



Joe Craven and The Sometimers will play a benefit for Cascade School of Music.

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Joe Craven, longtime percussionist and violinist for the David Grisman Quintet turned award-winning music educator, will be inspiring, entertaining and encouraging Central Oregon students on November 6, 7, 8 as well as performing a concert with his trio, The Sometimers, as a benefit for Cascade School of Music.

The concert will be November 8, 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 61980 Skyline Ranch Rd. in Bend. Call the Cascade School of Music (541-382-6866) for tickets: \$15 for adults and \$5 for students. Seating is limited.

The Cascade School of Music provides a variety of individual and group education opportunities for youth and adults.

A multi-instrumentalist, award-winning creativity educator, museum curator,

visual artist, actor/storyteller, music festival emcee, director of RiverTunes and Vocali Voice Camps, and a co-director for the Wintergrass Youth Academy, Joe's musical knowledge is impressive and his gift of gab unprecedented.

Joe's love of performing has put him in many musical genres and alongside many musicians including Stephane Grapelli, Jerry Garcia, David Lindley, Howard Levy and Alison Brown. He is a musical madman with anything that has strings attached: violin, mandolin, tin can, bedpan, and with anything that might work as a drum or rhythm instrument.

"Everything Joe touches turns to music," says mandolinist David Grisman. No one who saw Joe wring a percussion concerto from his garbage-bag raincoat during a downpour at the Strawberry Music Festival could disagree.

Volunteers build 'Fences For Fido'

By Jim Cornelius
News Editor

Martha Nordbusch hates to see a dog on a chain.

Rather than simply complain about it, though, she joined up with an outfit that fixes the problem — Fences For Fido. She's now the outreach coordinator for the statewide nonprofit, which builds fences for dog yards — for free.

"I just went, 'Oh, my gosh, I've gotta do this!'" the Prineville resident said of discovering Fences For Fido. "They fix the problem. It makes everybody happy. It makes the dog happy; it makes the property owner happy; it makes the neighbors happy."

On Saturday, a crew of nine volunteers was busy at a residence at a home in Squaw Creek Canyon Estates, where a boxer-pitbull mix had been kept on an able runner — and occasionally ran at large.

"She's beautiful," Nordbusch said of the dog.

The dog now has a nice, chain-link-fenced yard, replete with an insulated doghouse. All at no charge to the dog's owner. That's how Fences For Fido works. There's no financial threshold.

"All you have to do is have a dog that meets our qualifications," Nordbusch said.

Dogs on a chain or runner qualify, as do dogs who are confined to a small kennel.

Referrals come from all over. Sometimes a resident requests a fence; sometimes police responding to a nuisance dog call make a recommendation. If you know of



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An all-volunteer crew built a panel fence for a resident of Squaw Creek Canyon Estates. The dog now has a yard and a doghouse to live in.

a dog that's on a chain, you can let Fences For Fido know and their volunteers will take the initiative to approach the dog owner with a proposal. Sometimes they're rebuffed initially, but most homeowners come around quickly to the idea of a dog fence with no cost and no strings attached.

It can take a bit of time to get materials together and organize a work party.

"This summer we were

two months out," Nordbusch said. "But now we're down to about three-weeks wait time."

All the materials are acquired through donation — and manning donation tables at events is a way to volunteer if you don't want to build fences.

For more information on Fences For Fido, visit www.fencesforfido.org. You can request a fence though an online application or offer to volunteer.

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