

Traveling Red Chair visits Hood River County bed and breakfasts

Where travelers once held photos of Flat Stanley in unusual places, photographers now shoot photos of a humble red chair. Long considered simply a place to rest after a long day, the lowly wooden chair has been elevated to celebrity status, and is being welcomed at inns and bed and breakfast establishments throughout America.

It's all part of a multi-year B&B awareness program that focuses on a traveling red porch chair to highlight the comfort, hospitality and friendliness of bed and breakfasts, and the Red Chair has recently been spending time in Hood River, first at Sakura Ridge B&B, then Hood River B&B, and now at Old Parkdale Inn.

Since its start in New England in 2012, B&Bs and inns have taken inspiring photos of the Red Chair from beaches to bandstands.

Thanks to a partnership with BedandBreakfast.com, the Red Chair is making its way across the United States, bringing attention to B&Bs and beautiful travel destinations. It traveled along the East Coast and Southern states in 2014 and is making its way to the West Coast in 2015. Participating B&Bs and inns listed on BedandBreakfast.com host the Red Chair,



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THE LITTLE chair that could graces the gate at Sakura Ridge B&B, on Riordan Hill Road southwest of Hood River.

chronicling its stay with blog posts and photos on www.RedChairTravels.com.

It all started in winter 2012 with a single image. Woods Hole Inn innkeeper Beth Colt posted a picture on Facebook of her simple red chair perched on the ice behind her house and watched her page light up with "likes." The picture was shared on the Facebook page of Julie Ann Cromer, a photographer from Santa Barbara, Calif., who was inspired by the image to visit the Woods Hole Inn and took a second photo of the

chair on a local beach.

Throughout 2012 and early 2013, the Red Chair developed a personality of its own, being photographed by innkeepers in communities from one end of New England to the other. Starting in Cape Cod, the Red Chair journeyed throughout the six New England states on a 9-month tour.

"This chair is the little engine that could," said Colt. "I could never have imagined that it would travel so far, to every corner of America, all on the kindness and hospitality of innkeepers. It's a barn-

raising of sorts; the sharing of a piece of Americana."

Stories from the Red Chair's travels have been chronicled on blogs at each stop throughout its journey. For a compilation of these blogs, visit www.redchairtravels.com/blog. For a complete view of Red Chair photos, visit redchairtravels.com.

Businesses could contact Mary Pellegrini of Old Parkdale Inn at 541-352-5551 or parkdale@hoodriverlodging.com to set up a visit with Red.



NOT FOR SITTING

The crimson furniture visiting local bed and breakfasts (story at left) is not the only red chair making the local scene. Hood River artist Dawn Elle created this six-inch long piece for Best of the Gorge art exhibit, on display through July at Columbia Center for the Arts. "I had done the chair and someone suggested I add the footstool," Elle remarked. Best of the Gorge features paintings, sculpture, jewelry, photography, and more.

July 10 is deadline for Plein Air writing exhibit

The registration deadline is July 10 for the 11th annual Pacific Northwest Plein Air Writing Exhibition, organized by the Columbia Center for the Arts and sponsored by the Schmuck Family Fund.

As part of the Plein Air Event, writers join visual artists in several sites around the Columbia River Gorge from Aug. 3-5 for creative inspiration.

"Plein air," French for plain air, involves creating entirely in place, as opposed to working from sketches or notes done in the field.

While any genre is permitted, such as poetry, fiction, flash fiction, essay, or memoir, writers are limited to 500 words.

Participating writers' work will be displayed along with artists during the month of August at Columbia Center for the Arts, Third and State in Hood

River. Work will also be collected in an online anthology and writers will have the opportunity to share their work at a public reading on Sunday, Aug. 9, at CCA.

Registration forms are available at Columbia Center for the Arts and online at columbiaarts.org.

For additional information, email Writing Exhibition Coordinator Julie Hatfield at julie@onlineprose.com.

The registration fee is \$20, and will be limited to 25 participants.

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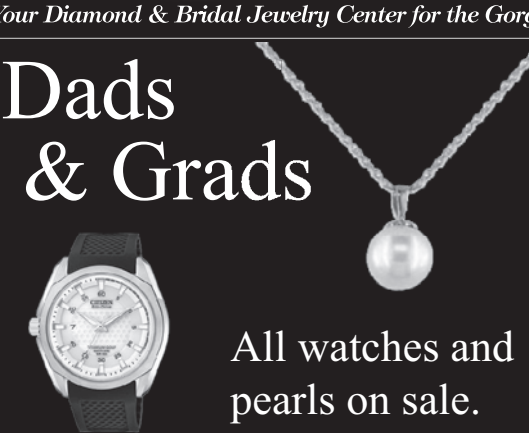


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