







## Progress 2020: Our Community



Progress, a long-held tradition for the Siuslaw News, is something of a yearbook for our community. This year has been one for the record books, with many changes across all sectors of the Siuslaw Region's economy. Inside the Community Edition of Progress, running in the next several issues of the Siuslaw News, see how local businesses have adapted to special guidelines and changing restrictions as they continue to thrive through the COVID-19 pandemic.

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## More than three decades of beautiful growth in Florence

By Ned Hickson SIUSLAW NEWS

or more than 30 years, folks have been coming to Lisa Walter-Sedlacek and her husband David Sedlacek for full-service landscaping and gardening in the Florence area.

What started out with Lisa creating dried floral wreaths at night from their home has grown to include landscape installation, maintenance and Laurel Bay Garden Center, 88493 Highway 101, catering to gardeners on the Oregon coast.

When asked about the reason for the company's longevity and steady growth, Lisa said it's primarily due to the team's dedication and focus in providing excellent customer service, a desire to offer plants suited for the area's growing conditions, and the knowledge and skill of the garden center's staff.

"We focus on plants that do well in our area, which allows us to stand apart from our competition. You can go to the valley and get plants, but those plants won't always do as well in our area," Lisa said. "And we love to get plants you can't find anywhere else. That is really fun, because to me, that's what gardening is all about having something that gives you joy when you walk out into your garden."



Lisa Walter-Sedlacek and David Sedlacek are the owners of Laurel Bay Gardens just north of Florence on Highway 101.

In addition to a focus on the needs of individual gardeners and private res-

idences, Laurel Bay Gardens' client list also includes many of Florence's highest profile businesses, including Three Rivers Casino, the Florence Area Chamber of Commerce and Burns's Riverside Chapel.

In addition, Laurel Bay Gardens offers bark, compost and a variety of hardscaping materials for home and business applications, as well as both traditional and modern types of outdoor décor, statues, pottery, metal sculptures and unique artisan items created and designed in a variety of different styles and colors.

"We love our work, we love plants and we love to be a part of the Florence community," Lisa said.

Laurel Bay Gardens is a licensed, bonded and insured company that operates seven days a week and can be reached at 541-997-5973. For more information, visit laurelbaygardens.com or follow Laurel Bay Gardens Nursery on Facebook.

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