



Rotary News

By Elaine Roemen
For the Port Orford News

'The Beautiful Children of Port Orford and Langlois'

Elaine Roemen, President of the Port Orford Arts Council, started the Children's Saturday Art program to enrich the art curriculum available to our elementary children in Port Orford and Langlois. She and Donna Smith, photographer for the Children's Program, gave a slide show talk for Rotarians on the highlights of the Arts program, which has been offering a colorful array of free art classes for elementary children since last March and will continue through June of 2010.

Unfortunately our elementary school does not have the funds to hire an art teacher but last

Spring, Superintendent Ruby Price and Driftwood Principal, Sean Wells welcomed the Arts Council's program to help fill that void. Through the Arts Council there are committed and proven teachers who are local artists. The Library is partnering with the Arts Council by providing the Freedom of Speech room on the first and third Saturdays of each month for the two-hour classes.

With a timely idea, a great space, art teachers, school and parent support, the Arts Council applied for a grant to fund the program for one year. They received \$2400 through the generosity of the Oregon Community Foundation, which allows for teacher pay and materials. The Arts Council hopes to raise funds for the next Children's arts program.

"These classes have made my heart smile. Making art in a relaxed encouraging environment has helped the children feel good about their creative products and themselves," said Elaine.

Donna Smith was able to capture this truth in her loving photographs. The children have created expressive paintings and drawings, beaded critters, creative mobiles, colorful collages, crayon resist, monoprints, animal habitats, lavender wands, story books, apple dolls, tie dye t-shirts and there are still many more classes to come.

Photographing the children at their creative work has helped Donna appreciate her own artistic gifts that are on display at the PO Library in an exhibit of her children's portraits titled,

"The Beautiful Children of Port Orford and Langlois."



Photographer Donna Smith, left, and Elaine Roemen are shown at the latest Rotary meeting.



Children's Art Program

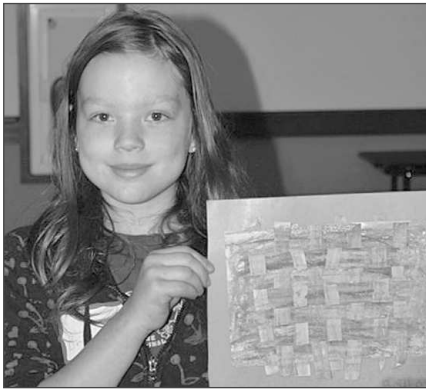
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The art of children ...



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Donna Smith

Some of the children photographed by Donna Smith are shown here. The POAC program for children is ongoing at the Port Orford Library.

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but the entire evening goes awry and even casts doubt on the viability of the Bratters' new marriage, as Corie tries unsuccessfully to loosen Paul up.

All ends well, however, and McKenzie and Smith are full of youthful appeal in this light domestic comedy.

Barefoot in the Park "runs" through three weekends, at 7:30 p.m., Friday and Saturdays and at 2 p.m. Sundays, on October 23, 24, 25, 30, 31, and November 1, 6, 7, 8. Tickets are \$10 and available now at the Downtown Fun Zone, or call to reserve your ticket by calling 332-PLAY (leave a message) and we will hold the tickets at the door for you.

Coming in February 2010 (dates to be announced), another murderous comedy with mixed casts from Port Orford's Theatre 101 and Foxwell Productions, "Faithful," by Chazz Palminteri.

This comedy thriller revolves around hitman Tony (Michael S. Fox), who has been hired to kill Maggie (Victoria Weller) by her husband Jack, who thinks she is unfaithful.

Maggie claims that Jack is actually the unfaithful one and she has hired Tony because she lacks the courage to commit suicide, but now she wants him to kill Jack instead.

When Jack arrives, roles and allegiances shift. Violent and comical twists develop, ratcheting up the tension and generating questions: Who hired whom, and why? Is Tony a hitman? And ultimately, who will die?

Up next in Spring 2010 (dates to be announced), a one woman show, "Shirley Valentine," starring Theatre 101's own very talented, Perri Rask who portrays Shirley, a middle-aged Liverpool housewife, who finds herself talking to the wall while she prepares her husband's chip'n'egg, wondering what happened to her life.

She compares scenes in her current life with what she used to be like and feels she's stagnated and in a rut. But when her best friend wins an all-expenses-paid vacation to Greece for two, Shirley begins to see the world, and her self, in a different light. It was written by Kathy Li.

And coming in the summer 2010, our very first musical review ... "Portraits," by Irving Berlin. Starring a host of Port Orford performers.

See you at the shows!

PON photos by Matt Hall



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Shoe Repair of Brookings
Every Tuesday
(541) 412-7463

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party with seasonal treats etc. There were no substitute plays. Ed McQuade had high score and Marie Hammond was second high.

Master Gardener training to begin

Anyone interested in volunteering to assist the residents of Curry County in solving gardening problems, while furthering their knowledge about horticulture, is eligible to attend the upcoming Master Gardener Volunteer Training Program starting January 8, 2010. Intensive instruction will be given by professors from OSU and other local experts in the areas of Vegetable Gardening, Entomology, Coastal Gardening, Integrated Pest Management, Plant Disease Identification and Diagnosis as well as many other topics of local interest. Classes will be held at the OSU Extension Office located at the Fairgrounds in Gold Beach from 9-4 each Friday, starting January 8 and continuing until March 12.

Students are expected to volunteer 50 hours in various educational projects before October 15 of next year. The tuition for the class is \$175 which includes the cost of textbook and association membership.

When the volunteer hours have been completed, the student will receive a refund of \$60. To learn more about the

class and receive an application, please contact Shelley Palmer, Program Assistant, at 541-247-6672 or 1-800-356-3986. Meet other interesting people and reserve your place in this popular, useful and helpful training soon.

Port Orford Parks news

The chimney has been completed on the Old Jail (Thanks Eric Carter)! The next task is to put on the roof, which must be completed before any internal work is started.

If you would like to help the Parks in their quest to restore the jail, make sure to stop by the Community Building on Saturday October 31 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. to buy one of the 29 tiles left that were made from the ivy that once engulfed the jail.

You can own a piece of history for only \$10 a tile! And as always, the Parks is happy to take any additional donations.

At the next Parks meeting on November 3 at 6 p.m., the potential for a Community Garden at Buffington Park will be discussed.

Other topics include a Frisbee Golf Course, the lighting at Battle Rock, and, of course, the Old Jail Restoration.

Join us in the Gable Chambers at City Hall if you would like to contribute to the discussion.

**PORT ORFORD
VOLUNTEER FIRE
DEPARTMENT
PANCAKE BREAKFAST
SUNDAY
OCTOBER 25!**

**ALL YOU CAN EAT
PANCAKES, EGGS,
HAM, JUICE,
COFFEE, MILK**

**ALL PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT
YOUR FIRE DEPARTMENT
Adults \$5, Kids 10 & under \$3.**

**Halloween Safety Items.
7:00 to 11:00
See you there!!!!**

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Neil Simon's
**Barefoot
in the Park**

October 23, 24, 25, 30, 31
November 1, 6, 7, 8
Fri. & Sat. Shows 7:30p.m.
Sun. Shows @ 2p.m.

Doors open 30 minutes prior to show time

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