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MEDIATORS, left to right, photo at left, are Colleen Regabulto, Charles Hall, Lisa Evans, Livia Christensen, Jill Amery, Richard Withers, (bottom row) Marti Dane, Nicolía Mehrling, Becci Crane, and Roberta Grant. Photo at right, left to right, are Catherine Walsh, Nicolía Mehrling, Alexander Morton, Britta Willson, Scot Bergeron, and Marti Dane.

Six Rivers Dispute Center adds mediators

Six Rivers Dispute Resolution Center (DRC), a community non-profit specializing in interpersonal mediations, facilitations and communication workshops, trained and certified 12 new mediators in 2019. Participants leave the 40-hour Basic Mediation Training prepared to address conflicts in their professional lives as lawyers, teachers, managers, counselors, government employees and more, said a press release.

Six Rivers DRC has offered the foundational mediation training course since 2006, and is "thrilled" to see more Gorge locals committed to learning conflict resolution skills. Said Executive Director Marti Dane, "Conflict intervention is

complex, fraught with consequence and ultimately one of the most salient needs in our society."

Trainers are Dane and Training Director Nicolía Mehrling. CENTRL Office, the Port of Hood River, Hood River Fire Hall, Riverside Church and Windermere Real Estate provided the spaces to hold these trainings. More than a dozen community members volunteered to act as disputants in role plays so trainees could hone their skills.

"The team at Six Rivers appreciates everyone who contributed time and effort to make this training possible," Dane said.

Six Rivers is dedicated to spreading these skills through-

out the Gorge and is very proud of the 12 new mediators who are now equipped to resolve conflicts, said a press release.

Mehrling said, "Mediation involves versatile skills and we are excited to see where they take what they learned."

About Six Rivers Dispute Resolution Center: Established in 2003, Six Rivers DRC is a non-profit 501c3 organization that provides low-cost conflict resolution and education services. Six Rivers DRC mediators and facilitators are highly trained volunteers dedicated to helping people work together to resolve family, business, government, housing, and neighborhood disputes.

Teen poets wanted

Deadline is Jan. 20 for three-day festival next month at CCA

Columbia Center for the Arts announces a request for applications for its February 2020 Teen Poetry Slam. Thanks to a grant from the Herbert A. Templeton Foundation, CCA is seeking poetry submissions from teens Gorge wide to participate in a three-day poetry workshop and performance Feb. 22-23 and 29, and an additional performance also on Feb. 29.

Gorge youth ages 14-18 are invited to submit poetry to CCA's 2020 Teen Poetry Project. Judges will read all submissions and 12 poets will be selected to participate. Selected poets will win entry to our poetry workshop intensive, where they will learn to hone their craft and perform poetry for an audience.

Contest submissions may be poems of up to 30 lines on any topic.

Contest deadline is Jan. 20. Selected poets must be available to participate in workshops on Feb. 22-23 and 29.

Selected poets will be notified Jan. 24.

The Poetry Project is committed to serving poets of all

income levels and can help with transportation if a selected poet needs support, according to CCA Director Leith Gaines.

The first place winner will walk away with \$100 cash and publication in CGCC's literary magazine.

The second place winner gets \$75 cash, and third place gets \$50 cash.

All selected poets will walk away with a \$25 gift card to their local independent bookstore.

For more information on how to apply email director@columbiaarts.org.

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