

Sandy volunteer honored

by DAN DILLON

A few years ago, Dorothy Shrum was scheduled to teach a class on herb raising, drying and use at the Sandy Community School. Just prior to the first class, however, she called Judy Sheppard, who was then coordinator, with the news that she faced immediate surgery.

With apologies for the unavoidable cancellation, Dorothy promised she would teach the class as soon as she had recuperated.

True to her word, the class began a few weeks later. As an apology to the class members, Dorothy dug up and brought a variety of herbs to give to every participant.

Commitment to the spirit of community education often goes by, noticed only by a few. But Dorothy's nine-year involvement as a member of the Community School's advisory council, volunteer leader, classroom instructor and dedicated citizen has not gone unnoticed.

In early March, she was cited by the Oregon Community Education Association at its annual convention in Eugene for outstanding work by a community volunteer statewide.

That, she said, "was like winning an Emmy. It was such a surprise." It also marked the first time that a Sandy resident had been so honored by the OCEA.

A retired teacher, Dorothy said she keeps herself busy these days doing "freebie work."

Those freebies include writing an Historic Preservation Report for the Sandy Garden Club, completed last week for state competition;



Staff photo

Dorothy Shrum admires the Oregon Community Education Association award she was given as the state's outstanding volunteer.

writing scripts for U.S. Forest Service slide-tape programs on the Barlow Road and Oregon wild flowers, involving hundreds of hours of research; sharing her knowledge of the area's history with school children, and conducting historical tours for senior citizens.

She will serve on the transportation committee for an international lily show in June at Wilsonville.

Her interest in history carries over into many of the activities she undertakes.

"We have to catch history as it happens," she said,

"before it's handed down to us." So she has worked with the Sandy Pioneer Association, Oregon Historical Society and Oregon Archaeological Society studying the area's history and compiling it before it becomes the stuff of myth, rather than fact.

The records show, too, that once she has learned something, Dorothy is willing to share it. She has volunteered to lead more than 40 different activities at the Community School since it began.

Keeping posted

Oral Hull Foundation meets Saturday

Thursday, April 2
The Sandy Women's Club annual Silver Tea to benefit the Sandy Public Library will be held from 2 to 5 p.m. in the library.

The regular meeting of the Sandy Elementary School District board of directors will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Cedar Ridge School library.

Friday, April 3
The Sandy Senior Center's annual Spring Center will be held at the Sandy Community Center, 38348 Pioneer Blvd., from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be a work day at the Firhill Cemetery beginning at 9 a.m. Participants are asked to bring their own garden tools.

The board of directors of Sandy Community Players will hold its annual general meeting at the Community Theatre on Proctor

Seminar aimed at family help

A free seminar aimed at strengthening the home and family through communication and developing a better mental outlook will begin this Monday, April 6, at Firwood School.

The seminar will be conducted by Jim Campbell, founder and instructor for Skills of Communication, a Gresham-based firm. The three-session class is aimed at increasing the level of awareness about destructive patterns in people's lives and working through the self to build a better, stronger family unit.

The sessions are sponsored by the Firwood Parent Teacher Club. The sessions are scheduled April 6, 10 and 13, beginning at 7:30 each evening.

Boulevard at 7:30 p.m. There will be election of four new board members.

Saturday, April 4
The St. Jude Research Hospital Bike-a-thon will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Mountain Shadow subdivision next to Kelso School.

There will be a work day at the Firhill Cemetery beginning at 9 a.m. Participants are asked to bring their own garden tools.

The Oral Hull Foundation for the Blind will hold its annual board meeting at Oral Hull Park. A potluck dinner will be served at noon. Bob Mackey of the Portland Lions Club will speak on the eye bank. The Oldtime Fid-

lers of Gresham will entertain. Election of officers will also be held.

Monday, April 6
The Rainbow Girls meet at the Masonic Hall at 7:30 p.m. The Sandy City Council meets at 7:30 p.m. at Sandy City Hall.

Tuesday, April 7
The Sandy Chamber of Commerce meets for its weekly luncheon meeting at noon at TJ's Fireside Dining.

Wednesday, April 8
The Sandy TOPS Club meets at 9 a.m. in the Sandy Community Action Center.

Thursday, April 9

The Sandy Golden Age Club will hold its semi-monthly potluck at the Sandy Senior Center at noon. The Rebekah Lodge meets at the I.O.O.F. Hall at 8 p.m.

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