

# Culture, of Course! still on course

What always fits and never goes out of style? Cash, of course! That's the grand prize in the sixth annual Culture, Of Course! 50/50 Raffle. With a limited number of tickets to be sold, the odds are as amazing as the cause: the nonprofit Lincoln City Cultural Center.

The 50/50 Raffle has become one of the highlights of the cultural center's annual Culture, Of Course! Benefit Dinner and Auction, held each year in May. While this year's gala has been postponed, the work for arts and culture goes on — and so does the 50/50 Raffle. The grand prize winner will receive half the proceeds, a sum that could reach as high as \$5,000.

Second prize is a luxurious, stylish, hand-woven Turkmen rug measuring 79 by 116 inches, imported and donated by The Kelp Bed, in Lincoln City. Third prize is a \$50 gift certificate to The Riverhouse Nestucca, in Pacific City, serving seasonal seafood, spirits and more along the lovely Nestucca River.

"We've decided to hold the raffle even though we can't gather for the gala, and we hope you'll join in the fun," said Rosanne Berton, chair of the Culture, Of Course! committee. "Without events, rentals or visitors, the cultural center has few ways to generate operating support. You can help keep the center afloat, and you may win an awesome prize. You need not be present to win — of course!"

The cultural center hosted 350 events throughout 2019, from shows in the art gallery to Celtic concerts in the auditorium. From meetings to markets to mosaics, the center offers programs for people of all ages and income levels — and the 50/50 raffle will help keep them coming in 2020 and beyond.

Only 600 tickets will be sold, priced at \$20 apiece, six for \$100 or — in a new deal for this year — 13 tickets for \$200. Tickets are available for purchase by phone at 541-994-9994 or online at <https://cultureofcourse.square.site>. The drawing will be held later this summer.

Culture, Of Course! is the Lincoln City Cultural Center's premier event, raising money for the center's operations and improvement of the historic DeLake School building. The sixth annual Culture, Of Course!, originally set for May 2, has been rescheduled for Saturday, Oct. 24. This year's theme is "Around the World in 80 Days," and will feature international foods and culture. Full event tickets, including dinner, a signature cocktail and entertainment, are \$85 each. Full tables are also available. Both can be reserved in advance at <https://cultureofcourse.square.site>.



Last year's grand prize winner Sue Henderson receiving support from Culture, Of Course! committee members Adrienne Greene and Sam Jacobson



## Revved up for fund-razer

A Newport Fathers' Day celebration will see Corvettes cruising and clippers flying this Saturday, June 20.

The Bay City Cruisers Car Club will be the star attraction at a parade celebrating the residents of Oceanview Senior Living, with a special focus on the fathers. Meanwhile, Oceanview Executive Director Becky Donaldson will shave her head on Facebook Live if supporters can hit a \$5,000 target for cancer relief.

Donaldson's locks will hit the floor at 3 pm if the target is reached. Donations will benefit CAN Cancer, which provides financial support to cancer patients throughout Lincoln County, helping pay for non-medical expenses, such as gas cards to get to and from treatments.

Other Oceanview staffers have committed to going under the clippers if fund-raising hits the \$7,500 and \$10,000 marks.

The car parade will line up at 11 am and begin at 11:30 am in the Oceanview parking lot at 525 NE 71st Street, Newport.

Guests are welcome to walk around and look at the cars before the parade as long as they wear masks and maintain a six-foot distance from anyone outside their household. Residents will be socially distanced outside to watch and cheer on the parade as it boisterously loops the parking lot, with horns honking.

For more information, call 541-574-0550.