

SPJ Excellence in Journalism Awards Banquet
Saturday, May 31, 2008
Meydenbauer Center, Bellevue

Time:

6–7 p.m. Check-in, cash bar, live jazz, silent auction and raffle to benefit SPJ Scholarship Fund
7 p.m. Dinner (detailed menu below)
7:30–10 p.m. Awards program and special presentations

Location:

Meydenbauer Center
11100 NE 6th St., Bellevue, WA
The Meydenbauer Center is adjacent to Interstate 405 at N.E. 6th Street and 112th Avenue N.E. in downtown Bellevue. Most convenient off-ramp from I-405 is at NE 4th Street (Exit 13A).
Parking garage available at Meydenbauer Center. **Parking is pre-pay at time of entry: \$9 cash, debit or credit.**
More information at www.meydenbauer.com

Cost*:

\$55/person for adults; \$25/person for students (You can pay by credit or debit card this year – details below)
Please register early. We are not able to allow walk-ups and **anyone who registers after Fri., May 23, 2008 may not be guaranteed the meal of their choice.**

*Note: We are a nonprofit organization and set ticket prices so the chapter breaks even. As a result, we are not able to issue refunds for last minute cancellations.

Emcees:

Rachelle Murcia, reporter, KOMO-TV
Dean Staley, anchor, Northwest Cable News

Special Award:

The June Anderson Almquist Award for Distinguished Service to Journalism will be presented to Frank Garred, retired newspaper publisher, journalism professor and one of the founders of the Washington Coalition for Open Government.

Keynote Speaker:

Jack Hamann, Seattle-based author and journalist
Jack's career spans 27 years, including a decade as a network correspondent and documentary producer for CNN and PBS. He also worked locally at KING-TV. Jack's work has earned dozens of journalism honors. His 2005 book **On American Soil: How Justice Became a Casualty of WWII**, is a nonfiction investigative account of one of the largest and most controversial events in American civil rights history. The book was directly responsible for an October 2007 [decision](#) by the US Army Board for Correction of Military Records to overturn the verdicts in the infamous 1944 Fort Lawton court-martial.

Menu:

Salad:

Baby spinach, Rogue River bleu cheese, spicy pecans, roasted red peppers, dried apricots with herbal vinaigrette

Entrees (select one):

- Lavender-roasted chicken breast with dried apricot sauce, sweet potato gratin, seasonal vegetables and braised leeks
- Spice-roasted wild Alaska halibut with lemon caper butter sauce, ratatouille vegetables, rice pilaf with pine nuts and herb roasted tomatoes
- Pear and gorgonzola-stuffed ravioli with yellow beets, pears, grapes, gorgonzola and pine nuts (vegetarian)

Dessert:

Chocolate crème brulee

Registration Deadline: Friday, May 23, 2008

Registered groups (by newsroom) of 10 or more will automatically be given a table. Please use the form below to reserve your spot at the banquet. We look forward to seeing you at the event! Questions? Contact Kirsten Kendrick at kirsten_kendrick@hotmail.com or 206-235-0750.

If you're paying by check (make checks payable to "SPJ"), mail registration form and payment to:

SPJ Awards Banquet
c/o WNPA
12354 30th Ave. NE
Seattle WA 98125-5406

If you're paying by credit or debit card, fax registration form and credit/debit card information to:

Joanne Rich at WNPA: 206-634-3842.

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Name of Media Organization (if a freelancer, list 1 or 2 media org. you'd prefer to sit with): _____

Attendee(s): _____

Total to be paid/charged: _____ \$55 per adult, \$25 per student

Check enclosed for _____ **or**

Charge my Debit or Credit Card*: (circle): Visa MasterCard

(*\$2 surcharge for credit/debit card transactions)

Account # _____ - _____ - _____ - _____ Expir. Date _____

Signature _____

(I authorize the above debit/credit card purchase.)

Menu Choice: Lavender-roasted Chicken Halibut Gorgonzola Ravioli (vegetarian)

Contact phone or e-mail: _____

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