of the journal can contact Hiller-Clark at 541-885-1686, email her at anne.hillerclark@oit.edu, or visit the Shaw website at www.library.oit.edu/shaw.