

Riverbend Players present 'The Curious Savage' play

NEHALEM — Members of the Savage family are the center of "The Curious Savage," The Riverbend Players' first production of the 2017 season at the North County Recreation District's Performing Arts Center, located at 36155 Ninth St.

A heartwarming comedy written by John Patrick and directed by Suzanne Jelineo, "The Curious Savage" chronicles the adventures of Mrs. Ethel P. Savage. To prevent her from spending what her stepchildren consider their inheritance, they have their stepmother committed to The Cloisters. The Cloisters is not an asylum but a home to several eccentric gentle people, who are referred to as guests, not inmates.

"It's a delightful sto-

ry," director Jelineo said. "It shows people working together and living together — and accepting each other. The play reminds us, in a warm and heartfelt way, that we each are unique and need to be appreciated by others."

The play runs three Saturdays — Feb. 11, 18 and 25 — and two Fridays — Feb. 17 and 24. Evening performances start at 7 p.m. There are two Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. Feb. 12 and 26. Doors open 30 minutes before the play starts.

Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased at the door or at the NCRD office. Call 503-368-7008. Children under 12 are free.

Opening night will include a reception at 5:45 p.m., upstairs in the NCRD kitchen, with free refreshments with the cast.

Hearts for the Arts dinner to raise funds for Willapa Heritage Foundation

SOUTH BEND, Wash. — The Willapa Heritage Foundation is hosting the 22nd annual Hearts for the Arts dinner and auction from 6 to 10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11, at the Willapa Harbor Community Center, located at 916 W. First St.

The foundation's purpose is to promote the arts, artists and art organizations in the Pacific County area, and this event is the foundation's only fundraiser of the year.

This year's Hearts for the Arts dinner will be prepared by Tamra McConahy and include salad with Cajun ranch dressing, chicken and andouille sausage gumbo, cheddar corn muffins, and bananas foster with vanilla ice cream. It's not your run-of-the-mill fundraising dinner — it has a Mardi Gras theme.

Along with dinner will be the silent auction, live auction and a raffle table, where

attendees will find many individual art pieces for sale, as well as gift certificates and baskets filled with goodies.

Area artists have donated handmade art pieces for the event. A special highlight this year, artist Joanne Jambor will produce a piece for the live auction during the evening.

There will be a drawing for the gas raffle at the auction. Gas raffle ticket holders do not need to attend the dinner

and auction in order to win the gas raffle prize of 100 gallons of gasoline. Raffle tickets may be purchased at the following locations: South Bend Pharmacy, Jayden's German Store, Raymond Pharmacy, Raymond Furniture, Elixir Coffee Shop, Bank of the Pacific, Heavenly Memories, Sunset Air or by calling 360-942-3677.

Tickets for this event will be \$35 in advance and may be purchased at South Bend Pharmacy, at Raymond Pharmacy or by calling 360-942-3677. Tickets at the door will be \$40. Space is limited.



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