

# GATHERINGS

*Gatherings is a free service of the Hood River News and may be edited for length. Listings may also be found online at hoodrivernews.com; click the Events tab.*

**Columbia Gorge Beekeepers** meets the third Wednesday of each month (no meetings in December and January) at OSU Extension, 2990 Experiment Station Drive, Hood River. Pre-meeting from 5:30-6:15 p.m. (demonstration of beekeeping technique); regular meeting 6:15-8 p.m. Meetings are free and open to anyone interested in beekeeping or bees.

**Columbia Gorge Threshold Singing Circle** meets the second and fourth Thursdays of the month in the Ruth Wells room at Riverside Community Church, Fourth and State. Join voices for non-performance songs of the times and for thresholds of all kinds. Gather at 6:30 p.m., sing from 7-8:30 p.m. For more information, contact Beth at bethhart@gorge.net.

**Domestic Violence Support Group**, Tuesdays at noon. Free; for women survivors. With Rebecca Hunter, MSW, in partnership with Helping Hands Against Violence. Call for location, 541-400-0186.

**Friends of the Library** meets the second Tuesday of each month (except for July, August and December) at noon in the Gaulke Meeting Room at the Hood River Library.

**Gorge Photography Club**, second Monday of the month in The Dalles, at Northern Wasco County PUD, 2345 River Road, and fourth Monday of the month in Hood River, Next Door Meeting Room, 965 Tucker Road. Social time at 6:30 p.m., meeting at 7 p.m. More at susanj77@gmail.com.

**Gorge Rebuild It Center Board Meetings**, second Tuesday of the month beginning at 6:30 p.m. at 995 Tucker Road (the office building on the

property of Gorge Rebuild It Center). All welcome.

**Gorge Women in Black**, Fridays from noon to 1 p.m. at the corner of Fifth and Oak. Standing in silence for peace and justice. More on Facebook.

**Happiness Group**, meets the fourth Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m. at the Hood River Library to discuss the topic of happiness in all its forms, from the latest science to habits we've tried and thoughts from interesting authors. Moderated by Lucy Mason. All are welcome at any time. More at www.gorge-happiness.org/en/year-round-happiness-group.

**Harmony of the Gorge Women's Chorus**, 6:30-9 p.m. at Valley Christian Church, 975 Indian Creek Road, Hood River. Four-part harmony, no need to read music, lessons provided. Meets Thursdays. Call 541-490-2481 if weather looks bad.

**Hood River Art Club** meets Thursday, 10-1 p.m., from September to May, to motivate, share and support each other's creative endeavors. Meets at FISH Food Bank. Open to the public. All levels of expertise in any art medium; bring your project, supplies, lunch plus \$1 for coffee, etc.

**Hood River County Democrats Meeting**, second Wednesday of the month beginning at 6 p.m. in the Hood River County Library downstairs meeting room, 502 State St. More at hoodriverdemocrats.org.

**Hood River Republicans Meeting**, third Thursday of the month beginning at 5:30 p.m. at Grace Su's China Gorge. For more information, email hr\_gop@embarqmail.com.

**Indivisible Columbia Gorge (ICG)** meets downstairs at the Hood River library quarterly from 6-7:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the first month of the quarter (Jan, April, July and November). Progressive political activism

with friends and neighbors. Find us on Facebook and at ICGOregon.org.

**Mid-Columbia Cribbage Club**, first and third Mondays of the month at Brookside Manor, 1550 Brookside Drive, Hood River. Play starts at 6:30 p.m. More information at photofields@gorge.net, or call Gary at 541-386-3055.

**NAMI** (National Alliance on Mental Illness) of the Gorge meets the first Thursday of the month from 6-7:30 p.m. at One Community Health, 1040 Webber St. (Hood River monthly meeting currently suspended). All Gorge residents welcome. NAMI-Gorge provides a monthly support group meeting for caregivers, friends, and family members of persons with mental illness. For more information, email susanbgabay@gmail.com or margiest@centurylink.net.

**The Next Door's Youth Services**: Advisory Council meets on the second Wednesday of the even-numbered months (February, April, etc.) at varying locations around the Mid-Columbia. Contact: Christy Morton, 541-399-4437 or christym@nextdoorinc.org.

**Odell Garden Club** meets every second Tuesday of the month beginning at 10 a.m. Contact President Norma Curtis at 541-806-1019 or nlc Curtis@hrecn.net for location (usually at the Community Building at the Hood River Fairgrounds) and events. All gardeners are welcome and encouraged to attend.

**Overeaters Anonymous**, Tuesdays from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Ninth and State. In Hood River, contact Liz at 541-490-3819 for more information.

**Parkdale Garden Club** meets the first Tuesday of the month at 1 p.m. at the Parkdale Grange or at members' homes. All gardeners are welcome. For more information, contact pamcrider97031@gmail.com.

**Rockford Grange** meets

the first Wednesday of every month, starting with a potluck at 5:30 p.m. Located at 4262 Barrett Drive, Hood River. For information about membership, events, and hall rental, visit the website at rockfordgrange.net or email at info@rockfordgrange.net.

**TOPS OR9901** (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meets Tuesdays from 3:45-5 p.m. in the Hood River Valley Christian Church Fireside Room. All welcome.

**Ukulele Song Circle** gathers every second Sunday of the month at the Hood River FISH Food Bank, 1130 Tucker Road, Hood River. Doors open at 1:30 p.m.; sing and play from 2-4 p.m. This is a non-profit, amateur group, open to all skill levels. Bring \$1 donation for use of the building. Call for details, 541-352-9317.

**Unit 20, Oregon Retired Educators**, noon monthly meetings September through June, alternating between Hood River, Wasco and Sherman counties. Interested persons may inquire at 541-478-3429. As one of our goals, we award an annual scholarship to a teacher candidate. Scholarship information at 541-354-1505.

## Gatherings listings wanted

Hood River News wants to expand Gatherings; if your local non-profit organization hosts regularly-scheduled meetings, send us details and a daytime contact name and phone number. Photographs, 1 MB or larger, are also welcome to accompany the Gatherings column at any time. For more information, email Trisha Walker at walker@hoodrivernews.com or call 541-386-1234 ext. 107.

## Heritage Commission meets in Cascade Locks Jan. 12-13

On Jan. 12-13, the Oregon Heritage Commission will gather in Cascade Locks, starting Jan. 12 at 1:15 p.m. to tour heritage sites in the area.

On Jan. 13, a public business meeting will begin at 9 a.m. at the Best Western Columbia River conference room at 735 WaNaPa St.

The agenda includes Oregon Heritage Tradition review, presentations by the State Library of Oregon and the Clackamas County Heritage Council, a discussion about Oregon Heritage Grant rulemaking history and reports by commissioners.

The Heritage Commission is comprised of nine people representing Oregon's heritage and geographical diversity who have been appointed by the governor. There are nine advisory representatives from state agencies and statewide organizations.

The mission of the Oregon Heritage Commission is to secure, sustain and enhance Oregon's heritage by ensuring coordination of heritage initiatives by public and private organizations; advocacy on its behalf; education of the public about its extent and value; and promotion and celebration of its diversity.

For more information, contact coordinator Beth Dehn at 503-986-0696 or Beth.Dehn@oregon.gov.

Commission meetings are open to the public and their agendas include opportunities for public comment.

The meeting site is accessible to people with disabilities. Special accommodations for the meeting — including translation services — may be made by calling 503-986-0690 at least 72 hours prior to the start of the meeting.

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