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Marcia Kay Whitelock delights in a whimsical planter.

Green Thumb Plant Sale at Convention Center

The Seaside Southwestern Garden Club's Green Thumb Plant Sale will be held Saturday, May 30, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The garden club is presenting the sale at a new venue, the Seaside Civic and Convention Center. The public is invited and admission is free.

The sale provides a wide variety of plants and other popular items, and the silent auction will feature unique planters. There will be a choice of three raffle items to fund the scholarship program.

Raffle tickets are available for \$1 each or six for \$5.

In 2014, a \$1,500 scholarship was awarded to two area students: Miguel Velasco, an Astoria High School graduate is completing his transfer degree at Clatsop Community College to pursue environmental studies and Alanna Kieffer, a Seaside High School graduate is a freshman at Oregon State University to pursue a career in marine biology.

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Cape Falcon reserve goes into effect in 2016

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Rock in Newport, Cape Perpetua in Yachats and Redfish Rocks in Port Orford.

"None of them are equivalent to what we're doing now," she said. "Each reserve is different, and they all come out of a different process. Each had a large stakeholder involvement, the conservators proposed something, the fishermen proposed something, the state proposed something."

According to Gardner, marine reserves are natural area parks in the ocean, established to protect wildlife and natural resources, and to provide baseline scientific monitoring to study as a living laboratory. "Marine reserves are about diversity of species, not just fish, sea lions and seals, our bird species, our inverte-

bates. There are a wide variety of species that will benefit from the marine reserves."

The reserve is 12.6 square miles and runs a length six miles, from Falcon Cove to the north end of Manzanita Beach. Most of the reserve's shoreline is part of Oswald West State Park, which consists of 2,500 acres and is listed as the second most visited state park on the coast.

According to Gardner, the reserve prohibits the removal of any living marine resource, including fishing, mussel or kelp harvest. It is also protected from any ocean development. The western marine protected area will allow only salmon line fishing and crabbing. The Falcon Cove marine protected area allows only recreational line fishing. The area will be open to scu-

ba diving, wildlife viewing, surfing and tidepooling.

There are 20 sea bird ponds and thousands of nesting birds which will benefit from the forest fishery protections in the reserve, she said. Wildlife includes bald eagles, pinnipeds and a wide variety of marine fish. In terms of public access, the community was interested that access was directed in the right location. The public is urged to access the reserve by boat or by Oswald West park.

According to Gardner, the reserve's development was funded by the Oregon Marine Reserve Partnership, with the participation of local groups including the Haystack Rock Awareness Project, North Coast Land Conservancy, and others proposed a variety of different locations.

"We even looked going to Tillamook Head, having a reserve in front of Cannon Beach, and connecting to another reserve at Cape Falcon, but after years we ended up with this, but there were some compromises," she said. "Originally we conceived a reserve that lined up with the Oswald West boundaries, but we shifted so that there was a wash rock that fisherman like to go to, which shifted the whole thing a little south. It now runs just south of the Arch Cape headlands."

"Our goal is to get people knowledgeable and involved, and participate in the process," Gardner said. She said new information is posted on the Facebook page, and more information on marine reserves can be found at oregonmarinereserves.org.

'CheeseGuy' coming to Cannon Beach for workshop

"Introduction Cheese and Cheese Making Workshop," a one-day event, will be held at the Cannon Beach Chamber Community Hall on Saturday, May 30, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The workshop includes a cheese tasting of the seven major cheese families, and a hands-on session where participants work in pairs to convert milk to cheese. Other sessions focus on

the history and categorization of cheese and learning about the key steps of the cheese making process.

The class is offered and taught by Marc Bates, aka "CheeseGuy." Bates has 45 years experience in the industry. During this time he managed the WSU Creamery and made "Cougar Gold" cheese, and more recently managed the Oregon State

University Creamery, where he assisted with the startup and development of "Beaver Classic" cheese. Bates has taught numerous cheese-making short courses in Washington, Idaho, Oregon and California. He has served as an official judge for the U.S. Cheese Championship and World Cheese Championship hosted by the Wisconsin Cheesemakers Association, and

also at competitions at the American Cheese Society and American Dairy Goat Association.

The intended audience is high school through adults who want to expand their love of cheese. The cost of the workshop, including samples and materials, is \$85 per person. For more information, email cheeseGuy@charter.net or phone Marc Bates at 509-595-8652.

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