

Join Us for the English-Speaking Union Region VIII Conference, May 1-3, 2015.

The Grande Dame of Portland hotels, The Benson, will be our conference hotel. Rooms for conference attendees are a very reasonable \$179/night. See attachments for room and parking details. Spring in Portland is spectacular; Mt. Hood is almost always visible from downtown and Portland's numerous gardens are a' bloom. The ESU Conference will be the icing on this colorful display.

May 1 – Welcome Reception, with hors d'oeuvres and a no host bar, will be held from 5:30 – 7:30 at the Multnomah Athletic Club (MAC), a short distance from The Benson, at 1849 S.W. Salmon, in Portland.

May 2 – Attendees get breakfast on their own. ESU's National Executive Director, Chris Broadwell, and other staff will be presenting information from National as well as providing updates regarding educational programs. Eric Armstrong, winner of the Portland Branch's Shakespeare Competition, will present his monologue and sonnet. Meeting will be at The Benson from 9:30-11:30.

From noon until 2, a buffet lunch followed by a speaker from the Oregon Historical Society are scheduled.

From 2-6, attendees have free time to pursue sales tax free shopping, visit the Oregon Historical Society, or the Portland Art Museum. All are within easy walking distance of The Benson.

Evening reception, with light hors d'oeuvres and a no host bar, will begin at 6 p.m. Dinner with keynote speaker follow from 7-9.

May 3 – A breakfast buffet will be served from 9 – 10:30. The Region VIII Business meeting conducted by Region VIII President, Bill Maschmeier, is scheduled from 10:30 until noon.

Conference adjourns.

Sunday afternoon – Potential tours to the Pittock Mansion, the Portland Rose Garden, or OMSI can be scheduled depending upon interest.

The alternative hotel for the conference is The Luxor (formerly The Mallory). Rooms are priced similarly to The Benson rate given ESU but parking is more reasonable. Phone is 1.800.664.1334.

Cost for registration is \$165. Checks should be made out to Portland ESU and mailed to Frances Lancefield, ESU Portland Branch Treasurer, 6210 S.E. Main, Portland, Oregon 97215. Attach the completed form from the next page to each registration. Questions should be emailed to Bill Maschmeier at wmaschmeier@usa.net or Susan Ferris at siouxzen@mac.com

**ESU Spring Region VIII Conference,
May 1-3, 2015
Registration Form**

Name _____

ESU Branch Name _____

Mailing Address _____

Email Address _____

Phone _____

Dietary needs

Vegetarian _____

Gluten free _____

Other _____

Mail \$165 per registrant to Frances Lancefield, ESU Portland Branch Treasurer,
6210 S.E. Main, Portland, Oregon 97215. For those attending Saturday only, cost is \$125.
After April 20, registration for the whole conference increases to \$175/person. Saturday only
cost will increase to \$135 after April 20.