

Art Walk set for this Friday in The Grove

Take a walk on the “art side” during the Cottage Grove Art Walk, which features a chance to meet artists and crafters, live demonstrations, buskers, evening shopping, fine dining and more.

Among the many stops for this Friday’s Art Walk:

- Opal Whiteley Park: Ebu Marbling Technique

demonstrations with Chris Woods and Rachel Kyle.

- Kalapuya: Amanda M. Wilcox — “Thoughts of Fluidity” meditative landscapes in oil. In addition, Sharleen Nelson is a local published author and award-winning photographer, who is excited to present her first novel “Time Tourists” at this coming Art

Walk.

- The Crafty Mercantile: Kenneth “Dustin” Kimball — Handmade leather goods, carved, stitched, dyed and finished by hand.
- The Bookmine: Karma diBella — An eclectic mix of beautiful handmade lovelies.
- Coast Fork Willamette Watershed: Angie Yates

- Imagine it Framed: Pam Dennis

Sponsors include: Five Flying Monkeys, Main Street Galleria, Salon 14, Delight, Rural Organizing Project, Ambrose Collectibles, The Bank Building, Apple Pie Antiques, Cottage Moon and Soleful Massage.



Pet Tips ‘n’ Tales

By Mary Ellen “Angel Scribe”

Ben’s Toy Box



Sonja no longer trips over her dog Ben’s toys with his multi-purr-pose solution.

Tired of tripping over your pet’s toys? Sonja solved the problem by paw-chasing a child’s bench toy box and tossed in her dog Ben’s toys into its 31” by 15 ½” by 16” container. She was tired of diving under furniture in search of colorful chewies, so the legless box also eliminated a new hoarding spot for his plastic and rubber treasures. His treasure chest also doubles as a window seat for such emergencies as overseeing the mailman’s arrival, important squirrel watching or naps.

Sonja is a senior, so when the Crew toy chest arrived in one piece, with no assembly required, it was an added benefit! Could it get any better? The child-sized hand-hold notch paw-fectly fits a dog’s nose. Ben can open his toy box with a gentle nudge and he’s trained to retrieve and put his toys away. (For a small fee, he’ll teach your children.) The chest’s safety hinge prevents its lid from coming down on his head.

“He also closes the box,” said Sonja. “He jumps over its open lid, and slams it closed with his ‘tail end’ for a clear view of who is knocking on our door. He loves his toy chest and so do I. It matches my decor and I sit on it while putting on my shoes.”

The chest is both fun and useful. Sonja instructs her dog to “stay” in another room or outside, then hides a treat for a game of “search” to keep his senses keen. When she reopens the door she says, “Find your treat!” and he systematically investigates their home and eventually finds a treat inside his toy chest.

When her grown son Rocky visits, he and Ben play hide-and-seek; Rocky puts Ben outside and then hides. Sonja lets an eager Ben in with the cue, “Find Rocky!”

On Rocky’s last visit, he hid in the closet beside her front door and across the threshold from Ben’s toy chest.

“I let Ben in and told him, ‘Find Rocky,’” said Sonja. “Ben searched three bedrooms, the office, both bathrooms, the kitchen, et cetera.”

Twice Rocky whistled for Ben, who would come running back to recheck the living room, but no Rocky. “I could see his doggy wheels turning. Ben could smell his play partner was close by. He excitedly ran to his toy chest and opened it up,” said Sonja. “He was sure Rocky was in there. But no! So, Ben continued searching. Three times he went back to the toy chest, nosed it open, peered in fully expecting to see Rocky. The stunned look on his face was hilarious.”

Finally, Rocky revealed his whereabouts to Ben when he burst out laughing. “It is a great family memory and we still chuckle about it to this day,” Sonja said.

Although Ben was unable to find Rocky, he attunes himself to our environment and has become a hunting dog in other areas. “I routinely set my phone timer on a “Quack-Quack” ring to alert me to the running water sprinklers, laundry, mail arrival, baking cookies, et cetera. Ben quickly picked up on what the ring meant. So, when the phone starts quacking, he comes to me which is doubly handy. If I can’t find my phone, he helps me track it down. He is so smart that sometimes I forget he is, well, a dog.”

TIPS:

- Tracie, a Pet Tips ‘n’ Tales fan said, “I place mint plants around the house. They make great insect repellents. We plant catnip in the cats’ sleeping garden areas to ward off fleas.”
- “To help keep bugs out, we place drops of peppermint in the vents and a few drops under doorway entrances,” said Carli. “We make sure our pets can’t lick or walk through the drops.”
- Ohio reader, Diane writes, “I wire my Christmas tree to the curtain rod and put ‘safe’ ornaments on bottom branches in case my pets cele-BRAT-e with a ‘whack-a-fest!’”

Cottage Theatre announces line-up for 2020

Cottage Theatre has just announced its 2020 season, which will include both blockbuster titles and new shows, including one West Coast premiere.

“In choosing each year’s programming, we seek to include a wide range of material that will appeal to a broad audience,” said executive director Susan Goes. “Our 2020 season was selected based on director submissions: we had proposals for more than 30 plays from 14 different directors. Finding the six shows that will fit best together is always a bit like putting together a jigsaw puzzle.”

Cottage Theatre opens its 38th season in January 2020 with “Arsenic and Old Lace,” a 1939 play by Joseph Kesselring, which still ranks as one of the best-selling Broadway plays of all time. This tale of merry mayhem and murderous aunts runs from Jan. 31 through Feb. 15, 2020, and will be directed by Keith Kessler.

Next in the 2020 season will be the seductively fun musical sensation, “Mamma Mia!” Told through a collection of ABBA’s greatest hits, this story of an unforgettable Greek island wedding (complete with three fathers-of-the bride) will be on stage from April 3-26. This musical will be directed by Tony Rust.

Following on the suc-

cess of the theatre’s 2018 World Premiere of “Treehouse,” Cottage Theatre will continue to spotlight new works in 2020 with the West Coast Premiere of “Seeking Red” by Glenn B. Rust. This new drama about truth and identity is written by a young Chicago playwright who grew up at Cottage Theatre. “Seeking Red,” directed by Kory Weimer, will run for three weekends from June 5-21, 2020.

Cottage Theatre’s August 2020 production is a perennial audience favorite: You’re a Good Man, Charlie Brown! This playful medley of beloved comic characters, with book and music by Clark Gesner, is based on Charles Schulz’s endearing Peanuts comic strip. This family-friendly musical will run Aug. 14-30, directed by Janet Rust.

Next in the 2020 lineup will be “The Hunchback of Notre Dame,” based on the Victor Hugo novel and songs from the Disney film, with music by Alan Menken, lyrics by Stephen Schwartz and book by Peter Parnell. This powerful musical of obsession and redemption is playing Oct. 2-25, 2020, directed by Tony Rust.

For the grand finale to its 2020 season, Cottage Theatre will present “Elf — the Musical,” based on the New Line Cinema film by David

Berenbaum, with book by Thomas Meehan and Bob Martin, music by Matthew Sklar and lyrics by Chad Beguelin. This holiday jingle is a hilarious fish-out-of-water comedy that follows “Buddy the Elf” in his quest to find his true identity. This holiday production will be directed by Keith Kessler and run for three weekends from December 4-20, 2020.

Season tickets to Cottage Theatre’s 2020 season go on sale Nov. 1, with current season ticket holders having the option to renew their seats beginning Oct. 1.

Season tickets, which represent a savings of up to 30 percent over individual tickets, range in price from \$126 to \$84 depending upon the package chosen. Single tickets to individual shows go on sale one month prior to each show’s opening night and are \$25 for adults and \$15 for youth (age 6-18).

Meanwhile, Cottage Theatre has two productions remaining in its current 2019 season. The theatre will reopen in October following a brief closure this summer for the first phase of a remodeling project.

“This summer we said goodbye to our old blue seats,” said Goes, “and we’ve just learned that they were even older than we thought. Our new seating manufacturer told us that the com-

pany which made those seats went out of business back in 1976.” Cottage Theatre is installing new seats in September, and will eventually expand its auditorium to add 50 additional seats during the second phase of its remodel.

The next play in the 2019 season is “The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (abridged)[Revised],” running October 11-27. This zany, side-splitting romp through 37 plays in 97 minutes is a preposterous masterwork that will appeal to both Shakespeare lovers and haters alike.

Tickets go on sale Sept. 11.

Closing out the 2019 season will be Lionel Bart’s Oliver!, the endearing classic musical about a lovable orphan. Widely hailed as a theatrical masterpiece, and featuring a large inter-generational cast, “Oliver!” will be on stage Dec. 6-22. Tickets for this holiday season production are on sale starting Nov. 6.

Once on sale, Cottage Theatre tickets are available for purchase online at www.cottagetheatre.org, by phone at 541-942-8001, or in person at the Cottage Theatre Box Office, 700 Village Drive, Cottage Grove.

All seating is reserved and advance purchase is recommended.

LORANE NEWS

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- Now that the Lane County Commissioners have approved the Territorial Road Project, the work will begin on Stoney Point next May or June 2020. For more information, contact Becky Taylor, Senior Transportation Planner, at either 541-682-6932 or email her at Becky.taylor@cp.lane.or.us. This has been a development over many years and lots of meetings. It will mean

safety for all who live and travel in Lorane.

- Summer seems to be closing with very warm temperatures. Please remember fire danger is high, so use extreme caution as everything is very dry.

- CAL School District classes begin on Tuesday, Sept. 3, at the usual time. For more information, call the district office at 541-935-2100.

- Lorane Grange meets on Thursday, Sept. 5, beginning at 7 p.m. with potluck snacks.

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<p>THURSDAY</p> <p>89° 59°</p> <p>Sunny</p>	<p>FRIDAY</p> <p>85° 57°</p> <p>Partly Cloudy</p>
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