

HOUSING The Portland Observer

Program Helps Homes Save On Heat

Lela Miller was thrilled to watch weatherization workers from Clackamas County Employment, Training and Business Services begin work on her home Monday morning. A group of public and private partners involved in weatherization services gathered outside her home in Gladstone to celebrate her home being the 50,000th low income Oregon home to receive free conservation measures. Funds for the program come through the Oregon Housing and Community Services Department. There is no charge to the low-income recipients.

Since 1976, the Weatherization Assistance Program has provided over \$106 million in Federal funds to weatherize homes for low-income households throughout Oregon. The Oregon Program leads the nation in many aspects, including joint efforts with Northwest utilities which leverages thousands of additional dollars to provide supplemental funding for more homes.

Installation of conservation measure is done by Community Action Agencies and other service providers throughout the state. The program has become an integral part of lo-

cally-developed strategies to assist the most needy Oregonians. It helps them move toward self-sufficiency by decreasing their energy usage and reducing their heating costs. Insulation, weatherstripping, caulking, storm windows and other measure are installed for both home owners and renters.

"The Weatherization Assistance Program has benefited thousands of Oregonians in need. The results of these activities range from improving the health and safety of homes to reducing the impact of energy usage on the environment," said Lynn Schoessler, deputy director of the

Oregon Housing and Community Services Department. "The success and value this program has demonstrated is an inspiration to all of us providing housing assistance."

Clackamas County Commission Chair Ed Lindquist complimented the Oregon program on its many partners, including local governments, Bonneville Power Administration, public and private utilities and suppliers. "This is a great program that increases the comfort for low income families as well as helps them save money. We look forward to being a partner with Oregon Housing for many

years to come and improving hundreds of Clackamas County homes."

Jean Van Vlandren, national director of the Weatherization Assistance Program for the U.S. Department of Energy, congratulated Oregon on the milestone and said, "This program has helped millions of low income families improve their living standards. We especially appreciate the work done in Oregon. You have been leaders in leveraging additional funds by your innovative ideas and enthusiasm for the Weatherization Program." Van Vlandren is in Portland to attend the regional conference on low-income energy issues "Invest-

ing in our Energy Future", at the Hilton Hotel from Monday through Thursday.

"Our company, as well as all of the utilities in the Northwest, have been partners in this program since the early 1980's," said Chris Ryder, Portland General Electric Vice President-Customer Services. "PGE has been a participant with our rebate program and with support through our own weatherization employees. We are proud of our contributions that have helped increase the amount of homes weatherized in Oregon."

"Unity Market Place"

Lazarus Art Society, Inc. in partnership with E & M Sentry Market has opened The "Unity Market Place", on April 30, 1994. The market will be located at 909 N. Killingsworth, in North Portland, two blocks west of Portland Community College Cascade Campus). Form I-5 North, take the Killingsworth exit proceed to the Killingsworth stop sign, turn right (east), two block.

We would like to have your suggestions to help us provide a "Market Place" we can all enjoy. If you know of Bands, Rap Groups, Musicians, Mimes, or any wholesome entertainment that will make the "Market Place" festive and exciting. Give us the names and contact and contact information such as; phone number address, etc. We also need people to serve on several committees. If you are interested in serving on one of the following; Vendor, Activities or Entertainment, please call 727-2694 or stop by E & M Sentry Market, 909 N. Killingsworth.

"The Unity Market Place", will take place on the parking lot every week-end starting April 30, 1994 through December 24, 1994. Logo Contest!!!

New Market Place Looks For A Logo

"Unity Market Place" Logo Contest. Design the logo for our Market Place and win a Grand Prize of a \$100. Contest Rules: Anyone can enter this contest. The logo should depict the philosophy of the Market Place. Focusing on the positive aspects of the North/North East Community. Showing the Market as a fun festive place where vendors, entertainers and market patrons of culturally diverse backgrounds are intermingling.

Contest ends May 28, 1994 Winner announced May 30, 1994. For more information call: 727-2694.

The regular cost of the booth fee is \$35.00.

DECORATING

Painted Furniture: Strokes of Imagination

(NU) - From fabulous faux finishes to down-on-the-farm country looks, painting has moved off the walls onto furniture in a major way.

"Painting, spackling, washed and scrubbed effects make everything old look new again," says Linda Jones, executive consultant to Masco Home Furnishings. "Painted furniture can add a vintage look, a splash of color or a touch of whimsy to any room."

"Retro-country" designs, like those created by John DeCristofaro for Lexington Furniture Industries, include white picket fence tables and styles decorated with fresh checks and weathered farmhouse finishes. Stenciled motifs from yesteryear may adorn pastel chairs or march across pine chests of drawers.

Other painted strokes of imagination include:

- Marble or stone faux finishes.
- Eye-fooling designs that look like bookcases and cupboards.
- Crackled, distressed finishes with an Old World look.
- Textured surfaces created by applying gesso, a mixture of plaster-of-Paris and glue, then painted.

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