

Americorps serve in Elkton Community



On March, 27th a group of seven young adults, aged 18-24, started work at Elkton Community Education Center. The team, known as Silver 6, is currently completing a year of service for AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps (NCCC) and will be serving with the center until May 16th, 2017.

Silver 6 is assisting Elkton Education Community Center (ECEC) in realizing their mission of creating a cultural, educational and social oasis for all ages in rural Oregon. The center provides learning opportunities for the community through their multi-purpose space which includes, among other attractions: a library, a native plant garden, a historic replica of Fort Umpqua, and a butterfly pavilion.

Silver 6 is helping ECEC complete a number of projects that span all of their attractions. In the time they've been there, Silver 6 has been able to construct a new fence for the center's preschool, install a French drain system for their outdoor

amphitheater, and paint the facility's building. ECEC plans to utilize Silver 6's with other large projects such as planting a demonstrative milkweed bed and creating an educational plant identification signage system.

"We're so excited to have the team at ECEC. They are helping us expand our native plant nursery, increase butterfly habitat and complete environmental restoration projects in the area, so their impact will be felt for years to come," said Marjory Hamann, the executive director at ECEC.

The AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps (NCCC) and its FEMA Corps units engage 2,800 young Americans in a full-time, 10-month commitment to service each year. AmeriCorps NCCC members address critical needs related to natural and other disasters, infrastructure improvement, environmental stewardship and conservation, and urban and rural development. For more information,

New exhibit and expanded summer hours at museum

Christening gowns from the late 19th and early 20th century are on exhibit at the Cottage Grove Museum, now through Labor Day. The exhibit coincides with the Museum's expanded summer hours. The museum will be open from 1 to 4 p.m. Friday-Sunday from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day.

Beautifully hand detailed christening gowns from the past along with photographs of babies wearing christening gowns and a brief

history of christening wear are featured in the exhibit.

The Cottage Grove Museum is located at 147 H St., Cottage Grove.

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Home grown teas with CG Garden Club

Source your tea right from your own backyard! On June 6, please join Cottage Grove Garden Club as we welcome Abby Colehour and learn about growing teas at home.

During Abby's presentation, we'll tour some common weeds and easy to grow herbs, discover their medicinal and nutritional benefits, and learn ways of preparing them. We will sample hot and cold teas, vinegar and alcohol tinctures, and non-alcoholic fermented brews. Plus, Abby will have plants available for purchase.

Abby Andrus Colehour is a native Minnesotan, social organizer, plant enthusiast, traditional skills dilettante, and do-it-yourselfer living at Aprovecho Center for Research and Education in Sustainability just outside of Cottage Grove. There, she works as Residential Steward--maintaining social harmony, wholesome eating, administrative duties, and program development. She is especially passionate about trees, forests, and woodland crafts.

Cottage Grove Garden Club meets at the First Presbyterian Church, 216 South 3rd Street (the corner of 3rd and Adams), Cottage Grove, Oregon. Our information business meeting begins at 6pm, presentations begin at 7 p.m. after we've enjoyed light refreshments. All visitors and guests are very welcome.

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