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FASHION VISITS CL

A model shows off couture by Carson, Wash., designer Desi Allinger Nelson, who has upcoming shows in Australia, Seattle, and London, in Sunday's "Soul In Motion" fashion show and forum at the Port Pavilion Building. Above, organizer Debora Lorang of Lorang Fine Art, thanks participants for a successful first year of "Women in Motion," the weekend-long event that put the spotlight on the creative abilities of female designers, artists, and authors. The runway show, the first in memory in Cascade Locks, also featured Mongolian-influenced works by Lisha Xie, and painted fabric gowns by Parisian designer Larissa Noury. Asked what her biggest influence was after three days in Cascade Locks, Noury said, "Nature, which I always use in my works, and this place is so beautiful it has given me more inspiration."



'Mad Hatter' cake decorating contest open

All cake decorating enthusiasts can show off their talents and compete for four \$100 cash prizes by entering the "Once Upon a Cake" decorating contest as a part of the fifth annual Mad Hatter's Tea Party, an afternoon event, from 2-4 p.m. on May 17, hosted by the Columbia Gorge Hotel. The Alice in Wonderland-themed cake decorating contest will have four categories with cash prizes open to all ages and abilities, ranging from children five years of age up to professionals. The cakes are sure to add more imagination to this already storybook afternoon. The beautiful Columbia

Gorge Hotel will again be the setting for this fun and family friendly benefit for Opportunity Connections, a local non-profit organization providing services to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities in our community. Don't be late for this very important date! Join in the fun with Alice and friends for this most enjoyable afternoon of tea and cakes and Wonderland activities for all ages.

For more information and how to enter the "Once Upon a Cake" decorating contest and for tickets to the Mad Hatter's Tea, contact Opportunity Connections via web-

site, Facebook, or call Katie Maple at 541-386-3520 ext. 7003. Tickets for the Tea Party are on sale at Klints and Waucoma bookstores.

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Plant class series starts

Columbia Gorge Community College, in partnership with the Discovery Center, will offer a series of plant stewardship class this spring. A group of three workshops, each including a presentation and field trip, can be taken as a series or individually. Instructor Barbara Robinson is an expert on Gorge plants. She has been in charge of restoration on the Discover Center grounds since 1997.

■ Wildflower Stewardship, April 30 — In spring, our hills bloom with color, and people come from far and wide to see this special show. What are these flowers? Can you grow them, and how long do they take to grow? What are the threats to them? How can you protect them? This session will explore those questions with a presentation and a field trip to look at wildflowers.

■ Oregon White Oaks Presentation, May 20 — All native oaks in Washington and northern Oregon are one species, yet take many forms, from "scrub oaks" to huge trees, and are very important to many animals.

■ Weeds of the Gorge, June 4 — Plant species introduced from other places can sometimes flourish so well in a new location that they crowd out native species and cause great damage. In our area, what are our "weeds" and how do you identify them?

Register online or by calling 541-506-6011. Cost of the series is \$69, or \$29 each.

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