

Horticulture workshop brings camaraderie

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Welcome to the jungle, the concrete jungle that is. On Oct. 15, the horticulture department hosted two events, a concrete leaf casting, followed by a mini hoop house building workshop.

The leaf casting lasted from 9 a.m. to noon and cost \$25 per person. Each person was provided with all materials needed to create the project. The event was open to students, staff and community members.

"This event is an opportunity for people to spend time with friends while creating art that they would enjoy for years to come," said Horticulture Dept. Secretary Loretta Mills. "It's also a chance to learn a skill you can use over and over again at your own home. And it's really a lot of fun."

"It's really nice to be able to do this. It's a fun break from all my studies," said horticulture student Tina White. Most shared her sentiments. Lisa Brending, who lead the workshop, said, "It was an amazing event. I had a great time. I love sharing this technique with others."

These concrete leaves could be used as bird feeders, bird baths, placed on a mantle or used as a water fountain or feature.

"It gave me the confidence to do it again. I really enjoyed it!" said Josie Evans, a fellow leaf casting enthusiast.

After the leaf casting event, the horticulture department ran a workshop to teach anyone interested how to build mini hoop houses and get a head start on growing apples, pears and pumpkins. Oh my! Fifteen people attended the event which cost \$20. Participants were also asked to

bring a dozen packages of about 10 feet of galvanized electrical conduit at \$2 a piece. This means that total cost of the event ran up to about \$44.

Hoop houses are a cheaper, easier alternative to a green house. These farming devices are used in planting fruits and vegetables as well as extending your planting abilities; and your planting and harvesting season.

Elizabeth Howley, the head of the horticulture department said, "It's an awesome event. It's a very fun afternoon where you can get low-tech, high satisfaction. People here can enjoy provided refreshments and talk with others who love to grow their own food."

Shirley Park, mother of Clackamas Community College horticulture student Natasha Park, said, "It's nice to have something you built yourself so you can grow your own vegetables."

I really like being able to have it to grow more produce and extend the season," said Natasha Park. This event helped many attendees, whether old hands or new to the planting game, to grow more of their own food.

Participants left with the good starts to their hoop houses as well as further instructions and some contacts for organic seeds so they could start planting.

They also benefited from a sense of camaraderie with each other. Fellow workshop attendees giving them someone to call should they need advice, some help with a project or just to enjoy the talk of planting and harvesting. Though the weather may be changing it is still possible to start a garden.

Just remember, the leaves may be falling, but that doesn't mean it's too late start planting and growing.



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Horticulture students, Joan Dundy (left) and Ericka Tryk (right) admire the finished product of a leaf casting project outside of Clackamas Community College's horticulture center. This project was put on by CCC's horticulture department.

ASG here for Clackamas Community College students' benefit

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What does the Associated Student Government do other than barbecues? Many students know where the ASG office is located, still sometimes it is difficult to know when events are, where they are located and what the point of it all is.

"They help plan events probably, I really don't know," said student KC Marker.

Another student, Colton Baker, mentioned, "I know they help out with books a lot, with the book exchanges, [selling] books that the bookstore won't

take back. That's about it."

So what do they do, you ask? Besides their barbecues, which this term seems to be almost daily, the student government has many events that are meant to help the students, the campus and the community. According to ASG Vice President Ceili Smythe, "ASG is directly for the students. Everything we do is for them."

ASG regularly holds blood drives and the book exchange, but depending on the time of year and the flow of ideas, new events do spring up. Of these events, the ASG promoted a "Tailgate Party for the Needy" on Oct. 5, which was held to bring supplies in for the Cougar Cave, which helps students in need of food and/or personal care. The Cougar Cave is set up in the Community Center Fireside Lounge.

"[The event] went really well, actually. People brought supplies and money that they wanted to donate to needy students," said Smythe.

"None of the money that we bring in is for anything besides the students. The candy counter: I don't even think we make a profit and anything we do make it goes directly into the grants that we give out every year, or it goes towards funding school events. I think it's important for people to understand that we're a great resource," Smythe continued.

When asked about the frequency of the campus barbecues, Smythe said, "A lot of people love barbecues, which is awesome for us."

To find out about events on campus, look for flyers and posters, but the best resource, according to Smythe, is through the MyClackamas page, in which there is a log of events with dates, entitled "ASG - FYI."



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Ceili Smythe, ASG Vice President, answers questions during an interview.

The Print asks: How do you know when you've had too much to drink?



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"Drop their keys on the floor and have them pick it up. See how they do with that; if they fall over, they're too drunk. If they have trouble actually getting the keys, that's another good sign. Selecting the correct key is an easy sign too." — Tim Pantages

"If you can't walk in a straight line, you can't drive in a straight line." — Kyle Diaz

"[If I were to drink] I would have to be with somebody who is going to take care of me, like my brother, or my family. I don't drink at all." — Gilberto Florez

"[You shouldn't drive if you're] judgment is altered, really can't walk, or if you're speech is slurred." — Brittney Bevans

"If they can't decide for themselves, and they can't really know what they're doing, then you know they've had too much. The only way to tell is by observation." — Troy Williams

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