

CORK: THE NEW CANVAS

Wine themed art nights come to museum

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The History Museum of Hood River County proved wine makes for a promising creative medium as well as a classy beverage. Casual artists assembled at the museum Monday night to enjoy the first in a series of weekly wine themed craft nights celebrating Oregon's wine history.

The craft nights coincide with the museum's main exhibit, "Clink! A Taste of Oregon Wine," a traveling display hosted by the Oregon Historical Society.

Andrea Smith, Education and Volunteer Coordinator at the History Museum, said the craft events are a chance for adults to unleash their crafty side.

"I love any instance where adults get to play ... most people think that only kids can do crafts at museums and I think everyone should," said Smith.

Under Smith's guidance, a handful of guests of all ages transformed cork, ribbon and glue into jewelry holders. Elizabeth Spiker of Hood River teamed up with her granddaughter, Taryn Schilling, to make a tower-like necklace holder. Spiker said she had ample experience with do-it-yourself art projects. The veteran crafter seemed calm and collected as she showed her granddaughter the finer points of cutting and gluing.

Other artists were new to the medium. Robyn Schuemate, a Hood River Middle School student, said she had mixed results in her art classes. However, she had success at the art night, crafting an earring holder, colored bold red with a Sharpie pen.

The next two craft nights will include wine



Photos by Patrick Mulvihill.

ELIZABETH SPIKER, left, coaches her granddaughter, Taryn Schilling, in making a cork necklace holder at the History Museum Monday night. Below: The museum's Clink! A Taste of Oregon Wine exhibit boasts an antique wine press loaned by local entomologist Dr. Helmut Riedl.

glass etching and cork coaster making. Smith said her designs were influenced by photo sharing site Pinterest and local artists.

"I think this museum in particular is really affordable culture. You get a lot for you money here," said Smith.

The "Clink! A Taste of Oregon Wine" exhibit costs \$5 for entry. Craft nights cost \$7. The price includes craft materials, tasty cookies and a tour of the exhibit.

The traveling exhibit regales the history of Oregon's vineyards from Prohibition era to its modern booming state. Visual aids include iPads, vintage wine bottles and a medley of colorful display windows.

The Hood River museum added a local flair to the exhibit with medal-bearing bottles from vineyards across the Columbia Gorge including Cathedral Ridge and Phelps Creek, as well as a vintage wine press loaned by local entomologist Dr. Helmut Riedl.

The "Clink! A Taste of Oregon Wine" exhibit is open to all ages Monday through Saturday until April 30 at 300 E. Port Marina Drive, Hood River. Craft nights will be held at 5 p.m. Monday for the next two weeks. To pre-register in advance, call the museum at 541-386-6772 or email thmeducation@gmail.com.



'DRONES, DROIDS, DATA & DIRT'
Precision Farming Expo
returns to Salem March 17

Farmers, agronomists, innovators and others interested in learning how new and increasingly affordable tech solutions are becoming available to Northwest growers are invited to attend the second annual Precision Farming Expo, which will be held Tuesday, March 17 and Wednesday, March 18 at the Salem Convention Center (located at 200 Commercial Street SE).

Unlike any other agricultural event or conference in the United States, the Precision Farming Expo brings technology developers, farmers, agronomists, expert researchers and officials together for two days of advanced agriculture technology, information sharing and collaboration.

Expo attendees will have the opportunity to see displays and presentations on currently available and near future agri-tech innovations including the latest in unmanned systems (drones), robotics, data systems, remote sensing and more.

Attendees will have the opportunity to see the Yamaha RMAX unmanned aerial

spray helicopter for the first time and hear a report from UC Davis' professor Ken Giles on his season-long field study of a test vineyard in the Napa Valley.

"Hundreds of new farming-related technologies are being developed each year and it's getting harder for working farmers to decide which ones to invest time and money into," says Jeff Lorton, producer of the Precision Farming Expo. "The Precision Farming Expo offers the opportunity for farmers to spend two full days connecting with the researchers and developers who are creating these actual innovations."

The cost to attend the Expo is \$120 per person and includes all educational sessions, the trade show, continental breakfasts, lunches and a St. Patrick's Day mixer. The Grand Hotel, the headquarters hotel for the Salem Convention Center, is offering special overnight rates for Expo attendees. To register for the Expo or for more information, go to www.precisionfarmingexpo.com or call 503-989-6933.

Learn about long-term care
March 17 at Bethel UCC

Bethel Congregational United Church of Christ hosts a March 17 potluck and information session on financial and estate planning.

As parents age, they may spend months or more in a long-term care facility. Because of parental support laws, also known as "filial support," an adult child could be on the hook for unpaid bills deceased parents leave behind. These laws allow long-term care providers to pursue payment from a parent's adult children in 29 states and Puerto Rico.

Bethel will host Ryan Jensen of Vancouver's Jensen and Sons and Evan White with OneAmerica's Care Solutions division to speak on this topic of long

term care. They will be joined by Hood River attorney Teunis J. Wyers. The event will begin about 6:30 p.m. and will be preceded by a potluck in the church's Grace Hyde Room beginning about 5:30. Attendees are under no obligations and all questions are free.

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