

# THE SHOW GOES ON FOR LRP'S 'GREY GARDENS' Master Recycler Program applications open

Last Resort Players announce the presentation of their November musical, "Grey Gardens." It is based on the documentary from the 1970s, which follows the precipitous decline of the wealthy and well connected Bouviers, an aunt and first cousin of Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis. From their heyday in the Long Island 28-room mansion in the '30s to the squalor of a ruin overrun with 50 cats, "Grey Gardens the Musical" deals with a darkly comic mother and daughter duo who develop a psychological dependency which allows them no escape.

Following the death of Leah Goodwin, the director, Last Resort Players have taken steps to move forward with the production in her memory.



(From left) Leading ladies Joanie Schmidt, Chrystal Farnsworth and Sue Sweatt play Little Edie Beale and Big Edie, her mother, in Last Resort Players' November performance of "Grey Gardens." Farnsworth is double cast as Big Edie in Act I and Little Edie in Act II.

Due to the emotional and physical upheaval after Leah's passing, the production has been scaled down to make "Grey Gardens" a tribute in her memory. The new director, Jason Wood, has been tasked to provide an appropriate staging

to accomplish this and provide the cast and crew with the opportunity to carry out a dream long held by Leah. "Grey Gardens" will be presented from Thursday, Nov. 1, through a Sunday matinee on Nov. 5.

It will be done in concert style on the Florence Events Center flat floor, with the orchestra seated on the platform behind the actors. The production will be memorized and fully costumed, complete with hand props carried by the actors as they move about a more limited space.

In July, Leah and her directing

staff of Assistant Director Kathleen Wentzel and Stage Manager Mary Conley, were well into implementing production plans of "Grey Gardens" and Music Director Rhianna Haines was already conducting vocal rehearsals.

The orchestra conductor, Chris Lewis, a teacher at Siuslaw Elementary School, returned to Florence from her summer break to begin work with the musicians in August.

Sheena Moore, a former LRP board member and frequent performer, has joined the music staff as ensemble director.

Tickets will be available at the Florence Events Center Box Office, 715 Quince St., and online at eventcenter.org.

For more information, visit lastresortplayers.com.

Lane County Waste Management Division is offering a free course providing comprehensive training on local solid waste issues.

Hear from local experts, tour local facilities and learn why things are (or are not) recyclable. The Waste Management Division hosts this course to help Lane County residents and businesses reduce, reuse, recycle and rethink waste habits.

In Florence, classes will be held Tuesdays from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., Jan. 8 through March 5, 2019, at Lane Community College (3149 Oak Street).

"Because of recent disruptions in the global recycling market and the growing awareness that we need to do more to keep materials out of the landfill, this is a great time for people who are interested in learning how they can change their habits and help lead their community to improve our recycling practices overall," said Master Recycler Coordinator Kelly Bell.

Applications are available at [www.lanecounty.org/masterrecyclers](http://www.lanecounty.org/masterrecyclers) or by calling 541-682-2059.

Completed applications may

be submitted by fax, email or regular mail.

Retirees, folks new to the area, teachers, green job seekers, parents, high school and college students studying sustainability, business owners and employees tasked with reducing solid waste in the workplace all find common purpose in the Master Recycler community.

The Master Recycler training course includes 35 hours of classroom instruction: nine consecutive Tuesday evening classes, a Saturday compost demonstration and two Saturday multi-site field trips to area solid waste and recycling sites.

Instructors are local experts in solid waste from business, government and non-profit sectors.

The course is free for those who volunteer 30 hours to educate and assist their communities in the year following the training. Those who do not wish to volunteer may pay a small fee.

More than 980 Lane County master recyclers have contributed more than 42,000 hours of education and assistance to local citizens and businesses since the program began in 2000.

## COMMUNITY BREAKFAST!

Support our Siuslaw Valley FIRE AND RESCUE

Enjoy a "Hope Breakfast" at Shorewood. Thursday, October 25th, 7:30 AM to 9:30 AM Pancakes, eggs and more!

Hear some of the needs and success stories from our local fire crew. It is support like this that keeps Florence going!

Tickets available on line at the Chamber web site and at the door at Shorewood Senior Living 1421 Spruce Street • Florence



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## Tax prep help needed

AARP has provided free income tax preparation for the residents of Florence and the surrounding communities for more than 20 years. In order to continue this valuable service, the Florence site needs additional volunteers to prepare income tax returns.

Those who enjoy working with people and have experi-

ence preparing taxes using software such as Turbo Tax or H&R Block are encouraged to apply.

Training will be provided starting the third week of January and tax preparation begins in early February through April 15.

Those interested should contact Dave Riordan at 510-468-1796.

### SIGNS from page 1A

"We do have active violations almost all of the time," said Jill Hendrickson, Program Coordinator of ODOT's Outdoor Advertising Sign Program. "We do our very best to cover the state and make sure that people are handling their signs in the fashion that they're supposed to."

Election cycles are a time for increased vigilance on this front, but Hendrickson finds that political advertising is rarely a problem.

"Most of our politicians that have been in elections before are aware ... of what they are

allowed and not allowed to do," she said.

If in violation, "they are usually very fast to respond."

Many political signs are found on private property, however, which exempts them from state temporary sign restrictions and, within city limits, brings them under the purview of municipal law.

City codes may differ on what is allowed. In Eugene, for example, signs on private property are limited to 12 square feet or less in area during a period — from 60 days before to five days after — any public election. Florence city ordinances, by contrast, allow political signs no larger than six square feet in area and five feet in height without permits. These signs may be erected up to 90 days before — and no later than five days after — a public election, though signs with permits may stay up year-round.

The most common violations in Florence are excessive size and placement in right-of-ways. Florence Public Works makes occasional code enforcement sweeps, keeping violators' signs in the Public Works building for up to 30 days as they wait to be reclaimed.

Because rights-of-way vary in width, government property is often a good indicator of where it ends.

"The best way to tell where the right-of-way is, is to look for infrastructure," said Florence Planning Director Wendy FarleyCampbell. "You can do that by looking at poles or utility boxes."

After elections, it is also common for signs to exceed their five-day limit.



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This political sign is on display on Highway 101 at the north end of Florence.

"People don't pull them down quick enough," said FarleyCampbell. "And they shouldn't rely on public employees to run around and pick up their signs."

While most political advertising in Florence is limited to yard signs, one prominent advertisement on Highway 101 has received attention from protestors and even claims it does not pass legal muster. Located just north of Fred Meyer, the sign promotes the repeal of Oregon Sanctuary Law on one side and advertises Teri Grier for State Representative on the other.

The property owner, Dennis Fleming, rejects claims the sign is in violation and attributes the complaints made on this to op-

posing political frustrations.

"They had the same freedom to post whatever they wanted to on that sign as well," he said, referring to those who have issued complaints.

Erected in 1993, the structure was authorized as a "free-standing sign" and has hosted a number of business advertisements over the years. This year marks the first time it has displayed a political advertisement and is also the first time it's received complaints.

"We live in a free speech society," said Fleming. "I don't endorse anybody one way or the other."

Reports of sign violations can be directed to the Public Works Department at 541-997-4106.

# People Of Florence Please help Victims of Hurricane Florence

The Rotary Club of Florence Is collecting money to help the victims of Hurricane Florence in North Carolina. Please drop off your donation to the Hurricane Florence relief Fund at Oregon Pacific Bank



Florence Rotary Club meets at the Florence Events Center 715 Quince Street, Florence, Oregon 97439 Each Tuesday From Noon to 1 p.m. [www.theflorenceclub.org](http://www.theflorenceclub.org)

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