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CREEKSIDE CHAT

Art, elections and a worthy cause



JUSTIN MUCH

Over the next few weeks, visitors to downtown Silverton can get a taste of a celebration that's primarily observed in Mexico.

As the official 2016 Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) approaches—beginning Tuesday, Nov. 1 and ending Wednesday, Nov. 2 – White Oak Gallery on Main Street next to Chan's has a display that is at once dedicated to the Mexican holiday and established as a fundraiser for a Silverton-based nonprofit.

Gallery artist **Lori Lee McLaughlin** has teamed up with several other artistically-eyed decorators to put the exhibit together. Lori stopped into the Creekside Chat Wednesday, Oct. 5, and invited us

over to take a look.

The artwork on display is accompanied by silent auction slips as each sale will benefit Somos Hispanas Unidas Silverton, which is dedicated to uniting families through legal aid and immigration procedural help under the tutelage of attorneys **Susana and Fernando Ghio**.

Susana explained that the nonprofit is committed to people who have limited resources.

“We help people if they’re in poverty; people who cannot afford an attorney,” she said.

Joining Lori in creating this endeavor are artists **Susan Brandt, BG Dodson, Bob Foster, Kitty Miller and Claudia O’Driscoll**. While another decorator intimately familiar with the theme, **Rosa**

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Silverton artist Lori Lee McLaughlin and local immigration legal aid attorney Susana Ghio examine some of the “Dia de los Muertos” art exhibits at White Oak Gallery.

JUSTIN MUCH/STAYTON MAIL

BEYOND A PUMPKIN PATCH



Brittany Sauer of Portland carries her pumpkin from the patch on Thursday, Sept. 29, at Bauman’s Farm in Gervais. The farm’s Fall Harvest Festival runs through Monday, Oct. 31.

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For Gervais farm, ‘agritourism’ translates to October income

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STATESMAN JOURNAL

A Gervais farm is trying a novel trick to get patron dollars this fall: mixing pumpkins and lasers.

For this year’s annual Harvest Festival, Bauman’s Farm is introducing an interactive Sleepy Hollow-themed laser arena game. It’s a revamp on an attraction from last year that adds to about 26 other “agritourism” thrills the farm offers.

Agricultural tourism efforts have for years been part of farms such as Bauman’s during the jack-o’-lantern season. Offerings range from farm-themed attractions such as corn mazes, petting zoos and hay-bale rides to more extravagant enterprises such as Bauman’s laser game to draw visitors.

In Oregon, only a small number of farms want to engage with agritourism during the year, says Melissa Fery, an associate professor with Oregon State University’s small farms extension service. “Very few farms... are diving into agritourism,” she said in a phone interview, later adding, “It’s not for everyone.”

But it can be a boon for the company’s bottom line, she said.

Agritourism isn’t all hay-bale rides and games. It includes other efforts to draw attention to agriculture around the state. Think wine tours and farm stands.

As Oregonians show an uptick in interest in local agriculture, there are more pockets of agritourism, said Bruce Pokarney, a spokesman for the Oregon Department of Agriculture, in an email. “It’s still a small minority of Oregon producers that offer these types of activities, and even a smaller percentage that depend on these activities for their annual income,” he said.

Farms seem to add or subtract these attractions at their own pace. Lone Pine Farms in Junction City decided against having its famous haunted corn maze this year. In-

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Mt. Angel hires new city manager

BY CHRISTENA BROOKS
SPECIAL TO THE APPEAL TRIBUNE

The Mt. Angel City Council has hired Salem’s city recorder to serve as its new city manager.

Amber Mathiesen signed a contract with Mt. Angel last week and will officially start Nov. 1. She will earn a base salary of \$85,000 per year to oversee the city staff and budget and run Mt. Angel’s day-to-day operations. She follows Eileen



Amber Mathiesen

President Kelly Grassman. “She has experience in almost every department; she’s the whole package.”

Stein, who left the job in May to become West Linn’s city manager.

“Her (Mathiesen’s) experience and her personality are just a great fit for us,” said Council

Mathiesen, 39, has a decade of managerial and administrative experience in small, medium and large Oregon cities.

As Salem’s city recorder for the last two years, she’s been the clerk for the council, Urban Renewal Agency and Salem Housing Authority. She’s also been responsible for maintaining city records and performing municipal election du-

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