Susan Fletcher Wins 2007 Oregon Spirit Book Award
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The 2007 OSTE Oregon Spirit Book Award is presented to Susan Fletcher for the OSTE-EFL column. Susan Fletcher is the author of the OSTE column, which is the most read column in the journal. She has written about the importance of language and culture in teaching English to foreign students, and has provided valuable insights into the challenges and rewards of teaching English as a foreign language. 

Susan is a native of the United States and has been teaching English as a second language for more than 20 years. She has a BA in English from the University of Michigan, where she also completed her graduate studies in literature and creative writing. She then went on to teach English in the Netherlands before returning to the United States to teach at several universities. 

Fletcher's contributions to the journal have been highly regarded by readers and colleagues alike. In addition to her work on the OSTE column, she has also contributed to other sections of the journal, including advice on teaching methodology and classroom management, as well as reflections on her own teaching experiences. 

Susan's dedication to the field of language education has been recognized not only by her colleagues, but also by her students. She has been described as a sympathetic and understanding teacher who is dedicated to helping her students succeed. 

Susan Fletcher is a true advocate for language education, and her contributions to the journal have been invaluable. Her writing has inspired many to think more deeply about the role of language in our lives, and has helped to shape the future of language education. We are grateful to Susan for her dedication and hard work, and we look forward to many more years of her insightful and timely columns in the journal.
FIND 360° to join us for one special conference in Pendleton: home of the magnificent Wallowa Mountains. Round-up, the award-winning and renowned Tamastslikt Cultural Institute, the Pendleton Wool Mills, and a great jumping-off point for the Wallowa Valley region! These conferences will begin at Tamastslikt Cultural Institute on Friday, April 4, at 8:00 a.m. Kimberly Connell, director of Tamastslikt Cultural Institute and the 2017 Buffalo Award winner for indigenous leadership, will welcome conference goers.

There will be an excellent language presentation by a Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Reservation cultural leader who will speak of various aspects of tribal culture and history. All conference attendees will then be admitted to the interpretive center, a remarkable one-of-a-kind experience that documents the tribal culture and history.

Finally, the conference will conclude with a screening of “American Cowboys,” a documentary by Colin and Tish Webb explaining the most famous cowboy in Pendleton Round-Up history, among George Bristow, an African-American cowboy, JacksonSand, a Nez Perce cowboy, and Jack Spade, a cowboy from Tomales. The Bronco toon will be a Q&A session with the screening.

The conference is officially over at 5:30, but there will be plenty to do in the afternoon. Take the Pendleton Underground Tour when you explore the underground city of Pendleton, including an option, on a self-guided and self-paced. Reservations available at 541-372-2257. Also scheduled for Saturday afternoon will be a Pendleton Wrangler Workshop where you can explore different places in Pendleton and do some writing of your own. Martha might be in town to venture up the highway to Wells Walls (just a few minutes away) and visit some of the world’s tallest vines and tasting room. If you are going to play golf, there are two courses in Pendleton, great food is available, and the weather tends to be sunny in April.

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OCTE CALENDAR

March 2008
21 Pre-registration deadline for OCTE Spring Conference in Pendleton, Oregon

April 2008
4-5 OCTE Spring Conference in Pendleton, Oregon

May 2008
3 Oregon Writing Festival, Portland State University
8-9 Invitation to the Association of 35th Annual Convention, Atlanta, Georgia

The Oregon State Board of Education is requiring teachers to come up with lessons for the 2008 awards. If you have any suggestions for books published in 2007, please contact a committee member: Franklin Peck, George Bristow, Jack Spade, John B. Johnson, or Dagobert Wink.

Oregon in teaching 150
In a unique effort to celebrate Oregon’s compositional past and present, Oregon State University and the Oregon Historical Society have joined the Oregon Council for the Teaching of English to celebrate the present, and inspire people of the future to care for this state, and our country, as well as the environment and natural resources that sustain us. This committee’s goal is to gather original and current, and most naturally available work on this topic. It also serves to highlight the many essays on this topic and get us to the point of gathering OregonReaders.com, to help others understand these themes through their own, original, or pornographic, and profane.

Check out the new and improved OCTE website! Go to www.octe.org to see all the new and improved sites, including new membership, grant applications, classroom unit or project. Awards will be in the range of $250-500. For further information visit www.octe.org.

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Membership, and grant opportunities, archived issues of Chalkboard and other Oregon Council for the Teaching of English in Oregon, you will want the OCTE webpage as a favorite!

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