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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### 2024 Reflections

As we reflect on 2024, we are filled with gratitude for our incredible community, dedicated partners, and everyone who engaged with us throughout the year.



Your support has been invaluable in helping us achieve our goals and make a positive impact. Thank you to everyone who participated in our events or supported us in any capacity. We couldn't have done it without you, and we look forward to continuing this journey together in 2025.

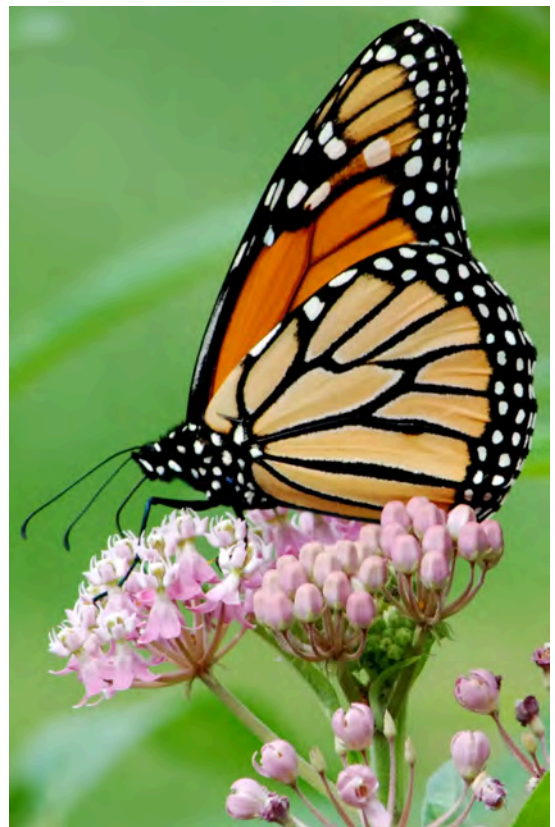
## USFWS Monarch Listing

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) recently proposed listing the monarch butterfly under the Endangered Species Act (ESA)—a critical step to mobilize conservation for their survival.

Over the past two decades, monarch numbers in North America have declined, prompting the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to join Tribes, state agencies, other federal agencies and non-government groups to identify threats to the monarch and take steps

to conserve monarchs throughout their range.

Threats to monarchs include loss and degradation of breeding, migratory and overwintering habitat; exposure to insecticides; and the effects of climate change . Although many people have already helped conserve the butterfly, additional habitat and protections are needed to ensure the species is conserved for future generations.



## JANUARY & FEBRUARY EVENTS

### Science On Tap

January 28th

Join us on Tuesday, January 28th from 5–7 PM for the presentation "Everything is a fish" by Environmental Educator at Mount Pisgah Arboretum, Kevin House.



Kevin was born and raised in Oregon and grew up camping, hiking, and enjoying the outdoors.

He spent several years teaching biology and ecology classes at a community college in Southern California before driving around the country in an RV with his partner Marli and eventually moving back up to Oregon to work in outdoor and environmental education.

We host these family-friendly events on the fourth Tuesday of each month from 5–7pm at the Axe & Fiddle, 657 E. Main St. in Cottage Grove.

Events begin with informal socializing, trivia, and updates about the watershed and watershed council. The Science on Tap presentation begins at 6pm.

The event is free to the public, with a \$5 donation suggested.



## Coast Fork Volunteer Event - Ivy Pull

January 25th

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Join us on Saturday, January 25th, from 10 AM to 2 PM for an ivy-pulling extravaganza at Chambers Covered Bridge!



Whether it rains or shines, enjoy some tea and doughnuts as we tackle that pesky English ivy. Come be part of the fun and lend a helping hand to Mother Nature while enhancing the environment for our native species!

## Upcoming Cottage Grove Garden Volunteer Dates

### January 11th & 22nd and February 1st & 15th



### Cottage Grove Community Garden



#### Project Overview

Plaza de Nuestra Comunidad (formerly Centro Latino Americano, Downtown Languages, and Huerto de la Familia) is developing a new community garden in partnership with South Lane School District in order to increase local food security and support community connection.

If you would like to volunteer to help bring this garden to fruition, please reach out for more information. We welcome the opportunity to schedule with your business or group to fit your scheduling needs. Or, RSVP to the following open volunteer events by email or text.

Volunteer Date	Volunteer Time	Volunteer Needs	Potential tasks
Saturday, January 11, 2025	10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.	10-15 volunteers, manual projects in uncertain weather	spread compost to plots; gravel at entrance
Wednesday, January 22, 2025	10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.	10-15 volunteers, manual projects in uncertain weather	create gravel pads for sheds; continue prepare garden plots
Saturday, February 1, 2025	10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.	10-15 volunteers, manual projects in uncertain weather	wheelbarrow structure build out and raised beds install
Saturday, February 15, 2025	10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.	10-15 volunteers, manual projects in uncertain weather	weed plots / cover plots

#### 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 volunteer or support this garden, please contact:  
Christina Bentrup, CG Garden Development  
[gardens@plazacomunidad.org](mailto:gardens@plazacomunidad.org) or (541) 525-0077

### Volunteer Opportunity this Saturday!

Cottage Grove High School's garden is currently being renovated, and you can join in and support this wonderful community project! If you're eager to lend a helping hand, please meet behind Cottage Grove high school in the parking lot just off South R Street.

RSVP by emailing Christina Bentrup at [gardens@plazacomunidad.org](mailto:gardens@plazacomunidad.org) and don't forget to save the dates for more garden adventures ahead!

## 11th Annual Willamette Valley Bird Symposium February 1st

### **Are You Registered?**

Grace Fowler-Gore and a flock of passionate birding enthusiasts will be at the 11th annual Willamette Valley Bird Symposium on Saturday, February 1, 2025.

This year's special keynote speaker, Kenn Kaufman, is returning to WVBS with a presentation he's developed specifically for this year's event.

They hope to see you there!

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## YOUR WATERSHED

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### Partner's Hiring Corner

LOCAL JOB OPPORTUNITIES – SEE WHO'S HIRING

#### Mount Pisgah Arboretum

Communications and Volunteer Coordinator

[Full Post Description Here](#)

Closing date: **Midnight on January 15th, 2025**

Location: Mount Pisgah Arboretum's office in Eugene, Oregon

Status: 32 hour/week, non-exempt

Compensation: \$20/hr. plus benefits

**About the role:** Mount Pisgah Arboretum is seeking a skilled communicator with a passion for nature and the ability to inspire others. The Communications and Volunteer Coordinator will design hardcopy and e-newsletters, and other informational materials; manage the Arboretum's website and social media accounts; coordinate the engagement, orientation, and scheduling of volunteers for education programs, site maintenance, and large events; and serve as a support person for educational activities. The right candidate will have strong writing, design, organizational, and IT skills while also being a people person, with an interest in sharing knowledge about local ecology.

#### Lane County Parks

Park Hosts

[Full Post Description Here](#)

Closing date: Ongoing, accepting applications until filled

Compensation: Volunteer

**About the role:** Do you love the outdoors and Oregon's parks? Lane County Parks is seeking several individuals or couples to serve as Campground Hosts.

Hosts are volunteers who work and live in a variety of unique and beautiful campground and park settings. Volunteer Hosts work approximately 20 hours per week, 5 days on and 2 days off in exchange for an RV site + provide 24-7 site presence. Host volunteers are provided RV sites, applicants must have a fully self-contained RV.



# Coast Fork Community Corner

As we step into the new year, what better way to start than by diving into some great reads? Little Free Libraries offer a wonderful opportunity to explore new books and share your favorites with your community. These little book exchanges are scattered throughout town, and a website to help you find one near you can be found [here](#).



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## BECOME A MEMBER

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