

Sou'Wester Garden Club holds plant sale

Annual sale set for May 28 at Seaside Convention Center

SEASIDE — The Sou'Wester Garden Club's annual plant sale will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, May 28 at the Seaside Civic and Convention Center. The public is invited, and admission is free.

The garden club's plant sale received rave reviews last year for its spacious location at the convention center. Customers commented on the creative and attractive layout, the wide array

and supply of plants, and the convenience of picking up purchases.

The sale provides a variety of plants that do well in the Pacific Northwest marine climate area. There will also be unique planters and other popular items from the club's marketplace. Proceeds from this fundraiser allows the garden club to support community initiatives such as the Downtown Seaside Flower Basket program; the winter Festival of Trees; and a Cup of Cheer, floral arrangements for the community assisted living



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facility residents. The club's most ambitious project is its "down to earth — digging in the dirt" gardening, which, along with the plant sale proceeds, help fund additional maintenance of the historic Butterfield Cottage Gardens, home to the Seaside July 4th Old Fashioned Social.

Also notable is the Garden Club's scholarship program, which will provide a \$1,500 scholarship to each of two Seaside High School graduates. Jack Whittle will be graduating in June and plans to attend the University of Montana to major in resource conservation. Alanna Kieffer graduated in 2014 and will be a junior at Oregon State University where she is majoring in marine biology.

The scholarships are funded by a raffle and silent auction. The raffle items are a salad bowl on wheels, a whimsical garden couple and quails on parade. Raffle tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5. The silent auction features unique and theme planters entered by members for competitive judging before being offered for sale.

For more information call 503-717-4221.

Sou'Wester Garden Club is a member of the Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs and the National Council of State Garden Clubs, a 501(c)3 organization.

Tenor guitars strum into town May 25 to 29

ASTORIA — The seventh annual Tenor Guitar Gathering will take place May 25 to 29, bringing acclaimed musicians to perform on four-stringed guitars, ukuleles and mandolins.

This year, workshops cost about \$30 each. Bundles are available; learn more and find the schedule at tenorguitargathering.info

Wednesday kicked things off for early attendees with an orientation and jam session.

Thursday, May 26 offers morning workshops with Grant Flick and mandolin player Tim May as well as afternoon workshops with Kingston Trio member Rick Dougherty and electric tenor guitar player Tom Molyneux. When not at a workshop, attendees are invited to jam all day at Pier 39's Rogue Ale House.

The public is invited to a concert at 6 p.m. Thursday at First Presbyterian Church's Fellowship Hall, located at 1103 Grand Ave. The evening of learning and sharing songs will focus on family fun. Festivities include local folksong enthusiast John Snyder singing several folksongs and leading a sing-along with Astoria Mayor Arline LaMear and

Tenor Guitar Foundation board president Josh Reynolds. Admission is \$10 for families, and youth ages 18 and under are free. Admission covers a sandwich, water and cookies for all. Bring canned food to donate to the Clatsop Community Action Food Bank.

Friday will see the annual Astoria Trolley ride and jam at 10 a.m. Howard Blumenthal will lead the tradition, where tenor guitar players ride the trolley from Bridgewater Bistro down the Astoria waterfront and back. The ride will be followed by lunch at noon at Bridgewater Bistro with performances by Grant Flick and John Lawlor. Friday workshops will include Tin Pan Alley Sounds with Douglas Fraser and "Woody Guthrie Songbook of the Columbia River" with Carl Allen.

From 7 to 9 p.m. Friday, RiverSea Gallery will once again host Backstage Pass, a fundraiser for the Gathering that offers a chance for patrons to mingle with musicians during a series of performances. In an intimate setting, a full roster of tenor guitarists will take turns performing. Catered light bites and beverages will round out the evening, and attendees will have many chances to meet the performers and chat with them about their

music and unusual instruments.

Tickets for Backstage Pass are \$30 per person, and space is limited to 30 fans. All proceeds will be donated to the Tenor Guitar Foundation, an Oregon nonprofit, to help bring this exciting annual festival to Astoria. For more information or to purchase tickets in advance, visit tenorguitargathering.info. Tickets will also be sold at the door if there are any seats remaining. Call RiverSea Gallery at 503-325-1270 for last minute ticket updates.

Saturday workshops include a beginner ukulele workshop with Jean Mann, soloing and improvisation with Grant Flick, a tenor dobro workshop with Tyler Jackson, and a class with John Lawlor. At noon, Mike Kennedy of Indian Hill Guitar will offer a free presentation, about building custom tenor guitars.

Saturday evening, head to the Astor Street Opry Company Playhouse at 129 W. Bond St. for A Night of Tenor Guitars, a concert honoring founder Mark Josephs, who died in January. The show starts at 7 p.m. Admission is \$15 with seating limited to 150.

Sunday will see a 3 p.m. mandolin workshop at Pier 39 with Brian Oberlin. Then, at 6 p.m., attend an evening concert with Brian Oberlin and Evan Marshall at the ASOC Playhouse. Admission is \$15 at the door.



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