

Earth's Art: Tropical plants make it '1,500 square foot of nothing but jungle'

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Ludeman found the old gas station about ready to be torn down, he said, when looking for a place to open a garden store in Redmond. Instead of doing a complete demolition, Ludeman got creative. Envisioning drive-up sales for hanging baskets in spring, pumpkin sales in fall or Christmas trees in December, he kept much of the gas station structure intact.

Most of the plants inside the building are tropical plants — “1,500 square foot of nothing but jungle” — which do need some special care in Central Oregon's dry climate, said Ludeman.

“People do two things with tropical plants: they overwater and they underfeed, so if you can get control on your watering and get food to it all the time that plant will thrive well here,”

he said, adding that running a humidifier or spraying the plant every so often also helps.

The quarter-acre of land adjacent to the building houses a greenhouse and a wide array of colorful pottery — “the best of the best” high quality plant pots from Vietnam, said Ludeman. “Pottery is a big thing to us and people love big beautiful pots and they really dress up a house nicely,” he said.

A long-time Central Oregon resident, Ludeman brings in perennials, trees and shrubs (specializing in dwarf conifers) that are suited to the climate and works hard to be a full-service garden center — supplying not only plants, but also education and even landscaping services.

“We have some factors here with the deer, the cold, all those things

contribute to how successful you'll be with your plantings,” Ludeman said. “So we're here to help coach you, educate you.” Ludeman said he trains his staff so they have the tools they need to help their customers be successful in both their outdoor gardening and with indoor plants.

Opening a business during the Covid-19 lockdown felt “kind of risky and scary when we entered into it,” said Ludeman, but being designated

an essential business allowed them to open as planned. With people spending so much time at home, “people were coming to try to beautify their home now,” he said, which was a boon to nurseries and garden centers around the country.

“We love what Redmond has as far as the community,” he said. “The town has been very supportive ... and we're very appreciative.”

Ludeman also had support from

an old friend, Doug Stott, who owned Redmond Greenhouse for many years — and also happened to ride the school bus with Ludeman when they were both children in Harney County.

“He coached me on Redmond and said Redmond's a great place and so hopefully I can service this town as well as Doug has through the years and give people what they're looking for,” said Ludeman.

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Customers peruse the plants at Earth's Art.



The garden center carries a multitude of large pots for plants.

Lydia Valenti/Spokesman photos

Flashback: The chicks in the mail (1996)

100 years ago

March 31, 1921 — Deschutes Has Monopoly on Netted Gems

Oregon is facing a shortage of certified seed potatoes and the only Netted Gem seed in the state is in Deschutes county, according to a statement issued by the Oregon Agricultural College.

“The quantity of certified seed in the state,” says the statement, “is not great but the quality is good. Netted Gems head the list with 1975 sacks.”

“The Netted Gems are all in Deschutes county. Multnomah county has 425 sacks of Burbanks and 15 sacks of Early Rose. In Clatsop county there are 10 sacks of Early Rose and 20 sacks of Burbanks. In Benton county can be found 225 sacks of British Queen.”

The college advises growers throughout the state to get in touch with the county agents of the counties mentioned as having the variety of seed they desire.

75 years ago

April 4, 1946 — Herd Improvement Program Revived

Functioning of the Central Oregon Dairy Herd Improvement association, which was discontinued during the war, will be resumed within a week or two, according to County Agent H.G. Smith, when Bill Holcomb, who will do the cow-testing work, returns from a short course on the subject at Oregon State college.

At present 25 herds have been signed under the program with a total of 493 cows.

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In former years the association was testing up to 700 cows.

Holcomb, a veteran, was employed before the war at the Central Oregon Cooperative creamery. It is expected that he will work part-time in the creamery now until the volume of herd improvement work approaches former figures.

50 years ago

March 31, 1971 — Pilot auto course opens new avenues

Avenues that may lead to a lifetime career, avocational skills or a needed summer job are being explored by 12 Redmond High School boys.

The students are among 35 Deschutes and Crook county boys enrolled in Central Oregon Community College Automotive Department's pilot program.

Daily the boys, chosen for

the program by high school officials, are bused to COCC's Applied Science Department in downtown Bend for a three-hour session. Then it's back to Redmond for regular high school classes.

25 years ago

April 3, 1996 — The chicks in the mail

On certain mornings this time of year, patrons at Redmond's post office will hear something distinctly different than the usual bustle of letter and package sorting in the back room.

What customers might at first mistake for one of those stress-reduction recordings that play nature sounds is, in fact, the real thing: hundreds of fuzzy, chatty little chicks bunched together in cardboard boxes waiting to be claimed by the likes of Lavonne Smith, co-owner of The Feed Barn in Redmond.

Smith figures that she orders about 4,000 baby chickens and

turkeys each year, and nearly every one of them arrives safe and sound from Western Oregon or Boise via the Postal Service.

Selling for \$1 apiece, most of the chicks are reared as egg-layers, though some, such as the fast-growing cornish cross chicks, are bred as fryers.

For places like The Feed Barn, chicks might as well be a dime a dozen: The real revenue comes from sales of feed.

But for Shanks Hatchery in Hubbard, south of Portland along I-5, newborn chicks are the bread and butter.

Owner Gil Jones ships just shy of a million chicks a year to 300 wholesale customers. Nine out of 10 of the small birds, packed a few short hours after hatching, are sent in the mail.

Jones said that the yok sac provides all the nourishment a chick needs for the first few days out of the egg — long enough to survive the journeys. And the birds keep each other warm in the shipping boxes.

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DEATH NOTICES

Nancy (Hazelwood) Lee Arial of Bend, OR

May 16, 1945 - March 21, 2021

Arrangements: Baird Funeral Home of Bend is honored to serve the Arial family. Please visit our website, www.bairdfh.com, to share condolences and sign our online guest book.

Services: A service will be held later in the summer for friends and family

Contributions may be made to:

Meissner Nordic <https://meissnernordic.org/donate/> PO Box 2032 Bend, OR 97709-2032 Phone: 541-316-0831

Samye J. Stills of Redmond, OR

February 27, 1958 - January 16, 2021

Arrangements: Arrangements Entrusted To: Redmond Memorial Chapel www.redmondmemorial.com; 541.548.3219

Services: Private Family Services Contributions may be made to: Brightside

Dan Henry Skeels of Madras, OR Dec 23, 1928 - March 19, 2021

Arrangements: Autumn Funerals, Redmond 541-504-9485 www.autumnfunerals.net

Services: Services will be held a later date.

David L. Hanson of Redmond, OR

March 31, 1949 - March 18, 2021

Arrangements: Arrangement entrusted to Redmond Memorial Chapel. 541-548-3219. Please leave condolences at redmondmemorial.com

Services: Services will be held at a later date.

Contributions may be made to: Redmond Band of Brothers

Daniel Gilbert Sanders of Redmond, OR

March 19, 1949 - March 26, 2021

Arrangements: Autumn Funerals-Redmond is honored to serve the family. 541-504-9485. Condolences may be conveyed to the family at www.autumnfunerals.net

Services: A service will be held in California at a later date.

Elaine M. York of Redmond, OR

Jan 29, 1926 - March 16, 2021

Arrangements: Arrangements Entrusted To: Redmond Memorial Chapel www.redmondmemorial.com; 541.548.3219

Services: Private Burial Services Contributions may be made to: Local Charity of Choice

OBITUARY DEADLINE

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OBITUARY

Lyla Ollerenshaw

February 23, 1944 - March 21, 2021

Receiving a hand-crafted photo greeting card from Lyla Ollerenshaw was a reflection of her love of Central Oregon. She died March 21 of congestive heart failure at age 77.

Lyla Jean was the youngest of three daughters born Feb. 23, 1944, to Lyle and Clara (Trachsel) Smith in what is now known as Aloha, Oregon. She graduated from Sunset High School.

She worked many years as a sign painter for PayLess Drug Stores in Salem and on the opening crew of the Redmond store in 1979. She and her husband, Gary, whom she married on Nov. 26, 1979, in Bend, owned and operated Xpress Lubes in Redmond and Bend from 1996 until 2006 when she retired.

Besides crafting greeting cards, Lyla enjoyed sewing and flower gardening. She was a lifetime cat lover and benefactor of rescue cats, owning more than 27 throughout her lifetime.

Lyla is survived by her three sons, Thomas (Karen) of Redmond, Wash., Eric (Ava) of Tualatin, and Lenny Heiple, of Boise; nine grandchildren and a great granddaughter; sisters Sue McClure, of Fossil, and Karen Eschelby, of Vernonia; four nieces and two nephews and three cats.

Her family will hold a private memorial service this summer to distribute her remains. Memorial contributions are suggested to Brightside Animal Shelter or Cat Rescue Adoption and Foster Team, Bend.



WORSHIP DIRECTORY

Baptist

Highland Baptist Church
3100 SW Highland Ave., Redmond
541-548-4161
Barry Campbell, Lead Pastor

Sunday gathering times:
9AM Blended,
10:30AM Contemporary,
6PM Acoustic

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945 W. Glacier Ave.,
Redmond, OR

541-923-0301

Sabbath School 9:30 am
Worship 10:45 am

Roman Catholic

St Thomas Roman Catholic Church
1720 NW 19th Street
Redmond, Oregon 97756
541-923-3390

Father Todd Unger, Pastor

Mass Schedule:
Weekdays 8:00 am
(Except Wednesdays)
Wednesday 6:00 pm

Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm
First Saturday 8:00 am (English)
Sunday 8:00 am, 10:00 am (English)
12:00 noon (Spanish)

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From 5:00 to 5:45 pm and on
Saturdays From 3:00 to 4:30 pm

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