

Grant program gives opportunity for funding a tourism idea

Long before I arrived in Seaside, some very savvy people instituted a grant funding program designed for those that wanted to help promote tourism and drive more visitors to Seaside. The program invites tourism-project funding requests from businesses and organizations that produce programs or events designed to increase overnight visits to the area, promote tourist attractions in the region or develop programs targeted to visitors — especially in the shoulder season and winter months. As we launch into another spring in Seaside, this annual cycle of tourism grant funding is officially accepting applications for the 2016-17 fiscal year.

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asked is what makes for a perfect project? The ideas have varied greatly during my time in Seaside. Some projects — like the Seaside Jazz Festival, which has been an annual recipient for more than 15 years — have a long-running history in Seaside. The jazz festival fits funding criteria perfectly because it's a winter event, over multiple days, that drives people to Seaside and into hotel rooms. In past years, the grant program has also

funded a beach discovery program put on by the Seaside Aquarium, as well as a one-time chowder fest at the convention center in November 2014. The ultimate goal is to provide seed money for a new event or idea that could drive new business into our community for many years to come. Lots of people visit Seaside, but they might only be regulars during the spring or summer. Perhaps an event in November or January would be just the ticket they need to visit during another part of the year. Some projects simply haven't worked out long term. And although that's not the intent of the program, we realize that's part of the process. Time of year and longevity potential are just a couple of factors

the Tourism Advisory Committee considers when deciding which applicants will be awarded funding. For those that decide to apply this year, the request must be made for an event or promotion that happens between July 1, 2016 and December 31, 2017. If the funding request is for something before or after that 18-month window, the requestor should consider applying in the spring of 2016. The maximum project request may not exceed \$5,000 and financial records must be kept and submitted for review by the advisory committee. Final reports are always due — this helps the committee understand what works and what doesn't — and depending on when funding

occurs, a mid-term report may also be requested. Do you have an idea that you think might work? There's no cost to apply. Simply visit seasideOR.com/ industry and read the complete grant submission guidelines. You'll also find an application, report form — if you are awarded funds — and a list of recipients from the 2015-16 funding cycle. Still not sure? Just give us a call at the Seaside Visitors Bureau and we can help with any additional questions you might have. The deadline for applications is April 15. *Have a thought or a question about tourism in Seaside, or maybe an idea for a future column? Drop me an email at jrahl@cityofseaside.us.*

OBITUARIES

Lynda Rae Douglas

July 25, 1944 — March 14, 2016



Lynda Rae Douglas

Lynda Rae Douglas, retired nurse, mother of three and grandmother of six grandchildren, passed away at 4:44 a.m. on the March 14 at Providence Milwaukie Hospital. Lynda had a series of unfortunate medical issues which caused her kidneys to fail. She was well cared for by the doctors and nurses, and comforted by her family and friends at Providence Milwaukie Hospital when she crossed over.

Lynda was born on July 25, 1944, in Bellingham, Washington, to Lee Peterson and Donna (Hammond) Peterson. The first of four children, Lynda was preceded in death by her brother David (Pete) Peterson (Feb 26, 1949 — March 6, 2015). Her two younger sisters are Leoma Lavier and Debby Tietz.

The Peterson family was raised in the Gladstone area, after first moving to St. Johns in 1955. Lynda spent her elementary school years at Gladstone Grade School. Lynda graduated from West Linn High school in 1962. She went on to a nursing program and received her license as a practical nurse (LPN). She began her nursing career as a licensed practical nurse at Physicians' and Surgeons' Hospital in Northwest Portland in 1964, where she worked for 16 years.

In the summer of 1968 she met her life partner and future husband, a Navy veteran and dental technician, Rodney Dean Douglas. After a short courtship, Rodney and Lynda were married in 1969 in Stevenson, Washington, in a simple ceremony attended by her best friend, Renee Gionet and her husband.

Using a small veterans home loan, Rod and Lynda built a custom home on a two acre parcel owned by Rod's family in rural Tigard, Oregon. During this time they also began growing their family. In June 1969, a daughter, Juliet Renee; in October 1970, a son Rodney Dean (II); and in February 1972, a daughter, Kristen Grace.

While her children attended McKay Elementary in Beaverton, Lynda was very active in the PTA, fundraisers, Cub Scouts and the West Hills Soccer Club, in which her children participated. Lynda took great pride in all of her endeavors,

and was well respected by her family and peers. She cultivated relationships that she cherished for the rest of her life.

In 1981, Lynda moved her family to their second home in Seaside, Oregon. While she helped her husband set up and open a denturist company in Astoria, Lynda began her second nursing job at the North Coast Medical Center. Lynda worked closely with Dr. Gordon Wolfe, Dr. Ben Cockcroft and the other doctors who owned and operated the clinic before it was merged with Seaside Providence Hospital. Lynda retired from her nursing career in 2006. She remained involved for years with the annual Festival of Trees fundraiser hosted by Providence Seaside, and volunteered at the hospital as well.

Rod and Lynda loved visiting the estuarial regions of the South Umpqua River and the upper northwest area of Washington, specifically the San Juan Islands, Bellingham, Blaine and Mount Vernon. These regions were the homelands of Rodney and Lynda's extended families, respectively. Lynda was forever stating the importance of loving and honoring one's family and friends. She took great pride in her six grandchildren: Dante, Diega, Saoul, Jordan, Parker and Ruby.

One of Lynda's greatest acts of kindness was dutifully nursing her beloved husband, Rod Sr., through his second and final bout with cancer in May 2015. Her life's work was caring for and easing Rod into the afterlife, which she accomplished with dignity and pride. Her final days were spent with her sisters, her children, grandchildren and her close friends.

No service is planned at this time.

DEATHS

March 21, 2016

CULLIP, Gladys Adelle, 89, of Seaside, died in Sea-

& Cremation Service in Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

Alton Lovell Stromberg

July 4, 1924 — March 27, 2016



Alton Stromberg

Alton Lovell Stromberg died Sunday, March 27, 2016, at the age of 91 in The Dalles, Oregon, where he was a resident of the Oregon Veterans Home. Alton was born July 4, 1924, in Jamestown, North Dakota, to Albin Stromberg and Gertrude Klaut.

He served in the U.S. Naval Battalion (Seabees) during World War II in New Guinea and the Philippines. He married June Mary Joyce on Oct. 8, 1943.

He is survived by his three daughters: Kathleen Murphy of Simi Valley, California, Diane and Tom Gravelle of Portland, Oregon, and Sally and Daryl Horn of Husum, Washington. He was preceded in death by his wife in 2014, and his son, Michael, who died in 2000. Five grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren survive.

Alton worked as an electrician for Alcoa Aluminum and for the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) in Vancouver, Washington, retiring from the BPA in 1985. He and his family lived in Vancouver for 46 years before moving to Seaside, Oregon, in 1991. He was an active member of the Catholic Church, and in 1975 was ordained a permanent deacon of the Archdiocese of Seattle. He served in churches in Southwest Washington and later at Our Lady of Victory in Seaside, Oregon.

He and his wife, June, did volunteer work both in Vancouver and Seaside. They received the Governor's Award for Volunteerism for their work with Parents Anonymous in Vancouver, Washington. In Seaside, they served as ombudsman



for long term care for seven years. He and his wife served six years on the Archbishops Permanent Deaconate Board in Portland, Oregon.

Alton also served as a chaplain for the American Legion and the Elks Lodge, and was an on call chaplain at the Providence Seaside Hospital for 12 years. He also served as a chaplain at Camp Rilea in Warrenton, Oregon, for many years, and received an award for his work there.

He was elected as the exalted ruler for the Seaside Elks, and enjoyed his participation with the lodge. He volunteered at the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry, and often led spiritual readings at meetings.

He loved family gatherings, dancing, reading, painting and drinking coffee at the Holladay Pharmacy. He was loved and respected by people he encountered throughout his life.

Hughes-Ransom Mortuary is in charge of the arrangements. An online guest book may be signed at www.hughes-ransom.com

BIRTHS

March 22, 2016

FLETCHER, Jeffery and Elizabeth Albertson of Warrenton, a daughter, Shelly Elizabeth-Marion Fletcher, born at Providence Seaside

Hospital. Siblings are Brandon, Gary and Lily. Grandparents are Bill and Chris Albertson of Seaside; and Anna Albertson of Warrenton.

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Robert Dennis Carow

April 4, 1942 — March 3, 2016



Robert Carow

Robert Carow passed away on March 3, 2016, in Warrenton, Oregon. Bob was born in Portland, Oregon, on April 4, 1942, to parents Emil and Georgia Mae Carow. He grew up in Fairview, Oregon, and attended Fairview Grade School and Reynolds High School.

He was married to Joy Belbin, with whom he had two sons, Jeffrey and Rodney, and then married Marion Lynch, with whom he had one son, Travis. Bob and Marion were married for 35 years, and enjoyed traveling around the states camping with their 1950 Plymouth and tent trailer.

In 1962, Bob began working as an iron worker when the KGW tower in the West Hills blew down during the Columbus Day Storm. His high climbing career took him many places, including the Aleutian Islands and American Samoa. Following that, he worked several years for Miser Distributing in Gearhart, Oregon, and as a heavy equipment operator with Harold Ayers Excavating in Sandy, Oregon.

He loved the outdoors and enjoyed fishing and hunting as well as working on his riverfront property outside of Seaside. He also loved his community, volunteering with Seaside Kids Little League and as a volunteer firefighter.

In addition to his parents and his brother David, Bob was preceded in death by his wife, Marion. He is survived by his sons, Jeffrey Carow of Gearhart, Oregon, Rodney Carow of Beaverton, Oregon, and Travis Carow of Seaside, Oregon; grandchildren, Jasmine, Jeremy, Tandy and Jada; and three great-grandchildren Jordan, Justice and Silas.

A celebration of life will be on Saturday, May 14, 2016, from 2 to 6 p.m. at the Seaside Golf Course, 451 Avenue U, Seaside, Oregon. You are invited to share stories, photos and potluck. A barbecue main course will be provided. Please RSVP to carowrvp@gmail.com

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