



TRADITION & INNOVATION IN BASKETRY IX

TACOMA, WASHINGTON, UNIVERSITY OF PUGET SOUND
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Hello Again!

Summer is approaching and time for more information about the **NBO Biennial Tradition and Innovation IX Conference**. Previously you were sent a document with introductory conference material (you can [download it here](#) from our website) but this is additional information you will need as we get closer to the date of the conference.

Conference Arrival

The conference is being held at the University of Puget Sound, located at 1500 N. Warner Street in Tacoma, Washington. Detailed driving directions are available at this link on the [college website](#). If you are arriving at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport, there are a variety of transportation options spelled out in detail in the preliminary information [sent in January](#).

We have researched costs, and have found Capital Air (\$37) the least expensive. You book ahead and may or may not share the ride in the shuttle van. They will deliver you to Wheelock Student Center, so you'll be right where you need to be. To learn more or make a reservation, visit their website: [Capital Air](#).

Registration, Check-In and Checkout

The registration desk will be located inside the Wheelock Student Center and will be open on **Tuesday, July 18th** from 1 pm - 5 pm; look for the NBO directional signage. NBO staff will give you your name badge, your dorm access card and room key, (which also give you access to meals) and final conference schedule. **Please note: there is a \$25 fee for lost room keys, charged by the college.**

Please plan to drop off your donated items for the Silent Auction at the same time that you register. While forms will be available at check-in, donation forms are also available to [download from the NBO website](#) and are requested ahead of time.

Registration will also be the time to take your exhibit piece for the "More To Consider 2" exhibit to Kittredge Gallery. Forms will be available on site, however registration forms for this are also requested before the conference and can be downloaded from [the NBO website](#).

Checkout time will be from 8 am – 10 am on **Sunday, July 23**. Special arrangements can be made if your departure needs to be earlier in the day. There will be no conference activities on Sunday, as this is the departure day. Breakfast will be served.

If you wish to arrive in Tacoma before Tuesday, July 18th and stay on campus, please contact Joan at registrar@nationalbasketry.org for information about early lodging.

The college website provides driving directions and parking information. For more detail, visit this link to the [interactive college map](#).

Housing and Extras

We are all being housed in Trimble Hall, directly adjacent to the Wheelock Student Center where our meals will be served. **All rooms are Wi-Fi accessible.** The dorm is not air conditioned, and while we anticipate a mild week (temps in the 70's) you may wish to pack a portable fan. In addition, while bed linens and towels are provided, they may not be the quality you enjoy at home. Beds do not have fitted bottom sheets; if you wish to bring one it should fit a college dorm bed. (They tend to be longer than the usual twin bed.) Some people bring a few hangers, a portable reading lamp, or whatever else provides the "comforts of home".

Please Note: In accordance with Washington State Law, smoking is prohibited inside any campus buildings, and within 25 feet of any building entrances. If you are over 21, you may have alcoholic beverages in your dorm room. Wine will be served by NBO at some of our evening events.

Meals

Breakfast, lunch and dinner will be provided throughout the conference (except Thursday dinner, on your own in Tacoma – see schedule for details). The dining hall at UPS offers a large range of dietary options including gluten free, vegetarian, vegan and a station addressing common food allergies. If you have not already notified us of any food allergies or preferences, **please notify the Registrar immediately.** Commuters will be given a punch card for meal access, starting Tuesday evening for dinner. Lunch and dinner is included each day of the workshops, except for dinner on Thursday (see schedule for details). Commuters may also purchase breakfast in the dining room.

On Tuesday evening, we will have our dinner catered in Upper McIntyre Hall. We will be serving Pan Seared Chicken Breast (GF) or Quinoa Stuffed Mushrooms (Vegan, GF), and on Friday evening we will be serving either Cilantro Lime Chicken (GF) or Roasted Vegetable Polenta Napoleon (Vegan, GF). **If you do not respond with a food preference, you will be served the chicken dish for both events.**

Workshops

Instruction each day will start at 9:00 am – please be on time. Information for the conference workshop locations will be available at registration time. Come prepared for a dynamic week and with all of the tools and supplies that your instructor has requested on the "Workshop Tool List" available [here on the NBO website.](#)

Phones

Please turn your cell phone off or set it to vibrating mode while you are in a workshop. If your phone must remain on for emergency reasons, please leave the workshop for a private conversation.

More information will be available when you check in at the event. If you have questions before then, please contact Joan Ciolino at registrar@nationalbasketry.org or call (617) 863-0366. We look forward to a creative week together with you in July!

The 2017 NBO Conference Committee

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