

Garden tour sprouts inspiration, raises money for PEO chapter

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Vicki Bowman, past president of P.E.O. Chapter DR, said a love of gardening has sprouted into an annual garden tour that serves as a fundraiser for the group.

“Audney Cosand started the Garden Tour and inspired us with her love of gardening and travels around the world, often visiting gardens and taking garden tours on her many trips,” Bowman said.

In its 13th year, the Hermiston Garden Tour features a handful of gardens. After taking the tour, participants are encouraged to stop by Kopacz Nursery & Florist. The Hermiston business is providing a 20 percent discount to all garden tour ticket holders. In addition to a variety of flowers and plants, the store has a large selection of home and garden items. Also, Heidi’s Coffee Cottage is offering \$1 off on the beverage of your choice.

The event is Saturday, June 17 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The tour booklet includes descriptions of the gardens, directions and a map. Tickets can be purchased at Cottage Flowers, Kopacz Nursery and from P.E.O. members.

The gardens may be

visited in any order. Also, members of the P.E.O. Chapter will greet participants at each of the locations.

“I’m always amazed at the beauty we find behind a gardener’s fence or home,” Bowman said.

The highlighted gardens include an Oasis of Ease at the home of Randy and Pat Moulton. With busy lifestyles that have them on the go, the Moultons have created a low maintenance getaway that features a cascading waterfall, evergreen shrubs, Japanese maples, a menagerie of perennials and pots overflowing with annuals providing splashes of color.

The Family Farm of Creigh and Pam Lincoln includes a Yellow Rose of Texas, dating back to 1912. A rose-covered arbor provides entry to the grounds, which features numerous beds of shrubs, perennials and annuals, as well as open lawn. In addition, to an herb garden and space for vegetables, look for more than 60 hostas and 30 heuchera (coral bells) scattered in shaded areas.

The home of Scott and Melissa Purswell features a jaunt down Memory Lane. The couple brought a garden to life from dirt

piles when they built their home in 2011. With an inviting atmosphere, the garden has been used for weddings and other events.

Described as a Hidden Delight, the gardens at Steve and Joni Anderson’s home provides a pleasant surprise tucked behind the small home. And Cul-de-sac Charm showcases the evolving efforts of Mike and Debbie Purkerson.

While the garden owners aren’t required to be present, many times they are on hand during the tours, Bowman said.

“It is fun to be able to visit with them and they seem to enjoy it, too,” she said.

Bowman, who has worked on various committee and co-chaired past events, said upwards of 80-100 people take the tour each year. The tour, she said, typically raises about \$1,000, which is used to support P.E.O. scholarships and grants. P.E.O. International (Philanthropic Educational Organization) was founded in 1869 as a way to support women and encourage them in realizing their potential through education.

For more information, call Becky at 541-289-3340 or Kelly at 541-567-6109.

Tour of Knowledge attacks invasive weeds

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As Gov. Kate Brown was declaring May 14-20 as Oregon Invasive Weed Awareness Week, members of the Tour Of Knowledge were busy hand pulling garlic mustard from its Adopt-A-River site, the Oxbow Property.

Located on the outskirts of Hermiston and owned by the Bureau of Reclamation, Oxbow is the only restoration site on the Umatilla River.

“After a late start garlic mustard came on much faster than usual,” said Eileen Laramore, Tour Of Knowledge executive director. “We didn’t have time to promote Oregon’s Invasive Weed Awareness Week.”

Garlic mustard is listed as a class “B” and “T” noxious weed, which means it’s of economic importance and action against these weeds has priority. It thrives in the shady forest and seed is spread by flooding, wildlife and human activity.

So far this year the Tour Of Knowledge has pulled,



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The Tour of Knowledge is in need of a new wagon to help combat invasive weeds.

bagged and removed almost 20 large SOLVE garbage bags of garlic mustard, Laramore said. Vehicles aren’t allowed at Oxbow so the group has to haul tools and bagged weeds on and off site with their aging garden wagon. With Oxbow’s 222 acres and 1 1/2 miles of river bank, Laramore said it can be challenging.

“We thought the wagon would hold up one more year but it’s really taking a beating,” she said. “Tires keep going flat and twice we lost the pin that holds the handle together.”

With several projects going at Oxbow, all of

which require the use of a wagon, it’s bad timing for wagon breakdowns, said Laramore, who also is a member of the Umatilla County Weed Board. At this time she said they don’t have the money to purchase a replacement wagon.

“We can’t function on Oxbow without a good garden wagon so we’re looking for someone who would be willing to donate a garden wagon so we can continue our work at Oxbow,” she said.

The Tour Of Knowledge meets the first Wednesday of each month from 6:30-8 p.m. in Room 133 at the Hermiston B Mountain Community College campus. The meetings are free and open to the public.

For more information contact Eileen Laramore 531-303-3872, tourofknowledgeinfo@gmail.com or search Facebook for the “Tour Of Knowledge” or “Oxbow Property.”

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