

Celeste Fleming, visitor services assistant for the Clark County Historical Museum, will dress as a "cigarette girl" for the Luv in the Couv fundraiser. She will sell roses and chocolate, all perfectly nicotine-free.



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If you go

■ **What:** Love in the Couv, Clark County Historical Museum's annual fundraising dinner, with live jazz and silent and live auctions.

■ **When:** 5-9 p.m. May 21.

■ **Where:** Clark College's Gaiser Hall student center, 1933 Fort Vancouver Way, Vancouver.

■ **Admission:** \$75, with discounts for Clark County Historical Society Members and table sponsors. Call 360-993-5679 or email info@cch-museum.org by May 14 to make a reservation.

■ **Information:** <http://on.fb.me/k4mcl8>



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Luv IN THE COUV

Vancouver's ranking on romantic city list inspires theme for historical museum fundraiser

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The Clark County Historical Museum is celebrating Vancouver's recent designation as the 11th-most-romantic city in the U.S. at its annual fundraiser. Dubbed "Luv in the Couv," the event will feature wine, live music, chocolates, dinner and an auction from 5 to 9 p.m. May 21 at Clark College's Gaiser Hall student center.

The "11th most romantic" status originated with Amazon.com, and was based on local people's purchases of romance novels, relationship books, romantic comedy movies, Barry White albums and intimate products.

Susan Tissot, executive director of the Clark County Historical Society and Museum, said organizers latched

on to the ranking in an effort to have fun with the annual fundraiser.

"We try to make all of our events unique each year," she said.

"We're taking the theme in good humor," said Celeste Fleming, visitor services assistant at the museum. "It's centered on the general idea of love, which can extend to the love for the historical society as well."

Fleming will do her part to bring the fundraiser's romantic theme to life by dressing as a 1940s cigarette girl, though she'll sell chocolates and long-stemmed roses, not smokes,

ON THE WEB

Auctioneers Bill Roller and Bob Knight worked with Celeste Fleming, visitor services assistant at the Clark County Historical Museum, to put together three videos about the museum's May 21 fundraising dinner.

<http://www.youtube.com/clarkchm>

during the fundraiser.

North by Northwest Jazz Trio will play romantic tunes from 5 to 7 p.m., accompanied by a slide show about the museum's public programs. Dinner — roast beef and sockeye salmon — will be served at 7 p.m.

Clark College's Ian Titterton, who catered desserts for the museum last year, will again work with his students to design chocolate desserts for the evening.

"They're out of this world," Tissot said. "Ian and his students do a great

job."

During the evening, Tissot will give a short presentation that highlights the museum's mission and programs.

She also hopes guests will enjoy the silent auction, which she said will be fun and humorous, with a number of romance-themed offerings.

"This is an important event and we need the community's support because it's the community's museum," Tissot said.

The venue has a capacity of 250 guests and reservations are required. Tickets are \$65 for society members or \$75 for nonmembers. Parties of 6 can reserve a table for \$390. Purchase tickets at 360-993-5679 or info@cchmuseum.org. Deadline for reservations is Saturday.