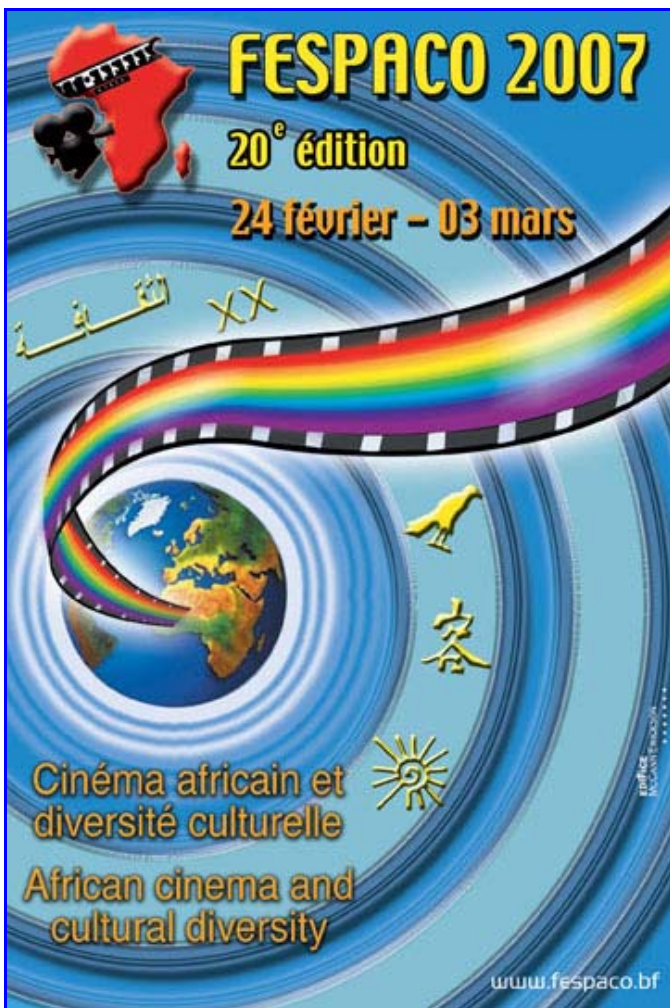




Columbia River Peace Corps Association Newsletter

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For those of us who can't travel to Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso for the biggest global celebration of African film, we have the always excellent...



A fixture at Portland Community College's Cascade Campus in North Portland since 1991, the [Cascade Festival of African Films](#) annually presents to our community a **FREE** basketful of the finest cinematic fruits of Africa. The festival is the project of a hard-working committee that includes two CRPCA members, Bobbie Carrie (Senegal 1995-98) and Allison Mobley (Malawi 1995-97).

From February 2 to March 3, documentaries will screen every Thursday night and new or retrospective features will screen every Friday and Saturday night. For the second year, the festival's main venue will be PCC's Moriarty auditorium at the intersection of Mississippi & Killingsworth. The film schedule is on page 2, along with links to the film descriptions at <http://www.africanfilmfestival.org>.

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17TH ANNUAL CASCADE FESTIVAL OF AFRICAN FILMS
FEBRUARY 2 – MARCH 3, 2007
FILM SCHEDULE

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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	Opening Night Gala	Celebration of 50 Years of Ghanaian Independence with Film Director Kwaw P. Ansah of Ghana
	<u>TSOTSI</u> (South Africa) 7 p.m. and *9 p.m. (*21 years and older due to OLCC regulations) McMenamins Kennedy School Theatre, 5736 N.E. 33 rd Avenue.	Documentary Matinee <u>CROSSROADS OF PEOPLE</u> with <u>THE GOLDEN STOOL</u> (Ghana) 2 p.m., Moriarty A&H Bldg., 104, PCC Cascade. <u>LOVE BREWED IN THE AFRICAN POT</u> (Ghana) 7:30 p.m., Moriarty A&H Bldg. 104, PCC Cascade.
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Matinee <u>DELWENDE</u> (Burkina Faso), 12 p.m. <u>NHA FALA</u> (Guinea Bissau), 1:45 p.m. Moriarty A&H Bldg. 104, PCC Cascade. Documentary Night <u>BLACK GOLD</u> (UK/Ethiopia) 7:30 p.m., Moriarty A&H Bldg. 104, PCC Cascade.	<u>DELWENDE: GET UP AND WALK</u> (Burkina Faso) 7:30 p.m., Moriarty A&H Bldg. 104, PCC Cascade.	<u>NHA FALA / MY VOICE</u> (Guinea Bissau) 7:30 p.m., Moriarty A&H Bldg. 104, PCC Cascade.
15	16	17
Matinee <u>A CHILD'S LOVE STORY</u> (Senegal) 12 p.m., Moriarty A&H Bldg. 104, PCC Cascade.	. CFAF at Portland State University with Film Director Thomas Allen Harris <u>THAT'S MY FACE / É MINHA CARA</u> (USA/Brazil) 12 p.m., Smith Memorial Student Union Ballroom, Room 355, Portland State University, 1825 S.W. Broadway.	Family Film Day <u>KIRIKOU AND THE WILD BEASTS</u> (France) 2 p.m., McMenamins Kennedy School Theatre, 5736 N.E. 33 rd Avenue.
Documentary Night with Film Director Thomas Allen Harris <u>TWELVE DISCIPLES OF NELSON MANDELA</u> (South Africa/USA) 7:30 p.m., Moriarty A&H Bldg. 104, PCC Cascade.	Centerpiece Film Diaspora Film Night <u>SCENT OF OAK / ROBLE DE OLOR</u> (Cuba) 7 p.m., Hollywood Theatre, 4122 N.E. Sandy Blvd.	<u>A CHILD'S LOVE STORY</u> (Senegal) 7:30 p.m., Moriarty A&H Bldg. 104, PCC Cascade.
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Matinee <u>DRUM</u> (South Africa), 12 p.m. <u>BORDERS</u> (Algeria), 1:45 p.m. Moriarty A&H Bldg. 104, PCC Cascade.		
Documentary Night <u>OCHRE AND WATER</u> (Namibia) 7:30 p.m., Moriarty A&H Bldg. 104, PCC Cascade.	<u>DRUM</u> (South Africa) 7:30 p.m., Moriarty A&H Bldg. 104, PCC Cascade.	<u>BORDERS</u> (Algeria) 7:30 p.m., Moriarty A&H Bldg. 104, PCC Cascade.
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Women Filmmakers Week Matinee <u>THE NIGHT OF TRUTH</u> (Burkina), 12 p.m. <u>BEDWIN HACKER</u> (Tunisia), 1:45 p.m. Moriarty A&H Bldg. 104, PCC Cascade.	Women Filmmakers Week	Women Filmmakers Week Documentary Matinee <u>AL'LEESSI...AN AFRICAN ACTRESS</u> (Niger) with <u>KUXA KANEMA: THE BIRTH OF CINEMA</u> (Mozambique) 2 p.m., Moriarty A&H Bldg. 104, PCC Cascade.
Documentary Night <u>SISTERS IN LAW</u> (Cameroon/UK) 7:30 p.m., Moriarty A&H Bldg. 104, PCC Cascade.	<u>THE NIGHT OF TRUTH</u> (Burkina Faso) 7:30 p.m., Moriarty A&H Bldg. 104, PCC Cascade.	Closing Night <u>BEDWIN HACKER</u> (Tunisia) 7:30 p.m., Moriarty A&H Bldg. 104, PCC Cascade.

CRPCA's February Events: Outdoors Focus

Sunday, 2/04, 5:00 pm. Inaugural Meeting of the **CRPCA Outdoor Committee**, at [Doug Fir Lounge, 830 East Burnside](#) in Portland. This great idea was hatched at CRPCA's January restaurant gathering. Let's plan a series of CRPCA outdoor adventures through September 2007. Note: This big venue (we'll be sure to bring our CRPCA sign) is non-smoking and closed to minors. Send advance ideas to Candace Stoughton, canduchita@yahoo.com.

Sunday, 2/11, 5:00 pm. **CRPCA Potluck Meeting** at the home of Rosemary Furfey, [7022 SW 33rd Ave](#) in Portland, 503-245-0819. All are welcome to the 5pm CRPCA business meeting. We'll share a meal (please bring a favorite dish and drink) at 6pm. After dinner, Renee Patrick (Burkina Faso 1999-2001) will share stories and images from her 2006 thru-hike of the [Pacific Crest Trail](#).

Monday, 2/26, 6:30 pm. **Soirée** at Lucky Labrador Brew Pub, [915 SE Hawthorne Blvd](#) in Portland. Look for the CRPCA sign in or near the front room.

Looking Ahead

Saturday, 3/10, 6:00 pm. **CRPCA Restaurant Gathering** at The Horn of Africa, [3939 NE Martin Luther King Jr Blvd](#) in Portland. "Authentic coastal East African cuisine." Extensive menu, moderately priced. RSVP to [Dane Pikkola](#), 971-554-1727.

Monday, 3/26, 6:30 pm. **Soirée** at Lucky Labrador Brew Pub, [915 SE Hawthorne Blvd](#) in Portland.

Sunday, 4/15, 5:00 pm. **CRPCA Potluck Meeting** at the home of Linda Centurion, [3940 SE 47th Ave](#) in Portland, 503-788-7366 (note new location). CRPCA's 2007-08 officers will be selected at the 5pm business meeting. Send post-dinner program ideas to [Laura Montez](#), 503-674-3584.

Monday, 4/30, 6:30 pm. **Nom Party** at Lucky Labrador Public House, [7675 SW Capitol Hwy](#) in Portland. Note the Multnomah Village location; we've reserved the upstairs room in partnership with the Seattle Peace Corps recruiting office.

Peace Corps Week is February 26 – March 4

This would be an excellent time to sign up for [CRPCA's Speakers Bureau](#) if you haven't already. Please [let us know](#) when and where you speak of your Peace Corps experiences.

West Regional RPCV Group Meeting

by Bob Findlay, West region representative to the National Peace Corps Association (NPCA) board

The latest meeting of group leaders in our region was hosted by CRPCA in Portland, OR on Saturday, January 6. As is our habit, we gathered for lunch at a COS-relevant restaurant, talked through a number of group and NPCA issues during the afternoon, and socialized with local RPCVs in the evening - this time at CRPCA's annual post-holiday White Elephant Party. Introductions included success stories of events related to Peace Corps Week. About twenty group leaders and aspiring leaders from Idaho, Oregon, and Washington shared concerns and strategies for dealing with changes in the membership structure by NPCA and its affiliates.

Membership Local groups are encouraging NPCA membership, and at the same time controlling timeliness of funds and membership lists through processing memberships and renewals through the local groups. This appears to be the most efficient process until NPCA begins a direct deposit system and quicker production of membership list updates. The attendees, including several recent returnees, also recommended that NPCA include a listing of affiliate group websites, or at least clarification that they can be found on NPCA's website, in future issues of *World View* that are distributed to PCVs in-country.

Support for NPCA We discussed the positive accomplishments of NPCA in advocacy, education, and service in recent years as well as a number of ways affiliates can support the NPCA through promoting membership, joining the directors circle, donations to initiatives, and participating on the national board. Our host group (CRPCA) serves as a model of collaboration with NPCA by hosting national conferences, a very successful Open House last year and serving as a test site for the Global Libraries Outreach and RPCV Mentoring programs. These collaborations have come their way by reputation as well as by their own initiative.

Put these upcoming regional events in your calendars (more info to follow)...

Saturday, May 5. West Regional RPCV Meeting in Spokane WA, hosted by [Inland NW RPCVs](#). Spokane's biggest annual event, the 12km [Bloomsday](#) run-walk, will take place on Sunday, May 6.

August 2-5. West Regional RPCV Campout, location TBA. Sponsored by [West Cascade PCA](#).

CRPCA Report of 2006 Activities

January: CRPCA's annual post-holiday party at the Lucky Labrador Public House was attended by 50.

February: Potluck program by Pangaea Project, which received proceeds from CRPCA's 2006 International Calendar sale. (The other half of the donated proceeds went toward Mercy Corps for Niger food crisis relief.)

March: With Peace Corps and NPCA co-sponsored 45th Anniversary of Peace Corps open house at Portland State University. Over 100 people attended, including a centennarian RPCV and recent returnees, making it among the most successful open houses in the country.

April: New officers selected: Sally Carter as Secretary, Cate Wilcox as Treasurer, Laura Montez as Program Coordinator, Dane Pikkola as Social Coordinator, and Sean Rose as Newsletter Editor and Membership Coordinator. (After Sean left for Afghanistan in the fall, Jim Maddry took over Membership and Bill Stein filled in on the Newsletter.)

May: CRPCA assisted the Seattle Peace Corps Recruiting Office in hosting the Portland Peace Corps Nom party, where recent Peace Corps nominees gather to meet each other and ask questions. About 30 nominees and RPCVs attended.

June: Potluck program by American Domestic Violence Crisis Line. CRPCA outing to Portland Beavers baseball game.

July: CRPCA's annual picnic in Washington Park attracted RPCV families and a couple Peace Corps recruits; about 30 attended.

August: Regional RPCV Campout at Dworshak State Park in Idaho. Laura Montez hosted the 2nd annual South Pacific BBQ to introduce CRPCA members to the culture of Kiribati.

September: Annual planning meeting for CRPCA's 2006-07 activities. 2007 International Calendar sales began, with proceeds to benefit American Domestic Violence Crisis Line. Donated \$500 to Cascade Festival of African Films.

October: Potluck program by 10,000 Villages.

November: Speakers gave four talks on the Peace Corps Experience at Woodstock Library (co-sponsored by NPCA). 2nd annual CRPCA Scrabble Night. Began coordinating RPCV mentoring program with NPCA.

December: Potluck program on Iran. Donated \$1,000 to a Peace Corps Partnership project requested by an Oregon PCV serving in Mali. Simplified dues structure.

Regularly scheduled events continued: Like potlucks, restaurant gatherings occurred every other month. Soirées at Lucky Lab Brew Pub were held on the last Monday of each month. Members made presentations to schools, library patrons, and Peace Corps recruits throughout the year via the CRPCA Speakers Bureau.

CRPCA 2006 Membership Report

As of 12/31/06, by decade of Peace Corps service...

- 1960s: 22 (14%)
- 1970s: 20 (13%)
- 1980s: 22 (14%)
- 1990s: 43 (28%)
- 2000s: 37 (24%)
- NA/Unknown: 10 (6%)
- **Total: 154** (of which 100 are NPCA members)

ABOUT US

The *Columbia River Peace Corps Association* (CRPCA) Newsletter is published monthly by the CRPCA for the benefit of its members. The CRPCA serves Returned Peace Corps Volunteers (RPCVs) and others in Oregon and southwest Washington who share an interest in global development issues. To join CRPCA and/or the National Peace Corps Association, please visit <http://www.crPCA.org/join.html>. Newsletter submissions are due by the 25th of each month (**except next month: next deadline 2/18/07**). Send by mail to P.O. Box 802, Portland, OR 97207, or e-mail to: crPCA_nl@yahoo.com.

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Letters Home from Peace Corps Sought

John Coyne and Marian Haley Beil are editing a book entitled *Letters Home from the Peace Corps*. It will be published as part of the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Peace Corps. They want no more than three (previously unpublished) letters. For more info go to <http://www.peacecorpswriters.org>.



Columbia River Peace Corps Association & National Peace Corps Association

MEMBERSHIP - ADDRESS CHANGE - RENEWAL FORM

CRPCA's \$20 dues confer full membership on one or two named adults sharing an address. NPCA's \$35 dues are per individual. CRPCA urges you to support both organizations. Membership is open to all, and your contributions are tax-deductible.

Member #1

Member #2

Name		
Address		
City, State, & Zip		
Home Phone		
Work Phone		
Cell Phone		
E-mail Address		
Peace Corps Country & Years of Service		
PC Job/Sector		
Current Occupation		
Willing to talk about your Peace Corps experience?	<input type="checkbox"/> Speakers Bureau	<input type="checkbox"/> Speakers Bureau

CRPCA Annual Dues: \$20 Please check newsletter form: E-mail Paper
or check here to request **FREE** membership in CRPCA. One free year is offered to all Returned Peace Corps Volunteers (RPCVs) residing in our geographic area who were never previously members of CRPCA and who agree to receive e-mail newsletters.

NPCA Annual Dues: \$35 for Member #1 \$35 for Member #2
or check here to request **FREE** membership in NPCA. One free year is offered to all RPCVs who closed their service within the last year.

Please mail this form with a check to CRPCA for the total of the boxes you checked.

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*CRPCA welcomed RPCVs from throughout the Northwest to our January 2007 White Elephant Party.
In this image (from left to right), Paulette Thompson (Morocco 1986-88, of Seattle) entertains
Naomi Hirsch (Paraguay 1990-92, of Corvallis) and Jennifer Mead (Niger 1986-88, of Portland).*

