



Tips from the Well Pump & Water Filtration Guru!

with Tami Quinn Hollenbeck

Trying to get the best “Bang for your Buck”? Keep in mind when getting an estimate for work to be done on your property that money should not be the only factor to consider.

Make sure you can trust the company you are working with. How long have they been in business? Protect your property by ask for references, check their licensing, bonding, and insurance.

Before looking for water filtration equipment, have your water tested. Make sure the person giving you the estimate has been out to physically look at your system before giving you a price. Has the company representative taken the time to thoroughly explain the work to be completed or are they just trying to sell you something? What brand/quality of equipment is being recommended? Does the contractor warranty any of their workmanship?

Paying a little bit more money is worth the peace of mind to know you are working with a trustworthy company.

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Applegate Partnership and Watershed Council needs you!

BY BARBARA SUMMERHAWK

As many Applegaters know, the Applegate Partnership and Watershed Council (APWC) has been striving to maintain healthy and diverse ecosystems in the Applegate Valley for over a quarter of a century. Through collaboration with land management agencies, the timber industry, conservation groups, and local stakeholders, the organization carries out riparian restoration, fuels reduction, and educational lectures. With funding from the Oregon Water Enhancement Board (OWEB), Title II grants (for work that benefits private and federal lands), private foundations, and private donations, recent projects have included riparian restoration along Thompson Creek, blackberry removal along the Applegate River at the Provolt Seed Orchard, in-stream habitat restoration using large wood on Powell Creek, development of four fish passage barrier projects, a lecture series, and an annual film festival at Red Lily Vineyards.

Current staff and members of the Board of Directors are people with diverse backgrounds and experience, including Don Bellville and Mel Wann, retired US Forest Service fire experts; Alan Journet, a specialist in climate change as it affects our communities; field biologists Jakob Shockey and Janelle Dunlevy; and organic farmer and author Kirsten Shockey. Once again, however, the APWC is trolling for new talent

for its board, specifically for interested community folks who have a business and/or educational background to help guide the organization as it heads down new paths.

Like many other nonprofits, APWC realizes the need to diversify its funding sources and is beginning to offer services to the community and other organizations such as biological assessments for individual landowners, contracted blackberry removal with APWC's excavator, and management of riparian restoration crews. APWC needs help to manage these services and link with potential local business sponsors.

APWC would also like to expand and continue the original Cultivating Healthy Watersheds Education Program that once targeted K-12 students in the Applegate River Watershed. Students would learn about watershed-friendly farms, farming practices, and forest management and would participate in restoration projects, monitoring results instream and in riparian and woodland areas. The project manager would work with local schools and coordinate with interested teachers.

Another APWC project on the radar is cosponsoring a “See Our Salmon” event in the Applegate to celebrate the life cycle of salmon as they return to spawning gravels on the Rogue River. The free event would



be family-oriented, balancing fun and educational activities for both children and adults. Still another planned project is to reach out to the new farmers in the valley, including organic farmers, marijuana growers, livestock owners, and vintners, with information and advice on sustainable land-management practices.

All of these programs could benefit from efforts by interested volunteers who would work on activities in their realm of interest and ability. If you would like to support and join in the APWC's mission “to promote ecosystem health across the Applegate watershed through stewardship, education, and restoration carried out in partnership with landowners, agencies, and other interested parties while contributing to local economic and community well-being,” check out our website at applegatepartnership.org, and contact coordinator, Janelle Dunlevy, at 541-899-9982 or coordinator@apwc.info. The watershed needs you!

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Voices of the Applegate: A new beginning

Blake Weller, director of Voices of the Applegate for the past five years, has moved to Massachusetts with his family. But all is not lost! We have found a new director, Harmony Sue Haynie, who is also the director of the Williams World Music Choir. She has an impressive background in music, both in directing and performing. She has recently been part of the Rogue World Ensemble and has directed many different choirs in Taos, New Mexico; Rogue River Middle School; and in Williams since 1996.

Harmony admits that she is not a conventional choir director. She prefers teaching many songs by rote,

especially songs in African and Eastern European languages. She also loves the folk process that is represented in gospel and Appalachian music.

The choir's first rehearsal will be held on Wednesday, September 7, in the meeting room at Ruch Library, 7919 Highway 238. Rehearsals will continue every Wednesday at 7 pm until November 16. Concerts will be held on Friday, November 18, at 7 pm at the Old Presbyterian Church, 405 California Street, Jacksonville, and Sunday, November 20, at 3 pm at Applegate River Lodge, 15100 Highway 238.

Members of Voices of the Applegate are looking forward to a new beginning



Harmony Sue Haynie is the new director of Voices of the Applegate.

with our new director. We're hoping that more people from our community of great singers—in Applegate and Williams—will join the choir for the joy of singing. For more information, call Joan Peterson at 541-846-6988.



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