

Rumblings from Olympus

One Step Back, Two Steps Forward

By President Bob Mahaffy

Across the nation, many of our bridges are reaching the end of their serviceable life. Certainly some of the bridges in our area fall into this category.

Take North Bend's McCullough Bridge as an example, finished in 1936 at a cost of just over two million dollars. The cost to repaint it about ten years ago was over seven million dollars. The year following the completion of the bridge system saw a 72% increase in coastal tourism.

Instead of worrying about replacing these bridges, I advocate a gradual return to the ferry system. As each bridge collapses or becomes unserviceable, another ferry would be added to the system.

Now is the time to start planning for the transition.



My garden this year was the most successful I've ever planted, which has inspired me to expand it next year enough to constitute a community garden. If anyone has any suggestions on vegetable varieties they would like to see grown please let me know.

I'm afraid the days of transporting fruits and vegetables halfway across the world via air freight are numbered. That's why I see a movement embracing community gardening as timely. ☺

Happy Holidays



President Bob Mahaffy affixes a decoration to the SCUUF holiday tree at Shore Acres as fellowship members try to prevent the effect of gravity upon him. Visit our tree and others at the Shore Acres Holiday Lights show from Thanksgiving weekend through the New Year.

Help Wanted

Can you help create the weekly Order of Service pages? A current template is available. Any software may work. Contact Dennis at 888-8234 to help.



Anyone want to do a program on Thich Nhat Hanh? See Dennis.

Useful Links

SCUUF (where you can find SCUUP Online)

www.scuuf.pnwd.uua.org

(Remember, hyperlinks work in SCUUP online!)

Pacific Northwest District

www.pnwd.uua.org

The Unitarian Universalist Association

www.uua.org



Human Ecological Footprint Programs

- Nov 8 • The People Paradox
- Dec 13 • Arithmetic, Population, and Energy

All programs are free to the public and begin at 7pm at Coos Bay Library. Others will follow on second and fourth Thursdays.

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November - December 2007

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**South Coast Unitarian Universalist Fellowship
Nov - Dec 2007 Calendar**

Unless otherwise noted, programs are from 3:00 to 4:30 pm at North Bend United Methodist Church, 2289 Meade Street.

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| November 11 | Veterans for Peace
Members of the South Coast Chapter (Bandon) discuss their local work toward world peace. |
| November 18 | Hike Our Coast Watch Mile
Meet for carpooling at North Bend Library parking lot at 11 Sunday morning. Bring/wear suitable gear for BEACH FRONT weather, plus beverage and snacks for a seaside "lunch" together. Call 888-8234 for more information. |
| November 25 | SCUUF Thanksgiving Dinner
Meal is served at noon at the Farm at 97356 Highway 241 (North Coos River Highway). |
| December 2 | Planned Parenthood
Community Relations Director Paul Robinson will review the state of affairs for reproductive rights on a state and national level. He will discuss the impact of the birth certificate requirement, contraceptive equity, emergency contraception in the ER, and the Supreme Court. |
| December 9 | Barbara McClintock |
| December 16 | Holiday Caroling
Meet at 3:00 for car-pooling at North Bend Methodist Church. Call 756-7206 for more. |
| December 23 | Solstice Celebration
Meet at the Kiosk at Sunset Bay State Park at 1 pm. Bring something seasonal to share, a poem, a thought, or a picture of a blossom. Drums and drumming if we are 'moved' to do so. Finger food potluck to follow. |
| December 30 | Sharing Our Stories of Rebirth, Transformation, Epiphany |