

HERMISTON

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P.E.O. Chapter DR fundraiser cultivates annual garden tour

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A handful of local residents will share their little slices of paradise this weekend during the Hermiston Garden Tour.

Presented by P.E.O. Chapter DR, the fundraiser provides support to assist women in realizing their potential through furthering their education. In its 16th year, the event is Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tickets, which are \$10, can be purchased at Cottage Flowers, 1725 N. First St.; Kopacz Nursery & Florist, 465 W. Theater Lane; or from P.E.O. members.

The tour booklet includes descriptions of the gardens, directions and a map. The gardens may be visited in any order, said Becky Hunt, the group's recording secretary.

Referred to as "Sanctuary at River's Edge," the Bloom Road home of Bill and Loretta Lowrance is ever-changing. Loretta said the property was "pretty rough" when she moved there in 1984. The landscaping has included lots of muscle power moving rocks.

In addition to colorful geraniums, peonies, lilies and wave petunias, the Lowrances recently created a newly designed rock garden. However, the central focus is a breath-taking view of the Umatilla River.

Working on the property for the garden tour, Loretta said, has given her a jump start for a family reunion later this summer. In addition, people regularly see the work in progress as her business, Shear Illusions, is located on the property.

"I love having clients come out here and they enjoy it," she said. "It's peaceful and fun."

The "Country Escape" on East Highland Avenue was featured during the 2005 tour. However, Tina and Jerry Cullers haven't been idle over the years.

"Gardeners never just sit back," Hunt said. "They change and improve — that's what makes them good gardeners."

Previously residing in Seattle, the Cullers had a bit of a learning curve with balancing the right amount of water, the type of plants and coping with the wind. With extensive vision, the property has been transformed into a relaxing and reflective place for family and friends — including



Staff photo by Tammy Malgesini

Splashes of color are featured in hanging flower baskets at the Hermiston home of Bill and Loretta Lowrance. Their yard is featured in Saturday's P.E.O. Garden Tour.

a remodeled patio, a pond, rock slabs and more than 300 plants.

Another transformation has taken place at the Southwest 11th Street home of Pam and Hank Schaffeld. Dubbed as "Rustic Charm," western flair is still evident in the former farmland with an old wagon wheel from Pilot Rock and large rocks from Sumpter. The landscaping also includes a dry riverbed, lilacs and gladiolas.

If you've driven on West Highland Avenue, surely you've noticed the home of Katie and Kyle Fetterhoff. "Celebrating the Seasons," the couple offers thematic decorations and holiday displays throughout the year.

You'll find yard decorations and figurines, as well as a lovely arbor. In addition, there's a fairy garden and an oval-shaped garden with rose of Sharon, hydrangeas and rhododendrons.

Winnie and John Earl share "Beautiful Simplicity" at their Southwest Olive Court home. In just 20 months, the cou-

ple has created eye-pleasing landscaping with natural wood stepping stones, a fairy garden, an herb garden and a variety of plants.

And for "One More Stroll Around the Country Garden," be sure to check out Lois and Dennis Wolf's Craig Road home. It features everything from organic gardening and raised beds to a dry creek bed with colorful annuals inside barrels.

P.E.O. members will greet visitors and answer questions about the organization. P.E.O. International (Philanthropic Educational Organization) started as a bond of friendship between seven women in 1869. It celebrates the advancement of women by making education accessible through scholarships, grants, awards and loans. For more information, visit www.peointernational.org.

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First Thursday features downtown specials

HERMISTON — Refreshments, specials and a bonus drawing are all a part of Hermiston Downtown District First Thursday.

The event is Thursday from 4:30-7 p.m. in nearly 20 downtown businesses. People are encouraged to come down and take a stroll, visit with friends and shop local. Also, be sure to get a drawing ticket and get it punched when visiting participating businesses. To enter the drawing, get four or more punches and drop it off at Nookie's at Maxwell Market, this month's host business.

For more information, call 541-667-5026 or search Facebook.

Pregnancy center sets information outreach dinner

HERMISTON — TruCare Pregnancy Resource Center invites the public to a free meal and to learn how they can help in re-building a culture of life in Hermiston.

The next Information and Outreach Fellowship Meal is Sunday at 6 p.m. at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 515 S.W. Seventh St., Hermiston. Although there is no admission fee, due to limited space, those planning to attend need to RSVP. People are encouraged to join the conversation "Extending Hope to those Facing Pregnancy Decisions."

Formerly known as Pregnancy Care Services, TruCare has been in Hermiston since May 2011. Its mission is to provide encouragement, support and education for men and women making pregnancy decisions. Its services are confidential and provided at no charge.

TruCare is located in the Granary Square, 105 S.W. Second St. Support is available in English and Spanish.

For more information or to register for the outreach event and meal, contact 541-567-2393, info@trucareprc.com or visit www.trucareprc.com.

Vintage treasures plentiful in Walla Walla

WALLA WALLA — More than a flea market, the Love of Junk offers shoppers cool finds, salvaged materials, re-purposed objects and vintage items for the home, garden or gift giving.

The junker's paradise is Friday, June 15 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, June 16 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Swenson Farm, 253 Valley Chapel Road, Walla Walla. There's a \$5 entry fee (ages 12 and under are free). In addition to more than 70 vendors (indoors and outdoors), the event features food trucks, live entertainment and vintage trailer boutiques.

For more information, contact info@loveofjunk.com, 602-321-6511 or visit www.loveofjunk.com.

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