



# HAPPENING PEOPLE

BY PAUL NEEVEL

## SHELLEY BOWERMAN

"My parents have an interior plant company," says Shelley Bowerman, who planted a garden at her rental house when she moved from the Napa Valley to Eugene after high school. "I got involved with people who grow food for FOOD for Lane County in the Whiteaker Community Garden." Bowerman started out in journalism at the UO, but switched to international studies. "I focused on food and farming," she says. "I was in a group called the Food Project, trying to put more local food in the dorms." One result was Project Tomato, a four-day course preceding fall term for 10 students, who harvested 1,000 pounds of tomatoes and made pizza sauce for Carson Dining Hall. After graduation in 2009, Bowerman was hired part-time by the UO Office of Sustainability to develop programs for the new sustainability-themed residence hall that opened this fall. "Project Tomato has happened annually," she notes. "Every year, we've added a new orientation trip. One of them is H2Oregon, a backpacking trip along the McKenzie, looking at water issues." When she's not on campus, Bowerman manages the Ant Farm, an informal backyard-garden CSA that serves 10 households. "We've been growing food since April," she says. "We did a lot of storage crops: onions, potatoes, and shallots. It's an example of how we can grow our own food in an urban setting."



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We hear from Benjamin Maude that **GastroNomad**, his small gourmet street food business, "came to an abrupt end before it even got started." Maude says his food cart was stolen early in October, and he's decided to use Kickstarter.com to help him get a new cart. He's raising money to restore and retrofit a 1971 VW van. Check out the details at <http://wkly.ws/1dp>

The **Arts & Business Alliance** of Eugene's Brava Breakfast will be at 8 am Friday, Nov. 9, at the Hilton downtown. Register at <http://wkly.ws/1dr>

The **final Saturday Market** of the season will be Saturday, Nov. 10, rain or shine, at the Park Blocks downtown, with free music on stage from 10 am to 4 pm. Holiday Market starts up the next Saturday, Nov. 17, at the Fairgrounds and continues weekends through Dec. 24.

The **Tamarack Pool of Lights Celebration** will be from 4:45 to 6:30 pm Sunday, Nov. 11, at 3575 Donald St. in Eugene. The nonprofit wellness center's annual event features 1,000 candles floating in the pool following talks by Mayor Kitty Piercy, Leigh Anne Jasheway and others. Music will be provided by the Shinwa Taiko Group. The celebration also honors veterans and an open swim for vets and their families and friends begins at 2 pm. See [tamarackwellness.org](http://tamarackwellness.org)

The **Pearl Buck Center** is celebrating 60 years with an open house from 4 to 6 pm Wednesday, Nov. 14, at 3690 W. 1st Ave. RSVP to 484-4666 by Nov. 12.

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