

Former Vernonia resident opens Floeter's Attic in Scappoose mall



Cherlyn Floeter Newcomer

A new country gift and antique shop opened April 22 in Scappoose with ties to Vernonia. Cherlyn (Floeter) Newcomer is operating Floeter's Attic in a new building that sits on the site of the old Scappoose TVBS store.

Floeter's Attic has about 50 percent country gifts, including rustic log furniture and decor, plus 50 percent antiques, especially depression and elegant glass items.

Newcomer grew up in Vernonia, graduating from Vernonia High School before moving to quite a few different places while her husband, Michael, was in the Navy. For now, the family is living in Lake Oswego, but would like to return to the Vernonia area in the future. Although Newcomer worked at Hewlett Packard until last fall, she has been shopping and collecting glass and antiques for many years, and has now taken the leap into retail.

So far, Newcomer is enjoying the change in pace and scenery. She "loves meeting people after spending so much time with computers in the past."

If you are looking for something unique for a gift or for yourself, look around in Floeter's Attic. The shop is located in the Lorelei Village at 33500 E. Columbia Ave, Suite 116, Scappoose and is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The phone number is 503-543-2006.

Construction Contractor's Board seeking new contractor member

The Oregon Construction Contractors Board (CCB) is looking for a construction contractor to serve on its Training and Education Advisory committee. The six-member committee advises the board on its statutorily mandated contractor education program.

CCB Training and Education Advisory committee members are appointed to three-year terms by the CCB chairperson, with advice from agency staff and consent of a majority of the members of the board. The committee meets four times a year, usually in Salem. Committee members are volunteers. There is one current vacancy on the committee.

"The CCB is looking for a contractor who is interested in the CCB education program and wants to give something back to the industry," said CCB Administrator Craig Smith.

Those who are interested in serving should send letters saying why they are interested, a resumé or summary of work history, and contact information including e-mail address to Construction Contractors Board, Attn: Sally Ridenour, Education Manager, P.O. Box 14140, Salem, OR 97309-5052. Fax: 503-373-2007, e-mail <sally.d.ridenour@state.or.us>.

For more information, contact Ridenour at 503-378-4621, ext. 4016.

The Rookery builds a nest in Vernonia

The Rookery, which opened April 3 at 854 Bridge Street in Vernonia, is offering original art by owner Diane Young Coughlin, plus the work of other artists. The Rookery, an art gallery and teaching studio, is a nice complement to existing storefronts on Bridge Street.

Coughlin has been a university professor for 20 years, teaching English literature, creative writing and cultural history, but she's been painting for even longer, having started at age nine. Her teaching career has allowed her to do independent studies with artists plus take workshops and art classes herself. Coughlin wanted to "more deeply integrate her writing, teaching and making art" and this year her life brought her to the point where she was ready to open the Rookery and offer the community a teaching studio. She and husband, Tom, a substitute teacher at Vernonia High School, moved to Vernonia in 1998, after having lived in the small communities of Cherry

Grove and Timber.

Influenced by the Ash Can school of art – which brought French Impressionism to America – Coughlin tries, in her paintings, to look at light and color and the relationships in between. She stated "It is important to convey your experience to the subject."

In her teaching, Coughlin's goal is to surprise people with their own potential by creating a situation for them to reach that potential. She offers classes such as writing, poetry, fiction, and illuminated journal keeping, plus drawing, painting and mixed media. Descriptions and other offerings can be found on her website at <www.therookerycaws.com>.

Take the time to peruse the art offered at the Rookery at 854 Bridge Street. The seasonal hours now in effect are Friday and Saturday from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. or by appointment. The Rookery's teaching



Diane Young Coughlin

services are not restricted to the gallery hours. Call 503-429-0234 for appointments or other information.

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Joint meeting of Fair Board and Board of Commissioners

The Columbia County Fair Board will hold a joint meeting on Monday, May 24, with the Columbia County Board of Commissioners to discuss issues regarding Asbury Acres, a parcel of land adjacent to the fairgrounds that was donated to the county nearly a decade ago.

The meeting is open to the public. It will start at 6:00 p.m. in the 4-H building on the Columbia County Fairgrounds.



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