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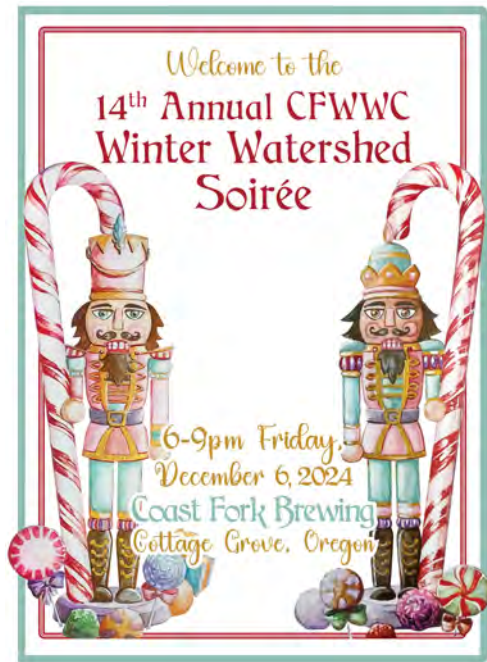
DECEMBER EVENTS

Coast Fork Willamette Watershed Council Winter Soirée December 6th

We're so excited to see you at
the Coast Fork Willamette
Watershed Council's Winter Soirée
on December 6th!

THANK YOU TO:

Addicted Fishing, Alesong Brewing & Blending, Art House Cinema, Atticus Hotel, Axe and Fiddle, Benchmade knives, Bookmine, Bounce Gymnastics, Café Mam, Camp Dakota Adventures, Cascade Home Center, Cascade Raptor Center, Cottage Theatre, Crafty Mercantile, Creswell Bakery, The Creswell Chronicle, D&B Supply, Elevation Bouldering Gym, Enchanted Forest, Eugene Ballet, Eugene Emeralds, The Flower Basket, Jack Sprats, Jessica Lynn Catering, McMenamins, Middlefield Golf Course, My Brothers' Farm, Oaks Amusement Park, Oba Ramen/Dietz Deli, Obnoxious Golf, Old Gringo Boots, OMSI, Oregon Coast Aquarium, Oregon Contemporary Theatre, Oregon Jamboree, Oregon Symphony, Pelican Brewing, Pendleton Round Up, Portland Japanese Garden, Portland Leather, Pour 818, Random Acts Of Cookies, Reel Oregon Adventures, Schweitzer's Work & Western Wear, Shady Rays Sunglasses, Shampoo Dolls, Socksmith, Stacy's Covered Bridge, Sweet Life, Three Rivers Casino, U of O Museum of Natural & Cultural History, Wanderlust Tours, Wilco Farm Store, Wildlife Safari, Wild Ride Brewing, Willamalane Parks, Worksharp Knives



Get ready to sip, savor, and socialize. This in-person event promises an evening filled with good vibes, great brews, and delicious bites. Immerse yourself in the cozy atmosphere as you enjoy live music, mingle with friends, celebrate with our project partners, and indulge in the finest craft beers and cocktails.

It's going to be a great night!



Additionally, we're thrilled with how this year's silent auction and wine wall have turned out, and we're pretty sure you are going to be extra excited about it too. This year we've received donations from a wide array of local, regional, and national businesses who support clean water, healthy ecosystems, and watershed education.



Cottage Grove Christmas Bird Count

All levels of bird enthusiasts are encouraged to take part in this opportunity to contribute to a great citizen science effort while learning bird identification from experienced birders. This event is coordinated by Grace Fowler-Gore and each count section will be led by a Coast Fork Birders member.



Participants will gather at 6:30am at the Vintage Inn Restaurant, 1590 Gateway

Blvd, Cottage Grove, for a morning breakfast meeting to organize into teams.
Birders will head into the field by 7:30am.

The end of day “countdown” will take place at 4pm at El Tapatio Mexican Restaurant & Cantina, 725 E. Gibbs Ave., Cottage Grove. Be sure to bring your birding gear, weather appropriate clothing and lunch to get you through the day.

We have plenty of varied habitats to choose from: two lakes, river, creek, farm fields, forest, urban, suburban and rural.

To participate, please contact Grace by email GraceLovesBirds1@gmail.com (please provide a contact telephone within your email) or 817-975-4936 as soon as possible to optimize placement into a birding sector of your preference.

Date: December 28 (Saturday)

Meeting Location: Vintage Inn Restaurant, 1590 Gateway Blvd, Cottage Grove
Starting Time: 6:30am



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Giving Tuesday December 3rd!
Join millions in the global generosity movement

It's Giving Tuesday – a day when the whole world comes together to give back in many different ways.

There are so many amazing causes and organizations worthy of your support!

Naturally, of course, we are rather partial to the Coast Fork Willamette Watershed Council and would love for you to consider giving what you can to support our work to enhance and restore habitat for fish and wildlife, our community, and for future generations.



"On this Giving Tuesday, I reflect on how the Coast Fork Willamette Watershed Council embodies hope and stewardship. This special place is not just a collection of rivers, forests, and trails; it's a living community where nature and people thrive together. Supporting the watershed council means protecting clean water, preserving wildlife, and nurturing a vibrant environment for future generations. It's about giving back to the land that sustains us and ensuring it flourishes. Every action we take today strengthens our watershed tomorrow. Together, we can make a lasting difference." – Reilly Newman

"My gratitude for the Watershed Council is immense. I am incredibly thankful for the exceptional learning experiences this organization has provided me. This Watershed Council has profoundly enriched my life and broadened my horizons. The opportunities for learning, work experience, and networking in the environmental science field have been truly invaluable and transformative. These experiences have significantly influenced my career and personal growth, and the resources and support from the council have meant everything to me over the past year. I am also extremely grateful for the outstanding, knowledgeable mentors I have who guide me as a young professional. A heartfelt thank you to the Coast Fork for allowing me to learn and thrive within such an extraordinary community!" – Nayla Keller

Additionally, there are great events and opportunities to give happening all over the world for Giving Tuesday, including in Cottage Grove.

GIVING TUESDAY



Giving Back in Grove

December 3rd, 8 am – 5 Pm
@the community center

Come meet with local non-profits
find out how to give back
A Win-Win for Donors and Communities

DONATE NOW

Siletz Tribe Regains Section of Cape Foulweather on Oregon Coast

CTSI Reacquire 27 Acres at Cape Foulweather

On November 18th, the 47th anniversary of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians (CTSI) regaining federal recognition, it was announced that a coastal piece of their ancestral territory had been restored.

The 27-acre section of Cape Foulweather, on the Oregon Coast between Newport and Lincoln City, has been reacquired by the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, or CTSI. The tribe purchased the land from the McKenzie River



Trust, with a \$2.01 million grant from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Other partners include Lincoln County, the Nature Conservancy in Oregon, and the Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development.



Tribal Council Member Robert Kentta said, “Before settlement, this land was home to our families, who fished from the rocks and canoed in the ocean, and gathered mussels from the rocky shore. Now we will have the opportunity to reinvigorate our connections to traditional lifeways.”



[Read the full article for details](#)

Spotlight on Invasives, Holiday Edition: English Holly

Tis the season to deck the halls with boughs of holly! This flowering plant, with its shiny, spiky green leaves and bright red winter berries has long been a festive symbol of good luck, protection, and the promise of spring’s return. But holly is not so jolly when it’s found in our Oregon forests.

English Holly is native to Europe and Northern Africa, and just like its fellow shade-loving English Ivy, it thrives in the dense forests of western Washington and Oregon, outcompeting native species, and significantly changing forest composition and reducing biological diversity.

[Check out this article for more information](#)



December Volunteer Opportunities

The garden at Cottage Grove High School is undergoing renovations, and you can be a part of this community initiative! If you are interested in contributing, please refer to the table below for the dates and descriptions of the tasks.

To get involved, RSVP by emailing Christina Bentrup at
gardens@plazacomunidad.org

Volunteer Date	Volunteer Time	Volunteer Needs	Main project	Sub project
Saturday, December 7, 2024	10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.	10-15 volunteers, low-skill, manual projects in uncertain weather	distribute compost to plots	continue clear old garden
Saturday, December 14, 2024	10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.	10-15 volunteers, low-skill, manual projects in uncertain weather	distribute compost to plots	spread gravel to raised bed area
Saturday, January 11, 2025	10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.	10-15 volunteers, low-skill, manual projects in uncertain weather	install and fill raised beds	continue any other unfinished
Wednesday, January 22, 2025	10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.	10-15 volunteers, low-skill, manual projects in uncertain weather	create gravel pads for sheds	continue any other unfinished
Saturday, February 1, 2025	10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.	10-15 volunteers, low-skill, manual projects in uncertain weather	wheelbarrow structure build out	weed plots / cover plots
Saturday, February 15, 2025	10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.	10-15 volunteers, low-skill, manual projects in uncertain weather	weed plots / cover plots	continue any other unfinished

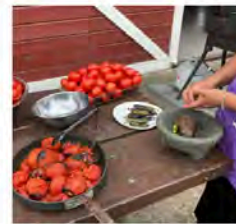
Please meet behind the high school in the parking lot located off South R Street. Refer to the map below for the garden location and available parking in the lot to the north of the future garden site.



Read more about this incredible initiative here:



Cottage Grove Community Garden for Latino and Immigrant Families



Project Overview

Plaza de Nuestra Comunidad (formerly Centro Latino Americano, Downtown Languages, and Huerto de la Familia) is developing a brand-new community garden in partnership with South Lane School District in order to increase local food security and support community connection. This new garden will be located behind Cottage Grove High School.

40 families will receive their own 15 x 20 ft. garden plot, seeds and other gardening materials, and access to communal tools. One-on-one gardening support will be provided by Garden Program staff along with information about other community resources. This community garden will primarily serve Latinx and immigrant families, however all South Lane School District families and community members are welcome. All programming will be offered in Spanish, English, and some Mam.

In addition to the garden space and supplies, Plaza provides gardening support, connection to community resources, educational opportunities, and community building events. This includes an introductory course on organic gardening, and a variety of food and garden workshops that are led by garden program members.

The community garden's design prioritizes community building, accessibility, and environmental stewardship. It will include seating areas, a shade structure, raised beds, rainwater harvesting, composting, native plant patches, pollinator habitat, and more.

Plaza currently manages six other community gardens throughout Lane County with around 200 families growing their own organic produce.



Project Phases

Phase 1: Fall 2021 - Spring 2024

Partnership development, site selection, garden design.

Phase 2: Fall - Winter 2024

Preparation and construction of the garden.

Outreach and recruitment to community members.

Phase 3: Spring 2025

Opening of the garden.

Families receive their garden plots and plant their crops.

Phase 4: Fall 2025

Harvest Festival Grand Opening Celebration



About Us

Plaza de Nuestra Comunidad is a Latinx and immigrant-serving, nonprofit organization located in Eugene/Springfield. In addition to our Community Garden Program, we provide essential and enriching Spanish-language programming related to social services, adult education, youth programming, small business development, and mental health and substance use treatment.

To help make this garden possible, please contact:

Gatlin Fasone Alshuykh, Garden Program Manager

gatlin@plazacomunidad.org or (541) 359-7376

or

Marissa Zarate, Co-Executive Director

marissa@plazacomunidad.org or (541) 214-8294



November Recap

Thank you to our amazing volunteers who participated in November's English ivy removal work party! A heartfelt thank you to the Upper Willamette Soil and Water Conservation District for joining us and offering delightful warm tea. Thanks to everyone's combined efforts, we tackled a significant portion of the invasive

English ivy and Himalayan blackberry at this location.



November Ivy Pull



CFWWC End-of-Year Office Closure

We are hard at work wrapping up our end-of-year projects! December is always an exciting month here as we finish our preparations for the big Winter Watershed Soiree and take stock of the projects we are looking forward to in the new year.

We just wanted to let you all know that the Coast Fork Willamette Watershed Council office will be closed from December 23rd-January. We'll see you at the Soiree, and can't wait to get back to work for you in 2025!



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Partner's Hiring Corner

LOCAL JOB OPPORTUNITIES - SEE WHO'S HIRING

Institute for Applied Ecology

Full-time Technician with the Conservation Research Program

[Full Post Description Here](#)

Closing date: Sunday, December 8th, 2024

Location: Corvallis, OR (some travel required)

Status: Regular, full-time, non-exempt

Compensation: \$24.50/hr. plus benefits

About the role:

The Institute for Applied Ecology (www.appliedeco.org) is at the forefront of rare species conservation and solving the biodiversity crisis in the Pacific Northwest.

The Conservation Research (CR) Program of the Institute for Applied Ecology (www.appliedeco.org) is seeking to hire a Full-time Research Technician with a diverse skill set to assist with multiple research and monitoring projects to support the conservation and recovery of rare plants and wildlife. The Technician will be based in Corvallis, Oregon. The Technician will spend substantial time in the field during the primary field season (approximately mid-April through July) coordinating and leading field crews. The rest of the year will be spent supporting occasional field work, managing data and field equipment, assisting with analyses and report writing, and preparing for the next field season. Projects are primarily in western Oregon, but additional projects routinely take place throughout other regions of the state and throughout the Pacific Northwest.



Institute for
Applied Ecology

Institute for Applied Ecology

Plant Propagation and Education Coordinator 2

[Full Post Description Here](#)

Closing date: Monday, December 2nd, 2024

Location: Corvallis, OR (some travel required)

Status: Regular, full-time, exempt

Compensation: \$27.93/hr. plus benefits

About the role: The Ecological Education Program at the Institute for Applied Ecology offers educational opportunities for students – primarily adult community members and specialty audiences, such as teachers, under-resourced students and adults in custody. Through outreach activities and informal science education,

we engage people in meaningful place-based active education conducted in schools, camps, prisons, and in the wider communities that we serve. We work with other nonprofit partners, community members, departments of correction, schools, granting organizations, and federal agencies to deliver education focused on connecting people to nature. Our efforts are primarily focused on underserved, under-resourced, and diverse audiences.

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