

Spruce Up recruiting new volunteers

Spruce Up Warrenton seeks people interested in improving the town.

The group's volunteers are responsible for the wooden fisherman statue at Warrenton Marina, flower planter boxes, banners and fresh coats of paint.

Spruce Up Warrenton is a community-based action organization that's part of the Main Street Oregon program. Its mission is to develop and promote revitalization and beautification within the context of cultural and historic preservation in downtown Warrenton and the district of Hammond.

The Main Street Approach is facilitated through committees that focus on certain goals and action areas, including bringing the community together to build consensus, positioning downtown as a center of community activity, and working with property owners to enhance downtown's physical appearance.

The group has several committees and needs people to help support specific projects, such as watering downtown planters, decorating for the holidays, removing litter and weeds, and organizing and staffing events.

To participate, contact Chair Jeanne Smith at spruceupwarrenton@gmail.com or follow the group on Facebook.

Participants can be involved as much or little as desired -- helping with a one-time event or attending monthly meetings.



Fire Chief Brian Alsbury uses a bucket truck to help Spruce Up install its new summer banners along Main Avenue.

'Extraordinary' nurses honored by CMH

Columbia Memorial Hospital nurses Afton Retterer and Tara Hano recently were recognized for their outstanding service through a new award developed by the hospital.

Retterer and Hano, both medical-surgical nurses, received the hospital's first-ever Daisy Award for Extraordinary Nurses. They were nominated by a patient who was hospitalized with an infection for 12 days.

"My care at CMH has been uniformly terrific," the patient wrote. "The additional nurturing, empowerment and, yes, spiritual guidance provided by Tara Hano and Afton Retterer changed me. Because of their human contributions, I could now face my ongoing recovery with a deeper sense of hope."

Retterer has worked at



Retterer



Hano

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CMH since August 2020, and Hano since August 2016.

"(Retterer) exhibits leadership skills that are extraordinary," the patient continued. "Her can-do attitude was a godsend. She stepped in, took control and relieved me of any burden I felt I carried. On a particularly grueling day fraught with challenges,

Tara repeatedly checked on me. It was not just her concern, however, that moved me. Tara empowered me."

The DAISY Foundation was created in 1999 after 33-year-old J. Patrick Barnes died of complications from an auto-immune disease. DAISY is an acronym for diseases attacking the immune system.

Award recipients receive a pin, a personalized certificate, a stone sculpture made by the Shona people of Zimbabwe titled "The Healer's Touch," and cinnamon rolls — a treat Barnes enjoyed while hospitalized.

CMH will recognize another DAISY honoree before the end of the year. Anyone with a great story about a CMH nurse can submit it to Noelle Lund at nlund@columbiamemorial.org.

Funding available for artists

The Clatsop County Cultural Coalition is accepting applications for the 2022 grant cycle.

The grant awards, funded by Oregon Cultural Trust, are distributed to projects that support, maintain, preserve and protect cultural programs in the arts, heritage and humanities.

More than \$25 million will be given to more than 600 cultural organizations across the state with up to \$2,000 per project.

The money comes from the federal Coronavirus Relief Fund and is funneled through the state's Coronavirus Relief Cultural Support program.

"The awards given out each year can make a difference in the success of a project and a dream to become self-sustaining," said Charlene Larsen, co-chair

of the coalition. "When your community supports cultural efforts with funding, the recognition and support means so much to the success of a project and encourages more support from your friends and neighbors in Clatsop County."

Nonprofit organizations are eligible to apply for grants through the coalition. Individuals may apply when sponsored by a nonprofit fiscal agent.

Applications are due by 5 p.m. Oct. 31, with awards announced in December for activities that occur in 2022.

Zoom-based virtual grant writing workshops are scheduled for 6:30 to 8 p.m. Oct. 6 and 18. For more information, contact kpaino2060@gmail.com or call 503-741-1914.

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