

May 31, 2011

Hi Everyone,

It's nearly summer, at least in terms of the academic calendar. I'm hoping our Oregon weather catches up soon (just imagine me crossing my fingers right now, wishing for sunshine so I can get out in my vegetable garden and get to work!).



Speaking of gardens – and summer – I'm again looking forward to visiting the Oregon Garden in Silverton for the AAWCC's annual summer conference, and I'm hoping I'll see you there!

We're in the process of putting the finishing touches on "***Cultivate Your Professional Potential at Oregon Garden,***" which will take place **Thursday, July 14**, from **8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.** Our slate of sessions is varied, which we hope attendees will find appealing:

- Michelle Bizek, a careers coach, will present, "Nurture Your People Skills to Maximize Your Potential" as the morning session.
- Watercolor artist Nancy Eng will share tips for the budding artists among us, after lunch.
- The day concludes with Drs. Linda Reisser and Kate Dins from Portland Community College who will explain the role and potential of a "white paper" in higher education – to resolve issues, increase funding and develop professional skills.

The deadline to register is **Thursday, July 7**, and the **cost is \$75** (*scholarships to attend are available; please apply by July 1*). For more information and details, visit: <http://www.aawccoregon.org/summer-conference/>.

And not that I'm quite up to thinking about the next academic year (in light of the current one still going, full tilt!), but I should remind you to add one more event to that calendar of yours while it's out. Please make note of **Nov. 17 and 18** when we host our annual fall conference, "***Honoring Our Past, Shaping Our Future,***" which celebrates the organization's 25 years of offering professional development opportunities for women in community colleges.

Because of the positive response we received about the location last year – held for the first time at the Washington Square Embassy Suites Hotel, adjacent to some world-class shopping opportunities for you at the end of the day! – we'll host our fall conference there again this year. November will be here before we know it, so mark those calendars now! For more information, visit: <http://www.aawccoregon.org/fall-conference/>

In late June I'll be spending time at the OILD conference in Silver Falls, a highlight for me each year. Observing how attendees soak up the experience, hone their leadership skills, and gain professionalism and confidence is, quite simply, beautiful. I can't wait!

Blessings to you, have a great summer and I hope to see you soon,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Karin Magnusson".

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