

Opal Center hosts designers with a passion for 'Trashion'

BY SAM WRIGHT
The Cottage Grove Sentinel

Over the weekend, the Opal Center downtown held a fashion show that was garbage — literally. Over the course of three nights, designers and models showed off their glamour with the help of outfits made out of reclaimed materials.

A group led by Terissa West put on a colorful show that stunned audiences by the designer's creativity with trash. West has been very passionate about the issue of waste and the mass pile-up of garbage produced by humans, and the show was meant not only for entertainment, but for awareness purposes as well. With the show, West hopes to educate the community on sustainability issues and the necessity of recycling.

"I was by the cycling race (Gran Fondo) and saw two trash

bags of towels that were just going to be thrown away," West said, pointing out examples within the community where materials are improperly disposed of. And that is where the "Trashion Show" comes in.

Titled "Repurpose aWEARness," the show provided more than a few laughs; it proved that many of the items we consider garbage are actually reusable. From receipts used to create a stylish skirt to bottle caps used to make a colorful top, Repurpose Awareness dove into a unique area of creativity.

The Trashion show featured eight lines by various designers and used anywhere between one and four models in different costumes. Designers included Sofia Katherine, Katt Baxley, Michele Rose, Hannah Bevan, Bailey Moana Arthur, Sara Barrett, Morgan Farringer, Carmen Dowell, David Garafalides, Nicole Garafalides and West.



Photo by Sam Wright

Megan Martinez shows off a costume titled "Paper Reef," which features receipts, unused napkins, paper bags and cardboard. The outfit was designed by Bailey Moana Arthur.

Preparations for the event took a total of four months. While not every line took that amount of time to design and create, that was the time need for the entire production.

"I'm very passionate about this issue, so it was a lot of fun to work on for a while," West

said. The show featured around seven different lines that had various different themes, including Victorian styles and even beach wear.

Eugene's Materials Exchange Center for Community Arts (MECCA) helped to provide a lot of the materials used.

Arrests expected after vandalism

The Cottage Grove Police Department said that arrests are likely to be the result of an ongoing investigation into a bout of vandalism downtown over the weekend.

The CGPD press log includes an account of early-morning contact between an officer and three subjects encountered just before 3 a.m. Sunday. Officer Jason Cross reportedly contacted three males on foot near the Sixth and Main Street intersection "throwing things" at a building. Two concrete flower pots were also knocked over, as was a trash can and realtors' pamphlet box.

Shepherd said 25-year old Blake Rayburn Rogers was arrested following the incident for DUII, though no arrests had been made with regard to the vandalism by press time Monday. Shepherd said he expects further arrests and charges to come as police continue their investigation.

The broken flower pots were the third and fourth such pots



Cottage Grove Police say they have a good idea who broke this flower pot.

broken downtown in recent months. Shauna Neigh, coordinator of the Main Street Program in Cottage Grove, said the pots cost about \$250 each and are purchased with funds from the community and not city money. Public Works will work to clean up and remove the damaged pots.

Scholars shine on CGHS awards night

BY SAM WRIGHT
The Cottage Grove Sentinel

Last week, Cottage Grove High School hosted its annual scholarship awards night for graduating seniors. The awards hosted over 50 scholarships to be awarded to over 50 different students. The scholarships totaled over \$110,000. Many of the scholarships came in sums of \$1000 to \$1500, but some went up to as much as \$7,000.

All of the scholarships were given out through an extensive application process where students had to list their GPA and extracurricular activities, and most required an essay as well.

Members of the community and various businesses walked up to the podium one at a time



Photo by Sam Wright

Reily Boyce, Maeve Dahlen, Hannah Gilmore, Agnes Hite and Grace Payne pose with their Charlie Stovall scholarships.

to present their scholarship to the deserving student, or in a lot of cases, multiple students.

While there were many students who received a variety of scholarships, it was Kale'a Galbreath who secured the most with eight different scholarships, including Women in

Engineering, the Rotary Club scholarship and the Chamber of Commerce Scholarship.

One of the larger scholarships was the Charlie Stovall Kiwanis scholarship, which was awarded to five different students. Reily Boyce, Maeve Dahlen, Hannah Gilmore, Agnes Hite

and Grace Payne all received a \$1,500 scholarship. The scholarship was presented by Morris Dahlen, who praised each recipient individually.

"I wish you all the best in the future of your education," Dahlen said.

Rex Basting also presented a new scholarship this year that came from the school. The Cottage Grove High School Lion scholarship went to Jaylene Forrester for overall academic performance and extracurricular activities.

High school principal Iton Udosenata capped off the night with a few reflective words.

"It's so great to see so many organizations raise so much for a wide variety of our students," he said.



FLAG BURNING CEREMONY

FLAG DAY

JUNE 14TH • 4PM

AMERICAN LEGION HALL
826 W. MAIN ST

The ceremony will be conducted by the American Legion, VFW and the Boy Scouts. At 5:00 PM there will be a BBQ and hot dogs, potato salad, chips and soft drinks will be served for \$5.00 per person

Cottage Grove Area
Habitat for Humanity®

RESTORE

HOURS:

THURSDAY, FRIDAY & SATURDAY

10AM-4PM

For Drop-off appointments,
after hours, call the office

We need volunteers for the
ReStore ~ a few hours
each month! Will you help?

Habitat Office and Warehouse
2155 Getty Circle ~ Unit #1
in the Cottage Grove Industrial Park
South on Hwy 99 past the High School

**DONATIONS
ALWAYS
WELCOME!**

Call 541.767.0358
for more information
Email
info@habitatcg.org

CT Cottage Theatre
2016 presents



June 10, 11, 12* • 16, 17, 18, 19* • 23, 24, 25, 26*

*matinee

A zany modern day farce inspired by Moliere; a fun-filled ride full of slapstick, ridiculous chase scenes, disgruntled waiters, and misbehaving sausages. Warning: your belly might just ache from laughing so hard!

By Frank Dunlop and Jim Dale

Directed by George Comstock

sponsored by:

COMMONWEALTH
financial network
Matthew A. Parsons

Tickets available online, by phone, or at the door one hour before performance
Thursday-Saturday 8:00 pm; Sunday 2:30 pm. \$20 Adult, \$15 Youth (age 6-18)
www.cottagetheatre.org • 541-942-8001 • 700 Village Drive • Cottage Grove