

# Women in Business

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### All About Olives

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**Clarita Thrall**  
Owner

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### Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Northwest Real Estate

Christina discovered Florence in September 1990 and decided after a 3 day visit to relocate from the Oakland/San Francisco Bay Area with her family. She has been selling the charm, ambiance and beauty of Florence ever since.

Christina along with her team members Dave Beale & Amanda Austin have continued to stay the top sales team in the Florence Real Estate market since 1995. She has been ranked among Prudential's top 100 agents nationwide for 3 previous years.

She has served many years with the Central Board of Realtors in various positions, and served on several committees for community fund raising events throughout the years.

Being a Realtor means more than selling homes, it's about people, family and the strong feeling of community. No sale or listing is too small or too large. There is a home and location for everyone and I am here ready to assist you with your hopes and desires when the time is right for you.

I look forward to hearing from you so I can be of assistance.



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### Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Northwest Real Estate

Maureen has been serving the Florence real estate community since 1994 selling residential, land and commercial properties. She works with both Sellers & Buyers providing Knowledge, Experience, and Exceptional Service. Maureen has earned the Certified Residential Specialist designation CRS, Accredited Buyer Broker designation ABR, and GRI designation from Graduate Realtor Institute. Through the Prudential network she has earned the Fine Home Specialist designation and E-Certification for her expertise of the internet through E-commerce and communications.



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### Coldwell Banker Coast Real Estate

A native of Oregon, Diana graduated from the University of Wisconsin with a degree in education. She managed a boat building firm in Coos Bay prior to leaving Oregon for a dozen years; living in Wisconsin, Hawaii, and Washington. When her Coast Guard husband retired they moved to Gold Beach where she worked with her family in an insurance agency until finally landing in Florence in 2004. Diana has brought her experience in management and sales to be a top producer; putting her in the top 5% of Coldwell Banker agents nationally in 2007. She was twice selected as Favorite Real Estate Agent in the Siuslaw News Annual Peoples Choice Awards.



**Diana Hackett**  
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### Coldwell Banker Coast Real Estate

I was born in Vernonia, Ore., and moved to Roseburg when I was 4. I attended school there, including two years at Umpqua Community College, before receiving a degree in marketing/business with a minor in psychology at Oregon State University. When I was 25, my partner and I purchased the Gingerbread Village restaurant in Mapleton. In 1984, we also bought the Windward Inn in Florence. After four years, I left the Windward Inn in 1988 and solely focused on running the Gingerbread restaurant until 2004. After 25 years in the restaurant industry, I decided it was time to do something else and chose to go into real estate. In 2005, I joined the team at Coldwell Banker. I still thoroughly enjoy interacting with people and helping them fulfill their dreams of home ownership. This is a great community and I'm proud to call it home.



**Lynnette Wikstrom**  
Broker

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### Central Coast Disposal

I helped my husband start Central Coast Disposal in May of 1999. With a few bookkeeping & accounting classes under my belt, I became office manager for our company. After 15 years, our business continues to grow. My daughter, Clarita Thrall, joined us in July 2007 & has become a major asset to our company. She handles most phone calls, & has taken over the majority of our bookkeeping & accounts receivables.

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**Lynne Twombly**  
Owner

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### Cheveux Salon

Denyse is celebrating her 27th year of making Florence beautiful. She moved to Florence in 1989 and then raised her family. Having opened her own salon in 2012 she has been very busy, but loving every minute of it. Denyse has a daughter, a son and three grandchildren.



**Denyse Renner**  
Owner/ Stylist

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### The Chicken Coop

Tim and I arrived in Florence in August of 1974 after receiving degrees at Oregon State University.

I retired from teaching after 32 years and in 2009 wanted a job with a 'lunch hour'

I thought it would be fun to have a business, so I founded "The Chicken Coop on Maple". My store has unique artwork, and of course, chickens and roosters!!

Come by and meet with me... Here for you... Ellen...



**Ellen Henson**  
Owner

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### Circle4Oneness.org

Kat Cunningham an Outreach Minister, Author and Creativity Coach runs Circle4Oneness.org, an online magazine and ministry designed for growing and training Oneness. As an artist of 30 years, and a spiritual leader of 15 years, Kat has combined art coaching and spiritual guidance to create a "Feel Good" decision making system. Her "Chasing Your Bliss" workshops support people to discover the passion qualities that move them to creative action. Kat's message is we are nature in Oneness seeking balance. Her ministry store, inside Resto-Arts, offers jewelry, painted textiles and ceramic home accessories designed to visually raise nature awareness for a balanced life.



**Kat Cunningham**  
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### Griff's Cleawox Market

In 2001, I bought the store with my husband. We made so many friends and customers. Sadly, my husband passed away in 2006 leaving me the sole owner of Griff's Cleawox Market. I still enjoy seeing all the friends coming by the store.

A few years ago, I had surgery on my eyes. Now I can see perfect without glasses but unfortunately, had a few other things wrong. Due to those medical problems I was forced to retire. I still get to the store every chance I get and love seeing everyone when I am there.

Dena Akin is my helper and my daughter. In my absence, she is now running the store.



**Geri Griffin**  
Owner

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### C.R.O.W./Poison Pen Players

Melanie Heard is Artistic Director of non-profit youth theatre organization, C.R.O.W., and Co-Owner of Murder Mystery troupe, Poison Pen Players. A credentialed teacher, she has an extensive professional arts background. Melanie moved to OR 7 years ago, and feels very blessed to be raising her two year old daughter here, alongside her wonderful husband, and supportive family and friends. Melanie is incredibly grateful for the ongoing community support that she receives, and is excited to see what the future holds for C.R.O.W.'s new Center for The Performing Arts. "The Arts Really DO Matter!"



**Melanie Heard**

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### Dana Dane Insurance

In 1994 my husband and I moved to Florence because it's so beautiful here. I have been helping to insure Florence residents since 1996 primarily focusing on senior products and employee benefits. Thank you, to all my clients who have placed their trust in me. Because of you, I have the flexibility of being self-employed which allowed me to take care of my mom and dad. Thank you.



**Dana Dane**  
Owner

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### Darlings Marina & RV Resort

I was raised in a tiny town near Coulee Dam, WA. After graduating from WSU with a degree in communications, I worked in public relations for 15 years and then managed federal employment & training programs. I've been married to Rich for 25 years and together we have raised four wonderful children; Tanner (23), Cajun (21), Chase (21), and Brooke (12). I enjoy merchandising, camping, fishing, gardening, nature watching and of course, #iheartdarlings.



**Lori Edwards-Olson**  
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### Hearing Associates

Dr. Gail Leslie grew up in Virginia and settled in Eugene, OR in 1970. She has been married to her husband, Bill, for over 40 years. They have three children and five grandchildren. Gail enjoys flower gardening, walking her dog, Walter, exploring the Oregon coast and escaping with mystery novels.

As a Doctor of Audiology, she is dedicated to providing compassionate, knowledgeable and very personalized hearing services to meet each of her patient's unique needs.



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Dr. Sandi Ybarra grew up in a small farming community in Washington. She has been married for over 30 years to Gregg and has a very busy household with three active boys. She is a passionate water skier, attempting to break her personal record each season for the number of times she skis.

As a Doctor of Audiology, she offers personalized, compassionate care to meet the hearing needs of both adults and children.



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