

ELC directors plan face-lift, reinvention

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The Environmental Learning Center (ELC) is getting a much needed face-lift.

"This is a very exciting year, and the ELC has never been well understood since its inception," said ELC Education Coordinator Allison Heimowitz, who has been heading the project to reinvent the center.

Horticulture Department Chair Elizabeth Howley, Shelly Parini, dean of college advancement and executive director for the CCC Foundation, and Heimowitz, headlined an event on Nov. 16.

They spoke about the plans for the ELC with various members of the college faculty and foundation, as well as other members of the Oregon City community, such as Mayor Alice Norris.

"This place is still dear to my heart," said Norris of the ELC. She spoke about the memories she has of visiting the ELC in the past.

A two-phase process is outlined for the reinvention. The first phase would turn part of the current ELC site into an outdoor living laboratory. Once in place, the laboratory would be used to educate professionals and students pursuing a certificate in the field of environmental education.

The second phase would be construction of an environmentally-friendly classroom on the ELC site.

"Sustainability is more important all the time," said Heimowitz. "The plan has more to do with redevelopment. We want to be better environmental stewards. We want to make the ELC a showcase of sustainability."

Tyson Haworth, the operations manager for food distributor Organically Grown, off of Highway 224, said that the business already utilizes resources at the college, but his employees could also benefit from the ELC reinvention.

"Our goal is to advance employees through work force training to become more competitive," Haworth said.

"Others who have expressed interest in a degree/certificate program include Metro, OSU Extension, Oregon Department of Forestry and the Oregon Zoo.

Efforts by Heimowitz and Linda Roads, executive director of the Environmental Education Association of Oregon, have already yielded funding.

"We recently received a \$75,000 National Science Foundation grant to support this effort and the development of professional development experiences for non-



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ELC Education Coordinator Allison Heimowitz (top) shows off the proposed designs for the ELC. Oregon City Mayor Alice Norris (above) recalls fond memories of the center and shares her hopes for its continued role in the community.

formal environmental educators," said Heimowitz.

Metro has also expressed interest in putting a trail through the newly purchased 280-acre Newell Creek Canyon with the ELC as the trail head, according to Jack Hammond.

"We want to respect what's here, but make the site more valuable," said Dean of Math and Sciences Baldwin van der Bijl.

Campus Music Preview

* **Instrumental Jazz Night.** Wed., Nov. 29 at 7:30 p.m. in the LeRoy Anderson room in the Niemeyer Center. Admission is \$5.

* **Concert Band Fall Festival Concert.** Thurs., Nov. 30 at 7:30 p.m. in the LeRoy Anderson room in the Niemeyer Center. Admission is \$5.

* **"Christmas by Candlelight" Concert.** Fri., Dec. 1 at 7 p.m. at the Milwaukie Lutheran Church. It will feature the CCC Chamber Choir, accompanied by pianist Scott Mangel and conductor Lonnie Cline. The concert will include both traditional and nontraditional Christmas and seasonal pieces. There is no charge for the concert.

* **"Christmas Oratorio (Part 2)"** Sun., Dec. 3 at 7 p.m. at the Central Lutheran Church. It will feature the CCC Chamber Choir, Unistus Chamber Choir and the Sinfonia Concertante Orchestra under the direction of maestro Stefan Minde. Tickets range from \$10 for students to \$40 for patrons. For ticket information, contact Edith Minde at 503-231-1421 or e-mail sueminde@aol.com. Central Lutheran Church is located at 1820 N. E. 21st Ave. in Portland.

* **Chamber Ensemble Fall Concert.** Mon., Dec. 4 at 7:30 p.m. in the LeRoy Anderson room at Niemeyer Center. Gary Nelson directs. A donation is requested.

* **Festival of Lights Concert Series.** The Unistus Chamber Choir presents a program of Christmas selections Tues., Dec. 19 at 8 p.m. at The Grotto. The Grotto is located at S.E. 85th and Sandy in Portland. Admission is \$7 or \$3 for children from three to 12 years old.

For additional information about CCC music events, please call the Music Department at 503-657-6958, ext. 2434.

CAMPUS NEWS & EVENTS

The Craft Fair will be today in the Bill Brod Community Center mall from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Come support campus clubs, and enjoy coffee or cider while you shop. Wreaths, candles, pottery, and more! Gingerbread Building Contest both days. Challenge your office mates, or build as a team! Questions? Contact Michelle Baker in Student Activities, ext. 2245.

Dance the Night Away! The dance will be held in the Gregory Forum on Fri., Dec. 1 from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. Admission will be three concert items or \$5. All proceeds will benefit the Oregon Food Bank.

Clackamas Repertory Theatre Presents 'A Christmas Carol' Dec. 7 through 24. Karlyn Love directs David McCann's adaptation of Charles Dickens' holiday classic. Performances are scheduled Thursday through Saturday at 7 p.m., and on Sundays at 2:30 p.m., including Christmas Eve. Tickets are \$15 general admission, \$12 for seniors 62 and older, \$10 for students and \$7 for children ages six through 12. Discounts are available for groups of 10 or more.

A Holiday Party will take place in the Bill Brod Community Center on Thurs., Dec. 7 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Bring your kids for a free, fun-filled time with food, crafts and pictures with Santa! Questions? Contact Kiara Feldman, childcare officer at ext. 5345.

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