

# County Cultural Coalition 2010 Grant Funding Availability

The Columbia County Cultural Coalition (CCCC) is pleased to announce that grant applications are now available for projects that address the priorities identified in the Columbia County Cultural Plan first adopted in 2006 and updated in 2009.

The CCCC and its Grants Committee are comprised of volunteers from Clatskanie, Rainier, Scappoose, St. Helens, and Vernonia. CCCC's mission is to encourage projects and activities in the arts, local heritage and the humanities. Priorities in the Cultural Plan are protecting existing cultural assets, helping people experience a variety of cultural venues, and increasing access to and participation in cultural events.

Approximately \$40,000 in grant funds have been awarded to Columbia County cultural organizations since 2005 with funds allocated by the Oregon Cultural Trust (OCT). Established in 2001, the OCT is a public/private partnership that makes annual grants to county and tribal planning groups for cultural activities. The OCT Website, [www.culturaltrust.org](http://www.culturaltrust.org), contains information about its programs and the matching gift tax credit that is available to donors.

Grant awards will range from \$200 to \$1,500; the amount of Columbia County's 2010-11 allocation from the OCT will be determined in early August. Applicants must provide matching resources (in-kind or

cash) and must be 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations or governmental units within the county. The Columbia County Cultural Plan and grant applications are available from the CCCC website, [www.columbia-cultural.org](http://www.columbia-cultural.org), or the Columbia County website, [www.co.columbia.or.us](http://www.co.columbia.or.us); use the Links tab to reach the CCCC section. Applications must be postmarked by July 23, 2010, for projects that will be completed between September 2010 and August 2011.

Please direct any questions regarding the plan or the grant process to Janet Wright at 503-397-1035 or email: [janet.wright@co.columbia.or.us](mailto:janet.wright@co.columbia.or.us)

## Commissioners Honor Volunteers

At the April 28, 2010, Board of Commission Meeting the Board honored the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) Volunteers that serve at the Columbia County Courthouse who work in various

ing the various County departments. Site Supervisor, Sally Norbom, recruits, trains and schedules the volunteers. "The volunteers provide guidance and assist residents when they don't know where to go to complete county business", said Sally Norbom. "We get a lot of satisfaction from helping people, so the benefits of the RSVP program go both ways," she added.

Other volunteers who provide numerous hours and who are indispensable in helping the County are Linda Gaskill and Andrew Myers. Both Gaskill and Myers volunteer in the District Attorney's Office. Gaskill has been working with the Victims Assistance Program since 2000 and is currently working with the Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT) giving an average of 20 hours per week to the program. Her work helps keep vulnerable children from slipping through the bureaucratic cracks.

Myers volunteers as a deputy District Attorney and has a history of volunteering, including teaching, working with immigrant victims of domestic abuse,

Legal Aid Services of Oregon and rebuilding neighborhoods. He began in March and is putting his skills to good use while he searches for a permanent position. Andrew assists with the misdemeanor caseload and justice court cases.

Other Volunteers also honored by the Board at today's meeting included Gina Harrington and Paulette Lichatowich who are Community Meal Site Volunteers. Gina and Paulette Volunteer at the Community Meals Site located at the First Lutheran Parish Hall at 4th and Wyeth Streets in St. Helens providing free meals to the community.

The Community Meals program, which is a member of the Columbia Pacific Food Bank, operates as a benevolent kitchen, and is the only program of its kind in Columbia County. The program serves a warm health free meal to an average of 90 guests per evening every Tuesday and Thursday from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

The Board of County Commissioners expressed appreciation to all of these volunteers. For additional information on how you can get involved in volunteer programs, contact Jan Kenna, Director of Children and Family Services at 503-397-7211.



Pictured from left to right, starting with the back row are: Jan Kenna, Shannon Fitzgibbons, Mary Kucera, Nancy Harwood, Paulette Lichatowich, Gina Harrington. Front row: L to R are Mary Dahlgren, Elaine Widmer, Sally Norbom, Dena Chesney and Carmel Chatterton. (Photo by Janet Wright.)

county departments. The Board noted that there had been a total of 1,871 hours of volunteer service, in the past year, that has been provided with a total savings of \$39,010 to the County.

Many visitors to the Courthouse are greeted everyday by RSVP Volunteers who assist them in find-

## Friday Open Air Market Returns--Vendors Wanted

The Vernonia Friday Open Air Market kicks off another season on Friday, June 25, 2010. The Market will again be held in the Vernonia Community Learning Center (VCLC) Courtyard and will run from 5:00 to 8:00 PM every Friday through September 24th. On Friday October 1st the Market will move to Hawkins Park and vendors will be included in the Salmon Festival on Saturday October 2

Vendors are now being accepted. Artisans of handcrafted gifts, crafts, and food items are preferred. Community groups are also welcome.

Any vendor selling food items must meet all Columbia County Environmental Health Department and Oregon Department of Human Service food safety requirements.

Table space is \$10 per market and includes table rental and canopy cover. Vendors can reserve a space for the entire fifteen week season for \$120. All proceeds from space rental go to the VCLC.

For more information about Friday Open Air Market contact Scott Laird, 503-367-0098 or at [mrscttlaire@yahoo.com](mailto:mrscttlaire@yahoo.com).



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