

ALUMNI

The Fairbanks: A Family Connection

Henry and Martha Edmonds Fairbank, '40 and '42, consider Whitman College a family matter. And it is — from Martha's father, Harold Edmonds, class of 1915, to Henry's great-nephew Charles Rambo, class of 2006, and, in between, nearly 20 Whitman relatives.

The Fairbanks have remained true to this legacy for more than half a century. Martha served as a class representative for 28 years, soliciting contributions to the College while holding her classmates together with her news-filled letters, and she and Henry have added the spark of their enthusiastic attendance at the Senior Alumni College every year since 1986.

The Fairbanks also have contributed financially to Whitman through annual giving, multiple gift annuities, and a charitable remainder unitrust.

In addition to making a significant contribution to Whitman, they receive charitable tax deductions as a result of the gifts as well as an income for the rest for their lives from the annuities and trust.

Martha and Henry's personal and professional lives have been a credit to the College where they obtained their grounding in the liberal arts. On the physics faculty at Yale for 18 years, then a professor at Duke University, and now professor emeritus, Henry has made notable contributions in physics. Martha has given many volunteer hours to her community and served more than 20 years as organist and choir director at their church.

"People often use the phrase 'Whitman family' when referring to our College," Martha commented



In 2001, Whitman College honored Henry and Martha Edmonds Fairbank, '40 and '42, for their service and lifetime achievement.

recently. "We certainly think of Whitman in that way since so many members of our Edmonds and Fairbank families have been a part of Whitman. In my letters soliciting gifts from my 1942 classmates, I always refer to Whitman as 'our college.' "

Kristin Grahn, '95

Painter steps up in San Francisco art world

Much as Kristin Grahn, '95, enjoys her day job, she would happily trade it in for a full-time version of her night job — painting.

"I would love to be a full-time artist," said Grahn. "I would grow personally as an art-maker, and my work would get so much better so much faster." While Grahn is still a ways off from a self-supporting art career, the October opening of her first ongoing show at San Francisco's Shivaani Gallery marks her transition from amateur to professional.

"It's been so satisfying to show my work and share my vision with other people," said Grahn, "and it's just one more step in establishing a legitimate artistic career."

Inspired by American abstract expressionists including Joan Mitchell and Clyfford Still, Grahn's non-representational style minimizes literal imagery and lets the medium itself become the message. Her signature mosaics are composed of various-sized canvases tiled into one abstract presentation. "One canvas can be abstract and one can contain an image," said Grahn. "Then I tie

them together with a theme or visual elements such as lines or colors."

Grahn, who currently works as a land rights agent for PG&E, majored in both sociology and studio art at Whitman. She originally planned to pursue a career in social work, but the investigative research she conducted as part of her sociology thesis left her disillusioned by the politics and bureaucracy of social work. Art, she realized, was much more empowering and hopeful.

"Art is my own thing and it comes from within me. I have control over my own projects, and I'm practicing making inspired, balanced, and unified things," said Grahn.

Born and raised in Seattle, Washington, Grahn has an artistic eye and creative edge that "runs in the family." But Grahn is the first family member who has made the leap to professional, a leap that was initially "pretty nerve wracking. It's not a well-beaten path, so it was tough to know what to expect," she said.

While certainly her most public showcase thus far, the Shivaani Gallery collection is not the first display of Grahn's work. Her first solo show opened last year at a hip Bay Area



Kristin Grahn's signature mosaics were on display at San Francisco's Shivaani Gallery in October.

photo courtesy Kristin Grahn

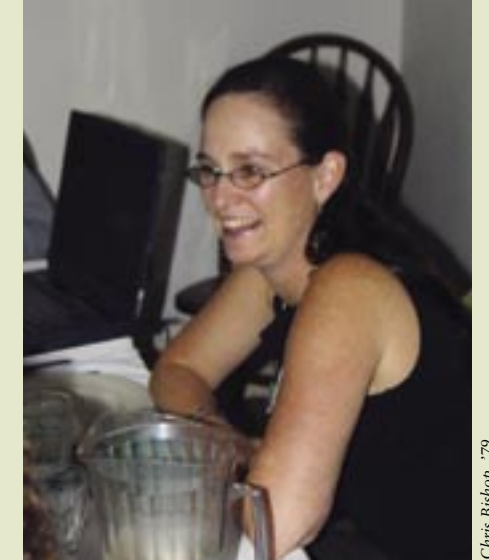
bar, and she currently has pieces hanging in a variety of locations, including Citibank in downtown San Francisco.

Grahn is already anticipating the next step up in galleries — and a more arts-focused day job in academia or a museum. If all goes as planned, she will enter graduate school in the fall of 2005 to pursue a master of fine arts degree. In the meantime, she's busy refining her style, painting more, and she hopes, selling more work.

"Sometime it's hard to let certain pieces go," said Grahn, "but I'm getting used to it."

— Valarie Hamm, '01

Career series brings young alumni to speak with students



Chris Bishop, '79



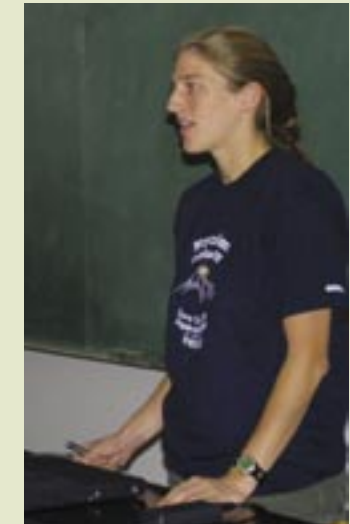
Jackie Wong, '04

Four Whitman alumni visited campus October 2 and 3 as part of the Career Center's Alumni Career Series. Clockwise from above, Gail Patricelli, '93, Linda Storm, '84, Beth Bartel, '94, and Martin Wagner, '83, explain their work to students.

A post-doc researcher at Cornell University, Patricelli conducts research on the behavior of Australian bowerbirds; Storm, a Ph.D. candidate at the University of Washington, studies the ethnobotany of Mima Mounds across the U.S.; Bartel works as a GPS field engineer with UNAVCO monitoring volcanoes; and Wagner, an international environmental and human rights lawyer, is managing attorney of international programs for Earthjustice in Oakland, California.



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25th Reunion of the Class of 1978

ROW 1: Kevin and Emily Rust (with Blake, Carole, and Holly), Jim Edmunds (with Kelsey and Evie), Janet Saunders Smith and Steven Smith (with Michael and Mahnya), Fitch Spencer (son of Summer Lerch), Karen Nelson Howe, Deborah Leitner, Julie LaVeck, Kristin Olsen Sceats, D. James Sceats (with Ben), Mary Deming Barber and Alan Barber (with James and Thomas).

ROW 2: Jennifer Brown Coleman, Charles Alexander, Harriet Shick, Debi Aucutt Toews, '76, Tom Eglin. **ROW 3:** Bob Coleman, '77, Barry Schwartz, John Rumpeltes, Leslie Thornton, Minor Lile, Dan Merlino, Maura Walsh, Megan Salazar-Walsh, '07 (in front of Maura), Kathy Kreps, Mark Wysoski, Margaret Eglin, Theopolis Williams. **ROW 4:**

Jay Romick, Kelly Floyd Stasio, Vicki Haynes, Philo Lund, '75, Summer Lerch, Sherrie Labbé Forbes, Jill Piatt Kemper, Douglas Kemper, David Stillman, Richard Bergstrom. **ROW 5:** Hal Kennedy, Bill Covert (with Emma), Audrey Covert, Jennifer Thompson Prekeges, '79, Darrick Clampitt, Michael Callahan, Laurie Person Hornor and son Chaffin, Dan

Esterly and son Daniel, Evan Hundley, Mike Neilson. **ROW 6:** Pete Prekeges, Marty Smith. **ROW 7:** Josh Murdock (hidden), Steve Wallin, Carson Hornor (with Anders), Jim Toews, Susan Wierenga, Doug Stewart, Jim Burroughs. **ROW 8:** Molly Murdock, Casey Lakey, Thomas Anderson, Clarke O'Reilly, Jason Goertz. **ROW 9:** Barb Stephens Anderson.



Reunion of the Class of 1982 and 1983

ROW 1: Cricket Rogg Lodmell, '83, Paul Beveridge, '83, Lysle Wilhelmi, '84 (children in front of them are Cameroni Ellis and Beau and Liam Beveridge), Gretchen Erhart Bush, '83, Russ Fagg, '83, the Quilliam family (Justin, Jon, '82, Collin, Aaron, and Shelby), Angela Ish Lawton, '83 (with Arthur and Alice), Bessie Ish, Buell Ish, '83, Jeff Cox, '83. **ROW 2:** Laurence Hartford, '79, Todd Carey, '84, Jim Inkster, '83, Ann Netelbeek Cornish, '83, Ann Watson, '83 (with Landon Watson Pickett), Lynne Cohee, '83, Matt Smith, '83, Patty Mathieu, '83, Mary Ann Marshall-Wright, '83, Dina McDonald Walker, '83, Betsy


Passarelli, '83, Kelly Pruss Worstell, '83, Lydia Miner, '83, Sharon Wall Wikstrom, '83, Anne Norville Williams, '83, son Jack, John Williams, '83. **ROW 3:** Stuart Ellis, '83, Brett Pauly, '83, Kristen Nilsson Farley, '84, Wendy Wendlandt, '83, Martin Wagner, '83 (with Jasper), Jennifer Baldwin Ashby, '83, Doug Kaimakis, '83, Julie Raymond Chalk, '83, Nathaniel Chalk (with Naomi), David Chalk, '82, John Morrison, '83, Bruce Kendall, '83, Robin Weaver, '83, Lora Cazier, '83, Laurel Collins Tomchick, '83. **ROW 4:** Brad Clure, '82, Dan Snare, '83, Beth Bright-Snare, '83, Amy Larson Pilichowski, '83, Sonya Christianson

Campion, '83, Susan Valach, '83, Brenda Cameron, '83, Cole Ziegler (child), Janine Raasch Harrison, '83, Pat Harrison, '83, Greg Davison, '83, Lynn Schriver Davison, '85, Lisa Loop, '83, Frank Lott, '83. **ROW 5:** Lutz Spannuth, '83, (with Hannah), Barbara Swanson Clure, '83, Steve Enfield, '83, Ann Soule, '83, Ann LaRose Christianson, '83, Deanne Meek, '83, Eric Ziegler, '82, Kathy Anderson Pompeo, '83, Polly Campbell Schmitz, '83, Wendy Walker Haupt, '85, Scott Haupt, '83, Pete Livengood, '82, Mitch Usibelli, '83. **ROW 6:** Liz Paulus, '84, Barb Cover Jepson, '83, Shauna Lilly Bogley, '83 (with Mark

and Kathryn), Sarah Geren-Ziegler, children Sam Ziegler, Jennifer Kaplan, Ellen Kaplan (partly hidden), and Anna Gustafson, Tom Rumpeltes, '83, Mark Washburn, '83. **ROW 7:** Michael Sailer, '83, John Bogley, '85 (with James), Laurie Johnson, '83, Jeff Rosenthal, '83, Joe Kaplan, '83, Kaoru Kaplan, Kathy Schroeder and Tom Gustafson, '83 (with Clara and Peter). **ROW 8:** Vishnu Jetmalani, '83, Tammy Grytness Welch, '83, Marianne Croonquist, '83, Mike Seder, Tom Henderson, '83 (behind Mike), Diana Dobbins Seder, '83, Craig Kelly, '83 (behind Diana), Tim Thomas, '84.

Lesley Farmer, '71, is the author of two new books, *Student Success and Library Media Programs: A Systems Approach to Research and Best Practices* (Libraries Unlimited, September 2003) and *Action Research: A Guide for Library Media Specialists* (American Library Association, October 2003).

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Jan Warford Fisher, '52, is coauthor of a book for teachers, *The Key Elements of Classroom Management* (Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, September 2003). Jan retired as a staff development specialist with Newport-Mesa Unified School District, Newport Beach, California, and she is former coordinator of the California Beginning Teacher Support and Assessment Program at the University of California, Irvine. She now serves as a consultant to southern California school districts and works in pre-service education at California State University, Fullerton. In *The Key Elements of Classroom Management*, Jan and her coauthors share techniques for managing time and space, student behavior, and instructional strategies. Contact Jan at janfisher1@aol.com.



Reunion of the Class of 1984

ROW 1: Linda Storm, children Spencer and Geo Newland, Timmy and Sean Nagle-McNaughton, Conor Dowling, and Andrew Jauhiainen, Catharine Lyman Jauhiainen (with Sarah), Jessica Allen, Dan Drais, '83, Maria Denny (with Ella), David Hands. **ROW 2:** Todd Carey, Si Newland,

Lisa Nelson Newland, Paul and Betsy Nagle-McNaughton, Robin Quinn-Dowling, '85, Brian Dowling, Meg Kelly, John Safranek, Mary Alex, Valerie Short, Will Van Cleve, Anne Skalley Van Cleve. **ROW 3:** Mary Ellin Block, Susan Stoltz, Diane Valach, Nancy Colwell Forrest, Maggie Burns, Liz Paulus, Jim

Mendenhall, Laurie Silfven, Marcy Kaufman Cauthorn, Paul Cauthorn, Lysle Wilhelmi, Christie Basye Moritz. **ROW 4:** Chris Griffin, John Houck, Kristen Nilsson Farley, Steve Heywood, Bruce Bignold (with Francisco), Carol Howarth, Christina Mastin, Bob Burton, Amy Gibbs Burton. **ROW 5:**

Matt Miller, '80, Karen Carson Miller, Peter Harvey, Brady Jensen, Sarah Geren-Ziegler, Eric Ziegler, '82, Cole and Sam Ziegler, John Eskew. **ROW 6:** Greg Klein, Joan Marchioro, Kevin Nakao, '85, Maria Miller Groen, Lisa Napoli O'Toole, Brad and Julie McMurchie.



10th Reunion of the Class of 1993

ROW 1: Tim Nelson (standing) and Kirin Armstrong Nelson (with Cade), Lisa Ellis, Scott Graves (with Amber), Patty Clauson Graves, '95, Christine Pierson, Patricia Ziegler Foryan, Tracey Rains, Norma Peralta, Gretchen Parker, Elaine Moore, Rosa Peralta, Annie Goto, Stephanie Baldwin, Patrick Timmins, Jennifer Knott, Caelen Pillette. **ROW 2:** Peter Kraus, Erin Gossard Kraus, Nadine McQuarrie, Jamelah MacLean Leddy, Kristin Ballinger Schumacher, Vanessa Patrick Swanson, Jennifer Ricketts Lopeman, Jennifer Maben Warkentin, (behind Jenn) Dave Warkentin, Gail Patricelli, Melissa Hunsley,

Kirsten Bohlke, Adrian Happel, Liz Larson Sheffield, Brad Sheffield, Holly Sitton Andersen (with Joshua), Don Andersen (with Maxwell), Lance Fisher. **ROW 3:** Janette Miller Dodge, Regi Schubiger-Lewis (with Kaya), Jamie Coates-Robertson, Susan Nielsen, Katharine Flexer, Shelagh Forester, Jennifer Irvine Forbes, David Ebel, William Meyer, Sasha Preuss, Mark Burles, '92, Kuilani Aki, Sarah Oesting Harris, Gianna Childs di Franco, Darcy Rinefort Harper, Sloan Ritchie. **ROW 4:** Shalla McMillen Gill, Becky Chadbourne Warriner, Patrick Holtz, Mike Rogoway, Lauri Willard, Amy Flanigan Mickey, Nicole Cherry Olson,

Jessica Harris Burles. **ROW 5:** Andrea Soeteber Manion, Gavin McCraley, Kevin McCracken, Kathy McDonald, Terry McAllister Giordanella, Elizabeth Malmo, Kim Illston Foster, '90, Dan Foster, Kyong Yang, Jeaneva Perez-Lehmann, Megan Lane, Heather Denker Notenboom (with Phoebe), Hans Notenboom (with Zoe), Andy Hager. **ROW 6:** Shannon Cummins Hoffman, David Bruggeman, Neil McDonald, Stacey Nofziger, Chelsea Marsh Fonua, Neeley Dillon Wells, Jill Norman Hilde, Teresa Burnett-Plughoff, Sara Trail McGovern, Jim McGovern, Mark Heller. **ROW 7:** Benjamin

Corey Hughes, Allison Bayless Hughes, Kynda Curtis, Rachna Subrahmanyam Sinnott, Alyssa Pace, Tiffany Hibbs Metcalf, Terri Burk, Amy Montanye, Susan Jeffries, Carrie Larson. **ROW 8:** Will Einstein, Megan Simmons Rice, Christopher Perdue, Damien Sinnott, Mark Metcalf, Anna Maria Moore, Katherine Schoettler. **ROW 9:** Kevin Judson, Fred Wurster, Claudia Cumes, Lorraine Hale Morris, Paul Bouchey, Jason Gelfand, Kathryn Figenschau, Matt Osborne, Fiona Lloyd-Moffett. **ROW 10:** Brian Mack, Karin Ogrin, Ted Morris, Chris Collisson, Darin Caine (behind Chris), Benjamin Gates, Matthew Bishop.



5th Reunion of the Class of 1998

ROW 1: Silvan Choy, Megan Grimes, Rebekah Brooks, Becky Hanson, I-Chin Lin Maeda, Chris Maeda, Beth Bartel, Katie Symons, Emily Lethenstrom, Tim Swinehart. **ROW 2:** Lorraine Seymour, '99, Alicia Lyman-Holt, Abby Hulme, Ava Erickson, Erin Carlson, Erin Lawson, Meng-huai Peng. **ROW**

3: Megan Leich, Adam August, Sara Lugar, Sean Harris, Tanya Hudson, Jessie Grow Hodges. **ROW 4:** Brenna Willott, Jessica Palmer, Tina Swanson August, Kevin Novack, Anne Ackerman, Rachel Wade, Adrienne Jaross. **ROW 5:** Peggy Jones Hayner, Kristin Relyea, Kenny Renner-Singer, Sean Peterson, Magill

Lange. **ROW 6:** Dan and Donna Hager Blankenship (with Ariana), Jeremy Shields, Heather Fogle, Michele Perrin, Ryan Romaneski, Renee Tate Anderson. **ROW 7:** Nathan Dire, Jenny Hillman, Courtney Harris Shields, Kelly Martinson Hennessey, Jennifer Taylor, Stacey Bush.

ROW 8: Jen Kimura Anderson, Dan Anderson, '95, Gayle Selden, Seth Hennessey, Ethan Hennessey, Kathleen Ulrich, Rhean Souders. **ROW 9:** Syreeta Cardiff, Heidi Brown Bromley, Laura Bauer, '99, Scott Learned, Holly Staffan.

blue moon

May 2004 will mark publication of the 17th edition of *blue moon*, the College's annual literary arts magazine. Entirely student produced, the magazine features the work of Whitman students, staff, faculty, and alumni.

Submissions

February 2, 2004, is the deadline for submissions to the 2004 edition of *blue moon*. Up to three prose pieces (10-page limit for each piece), four poems, and five pieces of art (including photography) may be submitted. For more details, contact Calandra Childers or Annie Marshall, editors-in-chief at childecl@whitman.edu or marshaam@whitman.edu.

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