

Brewer's Tasting Dinner kicks off beer event

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The Oregon Garden will kick off this year's Oregon Garden Brewfest with the 5th annual Brewer's Tasting Dinner.

The popular event will take place on June 16, the eve of the festival, at 7 p.m. at the Oregon Garden Resort. There are a limited number of tickets available for \$50.

The Brewer's Tasting Dinner features six

courses, each with a small plate paired with a unique beer from one of six selected breweries. This year's featured breweries include Ordnance Brewing from Boardman, Worthy Brewing from Bend, Nectar Creek Mead from Corvallis, Silver Falls Brewery from Silverton, Fremont Brewing from Seattle and Three Creeks Brewing from Sisters.

Representatives from each of the breweries will give a presentation about

their beer during the dinner, which also will be attended by brewers participating in the festival, industry insiders and beer aficionados.

A special overnight package is available at the Oregon Garden Resort, located just steps away from the festival, that includes tickets to the Brewer's Tasting Dinner and a three-day ticket to the Brewfest, starting at \$339. Packages can be booked at

oregongardenresort.com or by calling 503-874-2500.

Located in the historic town of Silverton, the Oregon Garden Brewfest will take place Father's Day weekend, June 17-19 and will feature 60 breweries pouring 120 beers, ciders and meads from throughout Oregon and across the country. This year, the festival will be held in the Rediscovery Forest, and attendees are encouraged to explore the 80-acre bo-

tanical garden with beer in hand.

The Oregon Garden Brewfest is for ages 21 and older on Friday and Saturday evening; minors are welcome until 5 p.m. on Saturday and all hours on Sunday. Admission ranges from \$15 to \$50; all admission packages include a souvenir tasting glass and a number of tasting tickets. Parking at The Oregon Garden is \$5 per car; free shuttles are available from various lo-

cations in Silverton.

The Oregon Garden Brewfest is presented by Venti's Café and sponsored by Imperial Bottle Shop, T-Mobile, Country Financial, Crater Lake Soda, Renewal by Andersen, Goschie Farms, The Oregon Lottery, Oregon Beer Growler Magazine, Pepsi, Screamin' Sicilian Pizza Co. and Ale Ways Brewery Tours. For more information about the event, go to oregongarden.org/events/brewfest.

Chat

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A hospitable Stacy Palmer, executive director of the Silverton Chamber of Commerce, also sat in as the coffee-house vignettes unfolded Wednesday, May 18, the inaugural Creekside Chat featuring twice-monthly visits to town from Statesman Journal Executive Editor Michael Davis and East Valley reporter Justin Much.

Roessler and company each took turns describing a favorite piece of the after-school program's presence. All brimmed with enthusiasm, buoyed in part by the recent \$15,000 Oregon Community Foundation grant the program received.

Sue described Josh as a "kid magnet" and "the biggest kid in the room," an élan he brought to the ASAP directorship after honing it with a stint as the "biggest kid" at West Salem Boys Club.

Sue's description was illustrated by an enthused gleam that seldom faded far from Josh's face as he described ASAP student interactions, activities and especially, in-school achievements and improvements of each participant, which program operators have monitored, term-to-term, since the program's January 2013 inception. The big-kid director does insist that participants put in some activity or study



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Silver Falls Coffee House owner-operator Elisha Nightingale (right) and barista Emily Payley.

time for an hour or so before preparing and partaking in the session's meal.

As the parent of a participant, Jennifer lauded the program's broad reach and the fact that kids who may not normally hang out at school often interact at ASAP.

"It's not for the troubled kids; it's not for the needy kids - it's for every kid," she said. "At some point, it does help the kids who need it."

As Josh offered the "It takes a village" adage, Sue underscored it with figures, citing 60 ASAP volunteers, deeply appreciated benefactors and community fundraising, such as last year's GALA that netted more than \$38,000. She said Silverton native and country music artist Ben Rue will be a featured part of the

next GALA scheduled for August.

Meanwhile, the community foundation grant stands to expand the program from two days to three; next year ASAP is shooting for Tuesday through Thursday. Sue stresses that an accompanying uptick in volunteers would help ensure that target.

Silverton's ASAP volunteer composition builds from a wide swath: a high-school senior is among the current mix; so is a retired local physician who delivered a number of the program's participants.

Want to volunteer, learn more or help out with ASAP? Contact (503) 580-1794 or joshburgeson@gmail.com; visit online at <http://asapsilverton.org>, or "After School Activities Program" on Facebook, or ask about it



Kathryn Cater materialized as Glinda at Appeal Tribune's Creekside Cafe in Silverton.

at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 303 N. Church St., Silverton, 97381.

» **One sure way to get some ink** in Creekside Chat is to arrive in costume, as did friends Karyl Carlson and Kathryn Cater.

Karyl, an aficionado of all things related to the fantasy world created by author L. Frank Baum, came dressed as Dorothy Gale, the Kansas child who was whisked to the Land of Oz.

In the doing so, Miss Gale committed involuntary manslaughter, when her farmhouse came to rest atop the Wicked Witch of the East.

Kathryn, resplendent in pink, was costumed as Glinda, a good witch who shed no tears over the passing of the aforementioned wicked one.

If you happen to be like Karyl and Kathryn and

you can't watch "The Wizard of Oz" too many times, there is news to share.

OzCon International 2016: The 52nd Winkie Convention is coming to the Sheraton Portland Airport Hotel in Portland the weekend of July 15-17.

Thanks to perseverance by Karyl, convention is coming to Oregon for the first time. In all other years the gathering has been held in California.

An expected 100-120 collectors, scholars and fans of Baum will attend panels, presentations and a marketplace of items. Organizers have planned a Royal Oz banquet for Saturday night and a Sunday river cruise on the Willamette.

Karyl, the convention co-chairwoman and registrar, has been attending the celebration "for nearly 40 years."

Her son, Sean, who lives in Salem, has composed original music inspired by the Oz books. The compositions will debut during the convention and be available as a CD.

Karyl is a semi-retired costumer by profession who still fills requests for Dorothy's duds.

Kathryn is a harpist who composes music for students of the instrument.

For further information on OzCon, call 503-281-2500.

And if you are an Oz fan, Karyl wants to connect with you. Email her at karyl_carlson@hotmail.com.

» **If you haven't al-**

Next chat

What: Creekside Chat
Where: Silver Creek Coffee House, 111 Water St., Silverton

When: 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, June 1 (First and third Wednesdays)

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ready, check out the freshly reimagined Silver Creek Coffee House on Water Street.

Owner-operator Elisha Nightingale, along with husband Joshua, have refreshed their welcoming space with new seating arrangements, a window-lit back room and a tempting menu for breakfast and lunch.

Elisha, who moved to Silverton last year, was looking for the right location to realize her coffee house concept.

At the same time, Creekside Chat was searching for the perfect environment to launch a column within the historic downtown.

The stars aligned. Elisha has crepes on the menu, stools along the coffee bar, and a friendly barista in Emily Payley, a graduate of Salem's Willamette Valley Christian School.

The coffee will be extra delicious on alternate Wednesdays at lunchtime, when we'll be available to meet with community members and learn what's news.

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