



THE WESTERNERS

POTOMAC CORRAL

NEXT MEETING OF THE POTOMAC CORRAL

WHEN: *Wednesday, May 21, 6:30 p.m.*

WHERE: The [Boulevard Woodgrill](#) in the Clarendon neighborhood of Arlington, at the intersection of Wilson Boulevard and North Fillmore Street. The meeting will take place downstairs in the restaurant's [Fillmore Room](#).
Address: 2901 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia 22201; *Phone:* 703.875.9663.

METRO RAIL: **Orange Line**, Clarendon Metro Stop. (Exit metro escalators and walk two blocks east on Wilson Boulevard. The restaurant is at the corner of Wilson Boulevard and N. Fillmore St.)

METROBUS: Routes 38B, 4B, 4E, possibly others.

PARKING: Ample on-street parking; free parking after 6:00 p.m. at the DHS parking garage (north off Wilson on Highland Street); \$5.00 private parking lot immediately behind restaurant.

MENU: Dinners must be **pre-ordered by Sunday, May 18, 2008**. Please **RSVP to Mike Lawson** (email: Mike_Lawson@potomac-corral.org; phone: 202.415.1321) and specify choice of entrée.

Each dinner includes:

- non-alcoholic beverage
- salad
- choice of entrée
- dessert

Entrée choices are:

- Skirt steak frites: woodgrilled, tamarind-soy marinated, black angus skirt steak served over buttermilk mashed potatoes (cooked medium)
- Nordic salmon: flown in fresh from Bergen, Norway; served over buttermilk mashed potatoes, with grilled asparagus; finished with mimosa vinaigrette
- Hawaiian chicken: woodgrilled boneless chicken breast marinated in ginger and honey, served over cilantro rice and topped with pineapple salsa
- Vegetarian gateaux: sautéed artichoke, baby spinach, and roasted red pepper "cakes" served over a pool of pomodoro sauce accompanied by grilled asparagus

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CASH BAR: The Fillmore Room also features a cash bar.

PRICE: Dinners are \$45 per person. Please pay with cash to a corral officer or check on or before May 21, 2008. Payment may be submitted at the meeting. Checks should be payable to the Potomac Corral.

PROGRAM: Corral business; Dykes Award nominations; presentation on the American West.

PRESENTATION: “Pens, Paintings, Panoramas, and Pixels: Documenting the Great Waterways of the American West,” by Francis Flavin, Ph.D. *Description:* Lewis and Clark are among America’s most famous explorers. During their voyage across the American West to the Pacific Ocean, they devoted much effort to documenting some of the greatest rivers of the American West, like the Missouri, the Yellowstone, and the Columbia. Between 1804, when the Corps of Discovery began its journey, and the present, many years have elapsed—and it should be no surprise that other individuals documented the waterways of the American West. This presentation will discuss several notable individuals who documented rivers in the American West, the different media they used, and the significances of their works.

SPEAKER: Francis Flavin received his Ph.D. in American history from Indiana University and taught at the University of Texas at Dallas for several years. While in Texas, he lectured at the Amon Carter Museum—one of the nation’s leading museums for the art of the American West. He has published several articles, including “The Adventurer-Artists of the Nineteenth Century and the Image of the American Indian” in the *Indiana Magazine of History*, and a bibliographic essay for the National Park Service and Organization of American Historians entitled “Native Americans and American History: A Survey of the Historical Literature.” While at Indiana University, he worked at the American Indian Studies Research Institute and assisted with several of the institute’s native language preservation programs, co-authoring an chapter, with Dr. Douglas R. Parks et al., entitled “Documenting and Maintaining Native American Languages for the 21st Century: The Indiana University Model,” in *Stabilizing Indigenous Languages*, edited by Jon Reyhner. Dr. Flavin now works in Indian Affairs in the U.S. Department of the Interior, and he is currently the sheriff of the Potomac Corral.

OTHER: Please make a special effort to attend this meeting. It is the last meeting before our brief summer recess and we will discuss nominations for our annual Dykes Award. Perhaps most important, we think that the Boulevard Woodgrill is especially well-suited to our organization’s needs. Please join us later this month—and feel free to bring a friend. *Thanks!*

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This close to Mothers Day and Memorial Day may be a good time to publish this poem by my great uncle John. A. Gilkey who was known as the "Poet Lariat" of the Pacific North West. This term was later "adapted" by Will Rogers. His poems appeared regularly in the Portland Oregonian and other publications. He served as an Indian Agent on reservations on Puget Sound where he and his wife both taught in the Indian schools. He was enthralled by the Indian's Great Canoes and wrote articles about them.

He served as a Washington State House member in the 1897 Washington Legislature, listed himself as a Silver Republican. He was actively engaged as a speaker and writer in the cause of bimetallism and financial reform. Family tradition also has listed him as a strong supporter of higher education and Washington State College.

He was also probably one of the original "tree huggers." He ended up as grounds keeper for Oregon Agricultural College (Oregon State University) at Corvallis where many of his plantings still remain.

- Dale Anderson, Editor



SHOULDN'T WE BE A PUBLISHING CORRAL?

The Potomac Corral has a long history of publishing articles, small books and other Western materials. Our Sheriff has an idea that we could serve a valuable contribution by assembling a document on sources and resources available to researchers on Western history available in the Washington DC area. Corral members have the knowledge and capability to perform a real service that would enhance western history research and the Corral.

We also have a finished document on *Western Peace Officers* we could publish as a short run book.

And we have another *Corral Dust* in the making.

Let's get back to our origin!



OUR MOTHERS

Not with bright banners waving,
And blare of fife and drum,
Not 'mid the din of sabres' clash,
Not with the muskets' lightning flash,
Did the bravest soldier come.

Not with the spear and helmet
And knightly sable plume,
Leading the host in the furious din
With a vow in his heart that he would win,
Or find a soldier's doom.

Not so the bravest hero --
No banners waved on high,
No martial strains to 'rouse the soul,
No bugle note, no war-drum's roll
To urge to do or die.

But silently as the dew-drops
Fall the long night through,
A woman fought at the gates of death,
With joy and love in every breath,
And offered her life for—you.

Weave crowns for earth's great heroes,
Of rarest leaf and vine;
Weave pure carnations white and red,
A garland for each queenly head
Of mothers—yours and mine.



Prospector and Indian pony John Grafton - The American West

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

The Potomac Corral has recently lost the services of Chet Hanson, who is retiring to North Carolina. Consequently, we are looking for volunteers to serve as chuck wrangler and/or faro dealer. If you are willing to volunteer your services, the corral would be grateful for your help. The chuck wrangler coordinates dinner arrangements, and the faro dealer coordinates the book raffles. Please send me an email at francis_flavin@potomac-corral.org if you are interested in volunteering. Thanks!

We can also use some editing assistance. We have a draft of a Corral Dust nearly complete but but could use some volunteers who can edit for corrections and content.

DUES REMINDER

If you haven't paid your annual dues for 2008, you can mail them to Gene Anderson, or bring a check payable to the Potomac Corral to the upcoming meeting. Annual dues are \$15.00 for individuals and \$20.00 for family memberships. The mailing address for annual dues is: Gene Anderson, 619 Broad Creek Drive, Fort Washington, MD 20744. **Your label will reflect the year that you have paid dues.**

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