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The Fort Vancouver Tapestry is "stepping out on the town."

It is always with great pride that we present panels of the Tapestry to the public showing our work in progress. Our calendar is already showing great promise with displays in both City Hall and the new County Services Building on Franklin at Mill Plain.

We will have a 6 foot section hanging in the lobby display case at City Hall for the entire month of January—additionally, we provided two extra 6-footers as the backdrop for the swearing-in ceremony for the new City Council members and Mayor on January 5th. Two sections are gracing the entrance hall to the County Hearing Room on the 6th floor of the Services Building.

We will be rotating new sections in every six weeks or so. Providing secure yet accessible access to Vancouver's legacy is important to us, and we will keep you posted on new places to see and be seen with the Tapestry throughout the year. We welcome suggestions for new venues.

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A STITCH IN TIME

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NEW YEARS GREETINGS

Well my friends, 2003 was an eventful year in many ways and the coming year holds promises of even more action. Many new stitchers joined our ranks. Their added expertise and ideas are very welcome and inspirational to me. My duties increased dramatically as the onslaught of Eleanor's macular degeneration proved invincible. She is concentrating on getting her memoirs committed to paper and I have taken over all the remaining panel designs and drawings. I must say the enthusiasm of the stitchers is intense; they snatch the panels away as soon as they are on the linen! What's left to do, you ask.....the last four panels are in various stages of being drawn and should be in stitchers' hands within the next couple of months. We've started getting the word out to local woodworkers for bids on the final cabinetry although we still aren't sure exactly which building we'll be in. And keep your ears open for news of the formation of "Friends of the Tapestry", a source of continued support after final installation.

We've added a new Board member; welcome to Kathy Pruitt. Eleanor Van de Water has resigned from the Board.

If you've noticed a slightly different style of writing in parts of this newsletter, it is because I had great help producing it this time. Our new grant-writer, Robert Bradley put in some extra hours on his

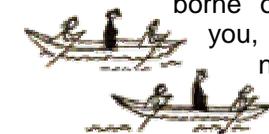
time ... many ,many thanks, Robert! And thanks to each and every one of you who have supported and encouraged us. Let us hear from you!!!

Sherry Mowatt, Director

A HATFUL OF THANKS

All things excellent are as difficult as they are rare, and oftentimes we have had to tap the shoulder of our community of friends for their help. The generosity extended to us has been uplifting to all of us at the Tapestry project, and we wish to thank you all.

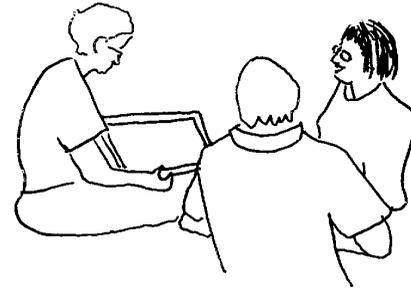
The Rotary Club of Greater Downtown Vancouver, once again, has generously aided the Fort Vancouver Tapestry project by providing the funds to complete the panel drawings. We heartily thank them. Our thanks as well go to the good people at SWIFT who added significantly to our fund drive to produce newsletters that will keep you up to date on our progress and activities. The Lewis and Clark Legacy Committee support literally made our day. Our most heartfelt thanks, however, goes out to each and every one of you who sponsored a panel, donated gifts both monetary and in-kind and gave of your time. As we look forward, we are reminded that the essence of our success is borne on the shoulders of you, our friends and neighbors. Thanks again!



ALL THINGS NEW.....

STITCHERS.....

We've had some wonderful new stitchers added to our ranks since last Fall.....
Janet Irwin, Jan Fitzpatrick and DeAnn Wilson, who started with a real bang by tackling the "Fireworks" panel straight off.
 And it's a ZINGER!!!



SPONSORS.....

Seems like sponsoring a Tapestry panel is the latest new craze.....and we're happy about it!

The **Firestone Families**, having been big producers of prunes in days gone by, are honoring that era by sponsoring panel # 42, "**Prune Queen.**" **Laura Emerson** is sponsoring panel # 48, "**Pearson Field**" in memory of her husband, Dr. William Emerson, who dearly loved to fly. Our own Tapestry Webmaster and stitcher **Diana Cruz** and her aunt **Betty Heiden** will be floating the "**Vanport Flood**", panel #56. Included in a June, 2004 weekend program at **Michael Servetus Unitarian Universalist Fellowship** will be the showing of a 6-foot section including the panel they have sponsored, # 57, "**Libraries.**" And how great is it that there is a Tidewater tug and barge coming out from under the **I-205 Bridge**, panel # 63, which has **Ray Hickey's** name on the sponsor line!!! The next two panels have been sponsored recently by volunteer stitchers and their husbands.....**Maureen & Bill Forgeng** are celebrating with "**Fireworks**" panel # 63, while **Jean & Jim Etkorn** love listening to the "**Symphony**" panel # 67. Very special thanks go to a great family.....Jean B. Ferry very generously donated \$1,000.00 to the project this Fall..... and then her husband and children honored her generosity resoundingly by sponsoring the "**Bell Tower**" panel # 68. They are **Dr. Robert Ploss, Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Erlandson, Mr. & Mrs. Gregg Ferry, Mr. & Mrs. Steven Ferry, Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Hill, Mr. & Mrs. Leon Kos, Dr. & Mrs. Harry Levin, Dr. Janet E. Ploss** and **Jeffrey Walkky.**



The popularity of our sponsorship program is so encouraging to all the stitchers, volunteers and staff of the Tapestry project - our sponsors have our heartfelt thanks.

 Our thoughts are with long-time stitcher, Dede Knight, whose son Passed away just this past month.

DONATIONS.....

EMPIRE BUILDER.....Paul & Paulette Ryan—Designated for Grant-writing
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BUILDER.....Holly Chamberlain, Grace Lutheran Ladies Guild
 Shirleyann Horning, Sandy Martenson & Alan Selby, Irwin Slocum
SETTLER..... Julie Bell, Lisbeth Brody, Liz Dean, Doris Graves, Naomi Hall, Gloria Jane Hiebert, Betty Hoogerwerf, Kathy Pruitt, Birgitta Scofield, Mary Thomas, Marjorie P. Varner

GRANTS..... The designated donation for grant-writing has already paid off. We've just been awarded grant monies from four organizations....

- City of Vancouver Lewis and Clark Committee—** \$5,000.00
- SWIFT—**\$1,050.00 for newsletter printing and postage
- Vancouver Rotary Foundation Board—**\$3,300.00
- City of Vancouver and Clark Co. LTAC—**\$4,196.00 for brochures

We are so very grateful to these organizations and individuals. Their support and faith in our Tapestry community inspires all of us to do our very best work.

BUNDLE O' BROCHURES

Our Fort Vancouver Tapestry project brochures have arrived from the printer and boy, do they look great! The front cover centers on the careful hands of Feli Paul stitching the narrative on the "Mounted Riflemen" panel. Her hands seem to mother as much as hold the fabric—the clearly seen needle adds to the scene rather than piercing through it. The four interior pages are chock-a-block with vibrant colors and lively description laced with a montage of pieces and bits of early panels and drawings.

Our appreciation goes whole-heartedly to Nancy Phillips and the good folks at Formations Design for a job well done.....and our appreciation as well to the City of Vancouver and Clark County Lodging and Tax Advisory Committee for awarding us the necessary funding.

Now comes the fun part—getting them out of the house and into the hands. We would love to help you help us by providing this beautiful and informative brochure for your customers. If you have a business, or know of one to add to our growing list of friends, please give us a call at 360.992.0975.
