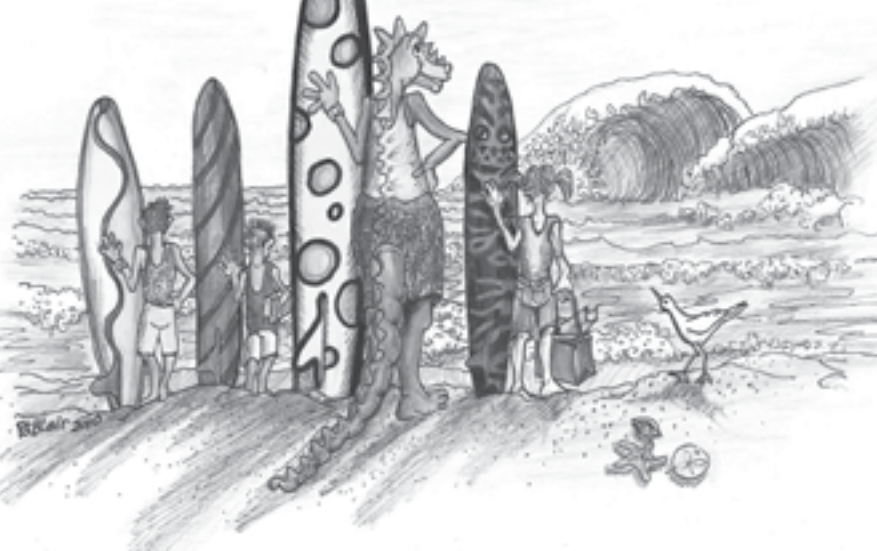


"Hang loose" with Surf'n Tales



Storytelling Guild presents Children's Festival

"Hang loose" with Surf'n Tales during the 44th Annual Children's Festival July 11-13 at the Britt Festival Grounds in Jacksonville.

This "just for kids" event has served the Rogue Valley as an affordable, summertime experience for generations, with admission remaining low at \$2.00 per person. Children can enjoy hours of entertainment with over 35 hands-on art, craft, and science projects, and of course, the daily feeding of the litter-eating dragons, Rosabelle and Pebbles! Older children can choose candle making, pottery, and wood working, while younger children can make their own puppets, create sand and easel art, and have their faces painted. Child-focused stage performances and yummy food from the Dragon Deli will be available for the whole family.

The festival runs four sessions over a three-day period:

Sunday, July 11, Evening Session, 5:30 – 8:30 pm

Monday, July 12, Morning Session, 9:00 am – 12:00 noon
Evening Session, 6:00 – 8:30 pm

Tuesday, July 13, Morning Session, 9:00 am – 12:00 noon

This event is presented by the Storytelling Guild and supported by Jackson County Library Services. To find out more about the festival, including the many available volunteer opportunities, please visit www.storytellingguild.org.

Applegate Valley Garden Club awards scholarship

On May 12, 2010, at the Hidden Valley High School Awards Ceremony, Amanda Denbeck found herself to be the recipient of a \$500.00 Scholarship Fund started this year by the Applegate Valley Garden Club. The fund was established to benefit and recognize a significantly deserving student from our valley.

A few members of the Applegate Valley Garden Club spent many hours reading and re-reading each applicant's entry statements of their accomplishments, activities and goals. Although evaluating all the entries was a daunting task, it was also extremely rewarding to become aware of the abilities, achievements and ambitions of our next generation. After the judges had finished a rigorous day of evaluating the 13 applicants from Hidden Valley High and South Medford High School, the scores were tabulated. The decision was difficult but it was finally concurred that Amanda Denbeck had demonstrated her academic excellence by achieving a G.P.A. of 3.96. Her quest for learning has also been manifested through many extra-curricular activities including Future Business Leaders of America,

Art Club, Art Council, Honor Society, and Link Crew. Amanda also volunteered her time throughout her high school years to

community activities, receiving recognition and awards along the way.

Amanda has applied to Southern Oregon College, Rogue Community College, and Oregon State University to pursue her studies in Business and Art. She is a very confident, hard-working, and goal-oriented young woman. The Club is honored to help her pursue her dreams. Congratulations Amanda!

Shannon Buscho, Member
Applegate Valley Club

For more information on Applegate Valley Garden Club call Julie Kenney, AVGC President, 541-846-0906



Amanda Denbeck



Jackson County Master Gardener Program Special Classes and Activities

Thursday, July 8, 7-9 pm

LOW-MAINTENANCE LAWNS

Pam Rouhier, Grange Co-op

The characteristics and care of a low-maintenance lawn will be discussed along with the reasonable expectations for one. This class qualifies for Master Gardener Recertification.

Tuesday, July 20, 7-9 pm

HONEY BEE COLONY COLLAPSE DISORDER (CCD)

Bernard Hartman, Ph.D.

Imidacloprid and clothianidin are insecticides toxic to bees, earthworms, birds and aquatic life. Recognizing them as the major cause of CCD, Germany, France, Italy and Slovenia have banned most applications. In spite of overwhelming evidence that they are dangerous, they remain on the USA market, and the EPA will not begin to review their use in this country until 2012.

Thursday, August 5, 7-9 pm

CLEMATIS

Myrl Bishop, Master Gardener

Learn about different varieties of clematis and the conditions that make them thrive in the Rogue Valley. This class qualifies for Jackson County Master Gardener Recertification.

Tues. August 24, 7-9 pm

TWO FOR THE PRICE OF ONE-PROPAGATION

Peggy Corum, Master Gardener

Learn how to choose a proper cutting to reproduce, how to prep the cutting, conditions to provide for rooting, time to provide. This class qualifies for Master Gardener Recertification.

There is a fee of \$10.00 per Saturday class and a \$5.00 per Weekday class (unless indicated otherwise). Master Gardeners wearing their badges are admitted free (materials fees still apply). The classes are held at the OSU Extension Center located at 569 Hanley Road, Central Point, Oregon. For questions and/or registration please call 541-776-7371.

To learn more about Jackson county Master Gardener Association go to: <http://extension.orst.edu/sorec/mg>.

The Master Gardener Program educates local gardeners on the art and science of growing and caring for plants. Trained Master Gardener volunteers extend sustainable gardening information to their communities through educational outreach programs.



Josephine County Master Gardener Program Plant Clinic Summer Hours

The Oregon State University Extension of Josephine Master Gardener plant clinic is now open for its summer hours, from 9am to 3pm Monday through Thursday. The Master Gardeners invite the public to stop in for free assistance with all garden questions or problems, at the OSU Extension Office at 215 Ringuette St. Grants Pass. Services also include insect identification. If you can't make it in directly you can call 541-476-6613 or email josephinemg@oregonstate.edu. The Master Gardeners also invite any gardener or hobbyist to participate in the Plant-A-Row project for the needy families in our community. Additional information is available on our web site at: <http://www.jocomastergardeners.com/>.

Voices of the Applegate keep on singing

Voices of the Applegate will begin its third session of rehearsals on September 8, with Blake Weller as the director. The choir of about 30 community members has been working under three different directors this year, including Tami Marston and Cyrise Beatty, before Blake Weller begins this fall. The three directors were chosen as candidates for a final decision as to who will lead the Voices of the Applegate since director Dave Marston passed away in June of 2009.

Blake Weller is a graduate of the University of Oregon and earned his Bachelor of Music in Music Education. He sings in several choirs in the Rogue Valley and has been the music specialist at Central Point Elementary School for fourteen years. He was also the Assistant Conductor at Oregon State University Woman's Chorus in Corvallis from 2002-2003.

The fall rehearsal schedule begins on September 8 and will last until November 17, with a concert on November 21. The venue for the concert will be announced sometime this summer.

The choir is open to anyone who loves to sing. There are no auditions and the main requirement for joining the choir is to be consistent in attending the rehearsals every week at the Applegate Library on Wednesday evenings. The cost of joining the choir is \$50 for the twelve week session.

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