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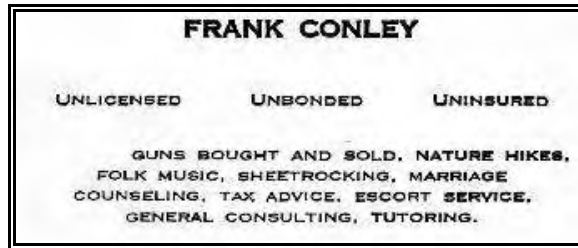
Frank Conley Memorial Scholarship



Frank Conley

Frank Conley, Fishtrap's longtime office manager, was born in Cove, Oregon, to one of the Grande Ronde Valley's oldest farming families. After graduating from Cove High School in 1960, he attended Oregon State University, the University of Oregon, Eastern Oregon University and the University of Strasbourg, earning degrees in mathematics, English literature, and education.

He farmed, taught school at a private boys' school in Boston and at the public high school in La Grande, Oregon, wrote for a newspaper, and worked as an artisan. Proudly "unlicensed, unbonded, and uninsured," Frank owned businesses in construction, accounting and tax preparation, among other trades.



While Frank travelled widely, he was also intimately acquainted with the Eagle Cap Wilderness Area right in his backyard. He once snowshoed from Moss Springs, near Cove, to Wallowa Lake. He was equally knowledgeable of Wallowa County's canyon country and wrote a guide book to the trails of Hells Canyon. In response to a friend's challenge, he began learning the names of the plants and wildlife of northeastern Oregon. His mastery of the subject became legendary.

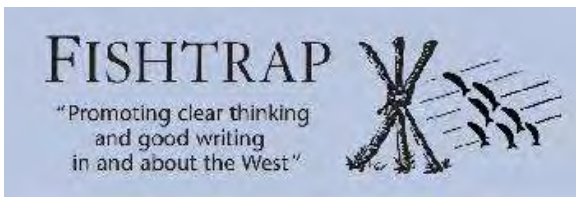


Frank wrote of himself that he enjoyed music, fishing, writing, hunting, jogging, hiking, theater, birds and butterflies, and — above all — learning. His love of learning was augmented by his desire to share of himself with others. These qualities helped make him the region's premier natural historian and a popular tour guide for groups from Fishtrap, The Nature Conservancy and Elderhostel.



At Fishtrap, these same qualities led Frank to personally pay expenses for a number of high school students who could not otherwise have taken part in Fishtrap's activities.

Frank died of cancer in 2005. To honor his contributions to youth and to



Fishtrap, the Frank Conley Memorial Scholarship has been established to assist young people wishing to join in Fishtrap's summer and winter programs.

The Frank Conley Memorial Scholarship

Who is eligible: Frank Conley Scholarships are available to any person under 30 years of age who wishes to attend a Fishtrap event. High school and college students are especially encouraged to apply. *Applicants will automatically be considered for a Bryn Lunde Scholarship as well.*

Scholarship amounts: The size of each scholarship is determined on an event by event basis, and may or may not cover the entire cost of the Fishtrap event. This means that scholarship recipients may need to pay part of the cost to attend Fishtrap.

How to apply: Send a brief letter or email, not to exceed two pages or 800 words, to Fishtrap. Describe yourself, the relevance of the Fishtrap event to your life, writing, and interests, and explain your financial need. Provide personal and contact information, including your birthdate. Mail to the Fishtrap address in this brochure, or email to director@fishtrap.org.

Process: Scholarship applications will typically be reviewed by at least two

Fishtrap staff or board members. All applicants will be notified regardless of outcome.

Frank Conley Memorial Scholarships have been awarded to the following people:

2006	Nick Mulvihill
2006	Nicole Hendry-Vincent
2007	Joshua Ambroson
2008	Marika Straw
2008	Serenity Morrison
2009	Jessie Conrad
2009	Katrina Barlow



About Fishtrap

Fishtrap, Inc., is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization founded in 1988 with a mission to “promote clear thinking and good writing in and about the West.” It offers more than a dozen programs for writers, readers, and people interested in literature and learning.

Fishtrap programs include week-long and year-long writing workshops, residencies, retreats, conferences (“gatherings”), fellowships, lectures, college-level classes, community-wide reading events (including the National Endowment for the Arts “Big Read”), one-on-one reading mentorship with K-3 students, and radio programming.

Since 1988, more than 300 writers and humanities scholars have led our programs, serving over 20,000 people. Fishtrap operates out of the historic Gwen and Gladys Coffin House in Enterprise, Oregon.

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