

## 2018 My Fair Lady Tea

A tea was held at the Columbia County Shrine Club on May 30 to congratulate and welcome the new 2018 My Fair Lady Court. The 2017 My Fair Lady Court attended, along with friends and family of the new princesses, members of the Columbia County Retired & Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) Advisory Council, and the County Commissioners.

The My Fair Lady Pageant is held during the Columbia County Fair each year to recognize senior women for their outstanding service in our community. 2018 celebrates the 30th annual My Fair Lady Pageant. The pageant is sponsored this year by Teevin Bros. Land & Timber Co., and coordinated by Columbia County RSVP, and Columbia River Fire & Rescue. Please plan to come watch the pageant at the Fair on July 18 at 1:00 pm.

Members of the 2018 My Fair Lady Court:

**Mary Ann Shaw (Vernonia)** – Mary Ann was born in Hillsboro, and raised in Vernonia. She loves Columbia County and says there is no place she would rather call home. She has been married for 38 years with two sons, three daughters, 13 grandchildren, and three great grandchildren. She graduated from the Vernonia School District, and continued on to the Pacific College of Beauty where she graduated in 1970. Mary Ann has worked as a wife, mother, and beautician since 1970, and has also been the co-owner of Shaw Logging Supply Company since 1980. She has volunteered for the Boosters, and the Vernonia Chamber of Commerce in the past, and for St. Mary's Catholic Church since 1966. The memories she treasures the most are the numerous trips she has taken with family and friends, and her annual camping trips with her children and grandchildren. One that stands out is a six week trip they took exploring British Columbia and the inside passage to Glacier Bay, Alaska on their boat. The thing Mary Ann enjoys most today is

family and friends. She enjoys playing Bunco, Pinnacle, and baking during the holidays. She also enjoys gardening; working in her flowerbeds brings her great joy.

**Sharon Brown (Scappoose)** – Sharon has lived her whole life in Oregon. She was born in Salem, and raised in Lyons, OR. She graduated from Stayton High School and moved to Scappoose in the early 1970s. She has one son and one daughter, five grandchildren and six great grandchildren. Sharon did clerical work for Rose Valley Telephone Company, was a bookkeeper for Fred Schall Oil Co., and a financial assistant for Marsh & McLennan before retiring in 2009. After retirement she continued as a foster parent for five years. She has volunteered with the tulip sales for Easter Seals for the last 10 years, and volunteers regularly for the Scappoose Thrift Store. She has a lot of great memories of growing up in the country with her brothers and sisters in Lyons. It was on a 150 acre farm that used to belong to her grandparents, and was at a time when kids could play outside or camp out at night with no fear. Her hobbies include crocheting, gardening, and doing crafts.

**Jeanne Kangas (Clatskanie)** – Born and raised in Clatskanie, Jeanne returned to Columbia County in 1996 after living all over the world in places like Uruguay, Ecuador, Peru, Bolivia, Indonesia, Fiji islands, Philippines, Kenya, Saudi Arabia, and Spain. After graduating high school in Clatskanie, Jeanne attended Willamette University and went to Western Oregon University her senior year. Jeanne is widowed, but was married in 1957 for 57 years. She has four daughters and eight grandchildren. She worked as an elementary school teacher in California and Arizona. Jeanne is active in the Clatskanie community, volunteering for the Clatskanie Garden Club



Top row (l-r): Jeanne Kangas (Clatskanie), Patty St. John (St. Helens), Carla Bodenhamer (Rainier) Bottom Row: Sharon Brown (Scappoose), Mary Ann Shaw (Vernonia)

with tending the Veterans Memorial, the Kiwanis Club, and providing meals to kids through the Backpack Program. She is a Deaconess for Clatskanie Baptist Church, has served as past president of the P.E.O., and is currently the 2018 President of Auxiliary for the Gideon's International. Her most treasured memory is her wedding in Clatskanie, and honeymoon in Victoria, British Columbia, which she and her husband were able to revisit for their 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary. In her spare time Jeanne enjoys Chinese painting, calligraphy, decorating, and flower arranging.

**Patty St. John (St. Helens)** – Born and raised in Portland, Patty moved to Columbia County in 1988. Married for 33 years, Patty and her husband have two sons, one daughter, and seven grandchildren. Growing up, she attended school in Portland, graduating from James Monroe High School, then continued her education with Portland State University and Kaplan University. Her work history includes working as a receptionist at Pacific University, manager at both Nordstrom and Servo Mation, and as a

driver for St. Helens Taxi. Patty has been very active volunteering in her kids' lives as a soccer team mom, T-Ball coach, and Girl Scout Leader. She presided as PTO President at John Gumm, and president of the softball association. She started as a classroom helper in 1992, and continues today mentoring and tutoring elementary age kids. Her most treasured memory is watching different kids grow. She says, "You get to see all the changes they go through, and you get to see what type of person they become. Then you get to also be involved in their kids' lives. It's wonderful when they remember you." Her hobbies include reading and crocheting, and just enjoying sitting in the sun.

**Carla Bodenhamer (Rainier)** – Carla was born and raised in Portland and moved to Columbia

County in 1971. She lived in Vernonia before settling in Rainier. Married for 47 years, Carla has two sons, one daughter, and four grandchildren. She graduated from Cleveland High School and continued on to the Pacific College of Beauty where she graduated in 1970. Carla worked as a meat and seafood clerk/trainer for Safeway, a Fab II Tech at Armstrong World Industries, and a Quality Tech for US Gypsum Corp. In the past she volunteered at the Olympic Elementary School off and on, and at the Beaver Valley Grange for 35 years. Currently she volunteers for the Rainier Senior Center. Her most treasured memory is the 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary party that their kids planned and threw for them. Many family and friends attended the celebration including some from their original wedding party. Carla enjoys spending time with family and friends, and her hobbies include cooking/baking, gardening, reading, and clamming on the Oregon and Washington coast.

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