

Nelkin adds one last bit of advice for sellers: “Never go to any out-of-town buyers. No motel buyers. Always deal with someone local and shop around.”
— Kendall Fields

ROOTSTALK CELEBRATES HERBALISM

Tucked away on the outskirts of Salem in a diverse 300 acres of mature forest, is a group of herbalists and others eager to get their party on this weekend — botanically speaking, that is — at the first-ever Rootstalk Festival.

The event is hosted by Eugene’s own Mountain Rose Herbs, which boasts a product line varying from bulk herbs to coconut oil to tinctures, and it is a benefit for local conservation group Cascadia Wildlands. Rootstalk was born out of the visions of the two Mountain Rose Herbs owners who focus on herbalism and environmental conservation.

In comparison to other herbal gatherings across the country, this event is going to be a lot less “dry,” says Mountain Rose Herbs Communications Manager Erin McIntosh.

There will be three major events at the festival along with a plethora of classes to choose from, music to groove to and delicious food and drinks to dine on.

Some of the classes include medicine-making, tree climbing and plant

identification. One of the biggest goals of the event is to promote sustainability and foster a community for herbalists.

The opening and closing ceremonies on the first and last days, respectively, will provide a chance for the class instructors to get recognized for their help and also provide a forum to honor the event’s beneficiary, Cascadia Wildlands. But McIntosh is most excited about the masquerade ball on Saturday night, where Rootstalkers can dress up in the “woodland creature” themed costume of their choice and enjoy music and fire dancing performances.

There will also be a beer garden and a wine bar. Oakshire Brewery even brewed a special beer for the occasion called Rootstalk Gold. This single batch of golden ale uses

ACTIVIST ALERT

- The local **WAND chapter** will talk about the recent national WAND conference in Washington, D.C., from 6:45 to 8:15 pm Thursday, Sept. 22, at the First United Methodist Church, 13th and Olive. Contact scundiff@riouisa.com
- A “**Waves of Hope**” art raffle and auction to benefit disaster relief in Japan will be at 7 pm Friday, Sept. 23, at Opus VII, 22 W. 7th Ave. Requested donation is \$100 or more. Website is www.jaalanecounty.org
- A free **Harvest Festival for Human Rights** will be from 2 to 5 pm Saturday, Sept. 24, at the First Baptist Church, 1175 G St. in Springfield. Sponsored by Springfield Shelter Rights Alliance. Contact safier1241@gmail.com
- Labor journalist **Steve Early** and National Union of Healthcare Workers President **Sal Rosselli** will discuss “Labor Battles Today: Lessons of the Verizon and Kaiser Strikes” at 12:30 pm Tuesday, Sept. 27, in Law School 110 at UO, and at 5 pm in the Hilton Hotel Lobby Lounge downtown. Free.
- Eugene **Downtown Neighborhood Association** will hold a general meeting at 6 pm Wednesday, Sept. 28, at the Eugene Public Library. Terri Harding will talk about Envision Eugene, Mike Sullivan will give an update on downtown projects, and Brett Rowlett will talk about progress on the LCC construction.
- The local Tea Party, aka **9.12 Project Lane County**, met in Springfield this week in preparation for a talk by Idaho Rep. Curtiss Bowers Oct. 5. Bowers will talk about the Communist Party threat to the U.S. See <http://wkly.ws/142> for information.
- The **Eugene Tree Foundation** annual meeting is from 7:15 to 8 pm Wednesday, Sept. 28, at the WOW Hall, 8th and Lincoln. Open to the public. Beer and wine garden opens at 6:30 pm. Call 632-3683 or visit www.eugenetreefoundation.org for list of upcoming activities.

com and if you can’t make Rootstalk then grab your cowgirl boots and get ready for Cascadia Wildlands’ annual Hoedown benefit in Cottage Grove Oct. 1. And check out www.cascwild.org for more info.
— Kendall Fields

SPRINGFIELD TO GET OWN CITY CLUB

Starting Oct. 20, Springfield will join six other Oregon cities in having its own city club. The lunch meetings will be held on the first and third Thursdays of the month at the Willamalane Center, 250 S. 32nd St.

Officers in the new club are Denise Bean (president), Pat Riggs-Henson, John Tamulonis and Christine Johnson. Board members are Dan Egan, Claire Seguin, Eric Breitenstein, Rob Keefer, nancy Bigley and Sheri Moore.

Meetings will be open to the public and members, who pay \$75 a year in dues, get lunch discounted at \$10. More information can be found at www.springfieldcityclub.org

Springfield City Club will follow a format similar to City Club of Eugene. The meetings will begin at 11:45 am with welcoming remarks, a speaker or panel will address the group for about 30 minutes, and time will be allowed for questions from the audience.

The first Program Oct. 20 will be on “Thoughts from Five Mayors Past and Present.”

organic herbs, like rosehips and meadow sweet from Mountain Rose Herbs. And Wild Wines will serve its medicinal and herbal wines.

With a laid-back environment and engaging festivities, Rootstalk promises to create a community for its attendees to share their passion of herbalism and the environment. “I hope people feel a stronger connection to our native ecosystems and to the land they call home,” McIntosh says.

Rootstalk runs from Sept. 22-25 at the Oregon 4-H Conference and Education Center in the Eola Hills. Single day admission tickets at the gate are \$99, an weekend pass with camping is \$249. All proceeds benefit Cascadia Wildlands. For more information go to www.rootstalkfest.



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