

Laurel Bay names Garbe new nursery manager

Laurel Bay Gardens of Florence has named Dan Garbe as its nursery manager.



Dan Garbe

Garbe, his wife, Shelby, and their young daughter moved to the Florence area in June 2015 for a variety of reasons — primarily to be closer to her family.

“We kept coming to visit over the last 10 years, asking ourselves each time ‘Why are we leaving here?’ and promising we’d move here someday.

“Someday came sooner than we anticipated,” said Garbe.

Garbe has more than 20 years of experience in the nursery business. He was most recently the buyer and nursery manager for a large nursery in Santa Clarita, Calif. His love of plants is contagious.

To hear him talk in terms of color, fragrance, texture and design for gardens and landscapes is like listening to an artist discuss his palate and what’s about to appear on a canvas.

He especially likes fruit trees, berry bushes and decorative trees and shrubs.

“The Central Oregon Coast is such an amazing climate for growing so many different things,” said Garbe. “You can literally eat from your yard year around, and we’ve got all that here at Laurel Bay Gardens. I especially appreciate their emphasis on organics.”

“We’ve been looking for an experienced nursery manager with a depth of knowledge and an enthusiastic attitude,” said Lisa Walter-Sedlacek, co-owner of Laurel Bay. “Our customers are going to fall in love with Dan and will really benefit from

Students sing, play at showcase

On Thursday, June 16, at 7 p.m., Jason Wood’s vocal students will be performing their Summer Showcase at Class Act Theater (CAT), 509 Kingwood St.

Between 15 and 20 vocal and piano students of all ages will perform songs they have perfected under Wood’s tutelage. Some may even add movements to their songs.

Admission is free.

Wood is an actor, singer and comedian who has lived in Florence for five years. He regularly hosts karaoke nights at Three Rivers Casino Resort and has no qualms about the stage. His more recent performances have seen him in roles from nerdy middle-schooler to Matron “Mama” Norton in Last Resort Player’s “Chicago: the Musical” last year.

Wood also is the musical director for many shows, most recently Children’s Repertory of Oregon Workshops’ “Shrek the Musical Jr.”

Backstreet Challenge accepts entries

Backstreet Gallery’s annual Community Challenge will be accepting box creation submissions from June 27 to 29.

The Summer Box Social offers everyone the opportunity to take Backstreet’s annual art challenge. The finished pieces will be exhibited at the gallery during July.

Here’s the catch: the boxes are round. Entrants are given a choice of sizes and are allowed to choose more than one. The \$10 entry fee includes one box.

Boxes, entry forms and rules are available at Backstreet Gallery, 1421 Bay St.

Have some salve-making fun at the Green Fair

Making medicinal salves is fun and easy.

Come join Patricia Immel, M.Ac.O.M, L.Ac., and Sarah Butte, B.S., of Rose and Crown Apothecary, for a salve-making demonstration at the Florence Green Fair, June 11, beginning at 10:30 a.m. at the Florence Events Center.

Using healing plants that grow locally, Immel and Butte will show how to make a first-aid salve with calendula, comfrey and St. John’s wort.

Learn about these healing plants, the gifts they offer and take a little salve home.

Rose and Crown Apothecary is a local company, and Patricia



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Sarah Butte and Patricia Immel of Rose and Crown Apothecary

and Sarah are a mother-daughter team that enjoys creating organic herbal medicinals and

personal care products.

“We are passionate about connecting people with the

healing power of nature,” said Butte.

“Our hope is to inspire and support people in their quest for a vibrant life through conscious self-care,” added Immel.

Their thoughtfully made medicinal and personal care products can be sampled and purchased at the Green Fair. There will also be two Rose and Crown Apothecary gift baskets given away.

The Rose and Crown Apothecary store is located inside Wellspring Clinic, 1845 Highway 126, suite H, and at an online store coming soon at www.RoseAndCrownApothecary.com.

For more information, call Wellspring Clinic at 541-902-8860.

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