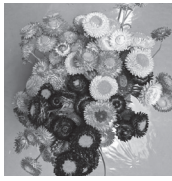




"A Place to Reflect"

Beginning **Monday, Sept. 6**

A corner of the NW neighborhood that was created as a place for people to gather, will be covered with flowers according to a design by Kathy Gore-Fuss and her team of artists and helpers on Sept. 5. It will be open for people to enjoy beginning on the 6th. Kathy's collaboration with artists to realize a vision of "unabashed beauty" serves as a metaphor for how we rely on one another, how we must trust again, how profoundly we are all connected. Half the flowers for the site (near Garfield Elementary School) are provided by a local farming family, Ojeda Farms and Kathy is doing some fundraising to be able to provide flowers at additional sites she has been invited to create.



GarageBand for iPad

Meets **Saturday, September 11**, 10 am to noon, on zoom, \$45.

GarageBand for iPad is a workshop offered by TC Media. Students check out an iPad at TC Media facility, 440 Yauger Way SW Suite C in Olympia on Friday and bring it back on Tuesday. "Garageband" is a music production studio in one. It includes instruments, recording, mixing and effects. Participants will be introduced to music recording, composition and some music theory. iOS Production certification. Sign up here.

TC Media provides a community channel, facility space, production equipment and other services to support the development of community access television. They help residents and organizations in Thurston County to produce their own programs. For example Young Producers' Network provides digital media education to enable people aged 8 through highschool to develop critical thinking and other important life skills. Look for other workshops and opportunities at www.tcmedia.org

Black Hills Audubon annual picnic - hopefully!

Saturday, **Sept 11**. Bird walk, 3:30, around the Olympia Marina.



Picnic, 5:00 pm at Rose Garden shelter #1 in Priest Point Park.

This will be the first chance for the Audubon Society to gather and visit with fellow birders since February 2020. Visit blackhills-audubon.org/annual-picnic-2021/ for particulars.

(If Covid protocols change at the state level OR if there is wildfire smoke that warrants an air quality alert, this event will be cancelled. In that case, an announcement will be posted on the Society website and there will instead be a program speaker scheduled for Sept. 9.)

It's showtime!

Saturday, **Sept. 18**, 2 pm. Olympia Family Theater - 612 4th Ave E. Olympia.

Olympia Family Theater is conducting auditions for a variety show. It's the Lord Franzannian Royal Olympian Spectacular Vaudeville Show! Even if your act isn't fully developed, come on down and tell us about it! Produced by Elizabeth Lord and the non-profit BigShowCity Performing Arts Organization. Contact: Elizabeth Lord 360-250-2721, Elizabeth-lord@hotmail.com. Due to the pandemic, last year's show was compiled from videos submitted by Olympians. To see that Vaudeville Spectacular go to <http://www.professionaltalker.com/> and follow instructions! That's also the place to get details for the auditions.



Become a gleaner in Thurston County

Sign up online at thurstoncountyfoodbank.org/gleaning, or call 360-754-5703 x 104 or 105.

Gleaning is the collection of leftover crops from farmers' fields after they have been commercially harvested, or from fields where it is not economically profitable to harvest. It keeps us from wasting food at the same time we provide fresh produce to community members via the Food Bank. Fall is the best time to be out in the field, at work with neighbors, harvesting earth's bounty. 511,900 pounds of fresh produce has been gleaned thus far in 2021.



Walls can tell stories... with a little help

"Walls Tell Stories" is a series of guided walking tours for Olympia, part of a project originated by the Rachel Corrie Foundation and Art Forces. The walks reveal layers of Indigenous, labor, and immigration histories in Olympia that build on images in the Olympia-Rafah Solidarity Mural. The project supporters are working toward a matching grant from the Thurston County Historic Commission. They have raised over half the amount needed for the grant, and are hoping that the community will help raise the rest. The match is available through the month of September. The project will facilitate a thematic and interactive experience of downtown Olympia and re-imagine public space by lifting up histories that are not seen or have been forgotten. The tour will be available on iOS and Android phones, along with a mobile website.

Orca Co-Op Books needs a member to join their Board

By **September 15**

This long-time, newly cooperatively owned and run bookstore in downtown Oly is adding a board member - possibly someone to fill the treasurer or secretary role, but that's not essential. Interested co-op members should email board@orcabooks.com with inquiries by September 15. From there they will get the ball rolling and commence a small election! The small board is composed of chill, easygoing folks who uphold the values of Orca Books. The board meets once a month on the third Monday at 2:00 pm over Zoom.

MOSAIC: CIELO celebrates 25 Years!

Saturday, **Oct 16**, 7 pm, at home watch parties - fiesta en casa.- via zoom. Mark your calendars!

CIELO's anniversary celebration will close out Hispanic Heritage Month, and feature Latino leaders, artists and performers. Follow this link for more information www.classy.org/event/mosaic-cielo-celebrates-25-years/e348901 and check in as details are finalized. MOSAIC se estrena, cerrando el Mes de la Herencia Hispana. MOSAIC tendrá las fundadoras de CIELO, líderes latinos, artistas y músicos. Siga el enlace de arriba para obtener más información y regístrese cuando se finalicen los detalles.

CIELO Centro Integral Educativo Latino de Olympia provides support and resources for refugees and immigrants in the South Sound. A diverse staff offers classes, counseling, and advocacy services. Families and individuals from all nations are welcome. CIELO provee apoyo y recursos para refugiados e inmigrantes. Nuestro diverso personal ofrece clases, consejería e intercesoría. Familias e individuos de todas las naciones son bienvenidos.

South Puget Sound Habitat for Humanity

Habitat Stores are looking for volunteers. South Puget Sound Habitat for Humanity has a store in West Olympia and one in Yelm. The stores accept donations of new, used and surplus building supplies, appliances and other home improvement items for resale to the general public at 40-90% below retail prices. The proceeds benefit Habitat's home-building programs. Volunteers work with store staff collecting and receiving donated materials, pricing and stocking items on the store floor, cleaning and organizing the store and assisting customers in the store. Volunteers can be as young as 14-17, with a parent or guardian waiver. 14 & 15 year olds must be accompanied by an adult. Visit www.spsphabitat.org for the latest updates on operations and volunteer opportunities

Consider becoming a member of the Thurston Community Land Trust

Community Land Trusts (CLT) create affordable housing by helping people buy a home, while the CLT purchases the land. Homeowners grow equity through steady price increases determined by the CLT, but still keep housing costs well below market rates. If the owner sells, they gain a profit, but it is constrained by the terms of the land deed held by the CLT.

Crucially, CLTs are governed by a board with representatives who are homeowners and members, retaining community control of the organization. The Trust is committed to multiple levels of democratically inclusive governance across organization or property, where appropriate, that balances needs of members, residents, and donors.

Thurston Housing Land Trust is a relatively new CLT operating in Thurston County. It has just made its first house available to a family who was otherwise priced out of the market. Stay tuned for the story in Works in Progress next month.

Glen's Parallax Perspectives

"Debunk the Fossil Fuel Industry's Phony Climate Remedies"

The fossil fuel industry shifted from "climate denial" into pretending to solve the climate crisis, but their proposals just mean more profits for them.. Our expert guest -- Jim Walsh, Senior Energy Policy Analyst for Food and Water Watch (www.foodandwaterwatch.org) exposes the "greenwashing" in their schemes for "cap and trade," "offsets," hydrogen, etc. Jim urges sharp, prompt reduction in fossil fuel use. The interview airs on cable channel 22 of Thurston Community Media (www.tcmedia.org) at 1:30 pm Mondays, 5:00 pm Wednesdays, 9:00 pm Thursdays. Watch the interview and get a summary of the program plus more information at www.parallaxperspectives.org in TV Programs, Energy or Climate. Questions? Contact Glen Anderson, producer/host at (360) 491-9093 glenanderson@integra.net

Olympia Coalition to Abolish Nuclear Weapons

The Olympia Coalition to Abolish Nuclear Weapons will meet through Zoom video at 5:00 pm sharp on **Thursday Sept. 16**. We have productive and informative meetings on the third Thursday of each month.. Please join us! Contact Glen Anderson (360) 491-9093 glenanderson@integra.net in advance to get the link and the agenda.