

Earth Week big success

Clackamas Community College's second annual Spring Arts and Ecology Festival, held in conjunction with Earth Week, April 22 and 23, was a bigger success than expected.

Jerry Hermann, director of the ecology pond, was surprised at the large community turnout. Close to 150 persons attended the ceremony when the Environmental Learning Center was dedicated to John Inskeep, a well-known Clackamas County conservationist.

The new sign at the entrance to the ecology pond is made from an old cedar log found in Molalla. The wood-carving was done by Neil McLain and the wildlife logo by Erling Hegests.

People from all over the county participated in the poster contest. The twenty winning posters were on display in the CC Mall, but are now on exhibition at the State Department of Education in Salem for one week. Some of the winners received gift certificates to McDonald's; others received saving accounts at Fred Meyers or Far West Federal Savings and Loan, said Jerry Bellavita, an organizer of the event.

Art exhibits were to be part of the festival but only one person participated "although we had the space and lots of wooden easels," said Bellavita. One air brush artist showed up without prior notification and there were no facilities available for him.

A plant sale was also part of the event. "The sale was successful and a big help," said Hermann. The money earned will be used for developing the Environmental Learning Center not for maintenance.



Photo by Brian Snook
Neil McLain puts finishing touches on the new sign at the entrance to the CCC ecology pond.

Health nurse takes staff blood pressures

A preventative measure is being undertaken by Bonnie Hartley, the Clackamas Community College nurse, to preserve the health of the CCC faculty and staff.

Hartley will be taking time on Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons to go to the individual staff members and take blood pressure readings.

"I am going to them because they are less inclined to come in - students have more flexible schedules and can come to me, but staff members just don't seem to get around to it," said Hartley.

"I will be doing blood pressure screening and then explaining what the reading means, if it is within normal limits and if not, then what they should do about it."

This blood pressure screening is very important because nearly 36 million Americans over the age of 18 suffer from high blood pressure (hypertension).

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