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Featured Business

Cornell Farm

by Virginia Bruce

Ed Blatter and Deby Barnhart definitely have the entrepreneurial spirit. They started out their married life by creating and publishing a monthly magazine of art and culture in Portland, called Multnomah Monthly Magazine. "It was a Portland version of the New Yorker and Interview Magazine," says Deby. "We covered the arts, politics, music, sports and the people making it happen in Portland." Then the big recession in the late eighties hit, and advertising dollars dried up. "We really loved it for five years, but it just wasn't working anymore," she says.



Winding paths beckon Cornell Farm visitors to explore the many areas of the nursery

In January 1987, Ed's father, Ted Blatter, suggested that they start a nursery on his family property at the corner of Leahy and Barnes Rd. "We didn't know anything about the nursery business, but we looked at each other and said, 'Why not?'" At first, they weren't sure whether they should do retail or wholesale. They talked to several people in the business, and everyone encouraged them to take advantage of the location and do retail.

Ed's grandfather, William Emanuel Blatter, emigrated from Switzerland to attend Cornell University in New York, and eventually made his way to Cedar Mill and established a goat dairy on five acres of land with a lovely view of the

Tualatin Valley, which he named Cornell Farm. Ed's father, Ted Blatter, was a well-known figure

about town, doing tractor work for many local farmers and landowners, and raising strawberries on the farm. "He started growing a few horticultural crops for his friends," Ed says, "mostly rhododendrons, camellias, and forsythia. He had quite an interest in plants, and had been propagating some zonal geranium varieties in the basement. They were among the first plants we offered for sale."

Ed and a Cedar Mill friend of Ted's, Elroy Farah, sat down and drew up plans on a napkin for the original Patio Building and Ed got busy building it. They opened on Mothers' Day, 1987 with, "50 hanging fuchsia baskets, 200 geranium plants, and 50 cherry tomato plants in five-gallon pots with tomatoes on them." It was a hit, and Cornell Farm, the retail nursery, was born.

Deby and Ed learned the nursery business as they went along. "I kept a copy of the Sunset Western Garden Book at hand and I was

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Next Meeting

Cedar Mill Business Association

Tuesday, November 9, 11:45

Place: Leedy Grange Hall, 835 NW Saltzman

Community Outreach: Lisa Mentasana, Beaverton Homeless Student Program; Sharon Strauss, Sunshine Pantry; Christie Costello, Domestic Violence Resource Center

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The Cedar Mill Business Association's meetings are free and open to anyone interested in business in Cedar Mill

119th sidewalk needs your support NOW!

Letters of support (or emails) are urgently needed to help Washington County secure a \$1.2 million grant to build a sidewalk along 119th Ave. The sidewalk would extend from Cornell Road along the west side of 119th, connecting to McDaniel at the Bluffs near Bonny Slope School.

At the October 12 Work Session, the Washington County Board of Commissioners gave the go-ahead to the Land Use and Transportation (LUT) Department to apply for an ODOT Flexible Funding Grant in the amount of \$1.2 million to build the sidewalk. LUT has found that it owns enough right-of-way along that side to avoid having to purchase additional land.

One of the factors that will influence ODOT in awarding this grant is community support. **Please sit down right now** and write a letter or an email to the ODOT Grant Committee, care of Clare Fuchs, Associate Planner at LUT, supporting this much-needed project. They must reach her by Friday, November 5 at 5 pm to be included in the grant application.

There will be a box at the Cedar Mill Community Library to collect letters up until 3 pm on Friday November 5, and then they'll be delivered to the county office. If you

send email instead, please **provide your full name and address** so the grant reviewers know you live in the community.

From the grant guidelines: "Projects identified for these funds should help create livable and sustainable communities where multimodal transportation facilities, services and programs provide safe, comfortable and convenient options that support active living.

"Projects should provide equitable options for accessing housing,

Address your letters to ODOT Grant Committee, and drop them off at the library, or send them to:

Clare L. Fuchs, AICP, Associate Planner
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jobs, services and educational and recreational opportunities. The outcomes of these investments will help Oregonians access transportation choices and enhance energy independence and sustainability."

TriMet's Line 50 has stops all along the west side of 119th, and Beaverton School District's buses stop there also. Even if you don't use the street for walking currently, you're encouraged to add your voice in supporting this effort to increase safety and livability in our neighborhoods.

CMBA: Join or Renew Now!
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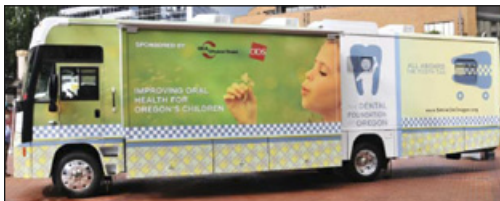
Cedar Mill Business Association Member News

Do you have news or events or know of something that you would like to see covered in the Cedar Mill News? Please write to Virginia Bruce at vrb@teamweb.com

'Tis the Season of Giving!

Join with World of Smiles, Pediatric Dentistry in supporting the Oregon Dental Association, hosting the first Mission of Mercy event on Monday & Tuesday, November 22nd & 23rd. Mission of Mercy is a dental clinic with portable dental stations set up in a large public arena. Dental screenings and services are provided on a first-come, first-served basis, at no charge to those who attend. MOM combines the donated services of hundreds of dentists, dental hygienists, dental assistants, dental lab technicians and an array of volunteers to provide these free dental services.

Dr. Stafford and her World of Smiles team will also be a matching partner for the Dental Foundation of Oregon's Tooth Taxi during the month of November and December. The Tooth Taxi is a state-of-the-art dental office on wheels, with two operator units and a waiting room. Unlike other dental vans, the Tooth Taxi has a full-time dentist and staff, and it spends up to four days at a time at schools providing services for Oregon's neediest children. The Tooth Taxi is fueled by donations from foundations, corporations and



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World of Smiles, Pediatric Dentistry is located at 11790 SW Barnes Rd, Suite 280, Portland off of Barnes Road. For more information, call 503-626-9700, or email info@visitworldofsmiles.com. You can find them on Facebook or visit their website at visitworldofsmiles.com. Please call for more details about their two-and-under complimentary visits.

\$100 prize for the best photo of Cedar Mill

Do you have the winning shot? Sunset Credit Union is offering \$100 for the best photo of Cedar Mill or a Cedar Mill event. And you don't need to be an SCU member to enter the contest.

The photo can be of any past or present time frame, and must include scenery of Cedar Mill, a Cedar Mill event (Farmers' Market, Cedar Mill Concert, Cider Festival, et.al) or be related to a Cedar Mill site.

Photos should include name, address and phone number and be dropped off at Sunset Credit Union - 1100 NW Murray Blvd (across from McDonalds). All photos must be delivered to the credit union by 5:00PM on November 30th to be eligible. Winner will be announced on December 10th.

In addition to the \$100, the winning entry will receive a free portrait session and an 8 X 10 photo courtesy of Sandy

Sahagun Portraiture.

Virtue of the month—Thankfulness

Thankfulness is "gratitude for all the bounties of life. Expressing thanks connects us to others and brings them joy."

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Massage Special

Cedar Mill Chiropractic Clinic is offering a massage special for November and December! Our special massage rate is \$50 for a one-hour massage. This is open to all, you do not need to be a current patient to take advantage of this special rate! This rate only applies if payment is made at the time of service. Please call 503-646-3393 to schedule!

Free organizing tips on Facebook

NW Organizing Solutions now offers weekly organizing tips on Facebook. Become a friend of NW Organizing Solutions and see the latest tips to help you bring order to your home and peace of mind back into your life. Free local shred days or workshops are also posted to help you keep your home organized. Check them out on Facebook or visit the website and click on the Facebook link.

Besides the weekly tips offered on Facebook, NW Organizing Solutions also provides two different email newsletters each month. This year the Organizing Tips newsletter has explored the organizing challenges faced in each area of the home as well as possible solutions. The other newsletter, called "On the Move," covers topics about moving and downsizing your household—everything from figuring what furniture will fit into your new home to choosing the right mover.

You can get either of these newsletters by emailing beth@nworganizingsolutions.com or signing up on the website. Why not move yourself closer to your goal of being organized by using our free helpful tips.

Turn Your Yoga Practice Upside Down!

Saturday, November 20th, noon to 2 pm at Santosha Yoga in Bethany Village.

Attendees will learn the fundamentals of Headstand, Handstand, and Forearm-stand under the guidance of Dina Lang, co-owner of Santosha Yoga. Inversions are great for ensuring blood flow to all parts of your body—the brain loves it! For those with some prior Yoga experience. Cost: \$20 pre-registered, \$25 day of workshop.

TAI CHI session at Santosha. Tai Chi is a mind/body exercise consisting of slow, fluid movements—meditation in motion. Come see what benefits it can offer! It is the only non-yoga class that we offer at Santosha Yoga and the next session begins in November—Mondays from 2-3pm. Registration is necessary for this class. Call 503-372-9825.

The Next Chapter on Fashion

Over \$2,200 was raised for the Cedar Mill Community Library at Second Edition Resale Shop's fashion show and tea on October 22 at the Christ United Methodist Church. While enjoying a delicious English tea, 108 guests viewed a wide range of ensembles modeled by Second Edition volunteers and library staff. Fashions varied from African prints to casual, from sporty to all-decked-out. All clothing and accessories in the show were from Second Edition.

Jan Cox organized the show with the help of over 40 Second Edition volunteers. Pat Coate held the winning raffle ticket for a quilt donated by Janis Bowen. Special thanks to The Morrow Nut Co., Russell Street BarBQue, Tres Bon Salon. After the show, some attendees rushed across the street to snap up the items that weren't auctioned off during the show!

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CMBA Membership Special

The Cedar Mill Business Association (CMBA) is offering a 2011 Membership Special. Join or renew now through December 14 at the special price of \$75. New members will enjoy membership benefits now, and renewing members can get it out of the way, and be able to use the deduction on your 2010 taxes.

Membership will go back to the regular \$85 after our annual Holiday Social (members only), which will be at the Sunset Athletic Club

again this year. Enjoy a buffet lunch of local goodies, and win great door prizes. Also, bring along warm outerwear and food items for Sunshine Pantry. But be sure to bring your checkbook if you're planning to join at the Social as we can't take credit cards. Or act now, and mail in the Membership Form on page 11 along with your payment, or join online with your credit card via Paypal by going to cedarmill.org/CMBA

Husen Park improvements nearly complete



Jackie Husen Park on Reeves St., just east of 113th, is nearly ready for neighborhood picnics, playground fun and ball practice. Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District (THPRD) subcontractor crews have worked all summer grading, building and seeding lawns. In addition to being a great neighborhood park, this will be a valuable connection on a network of trails from Cedar Mill Park through Jordan Park to the north and, via some on-street connections, to the trail loop around Timberland and the JQA Young property, once that's complete.

The boardwalk we wrote about early last summer, which will provide a viewpoint for Cedar Mill Falls, was delayed. THPRD decided last spring to have the property annexed into Beaverton. Once that transaction was completed, the city has been waiting for a "provider letter" from Clean Water Services certifying that the plans for the boardwalk will not adversely affect the wetland and stream. Hal Bergsma, Director of Planning for THPRD, says the city expects to receive that letter, "within the next couple of weeks. City approval should follow within a month or two. Then they will have to wait until the construction season, about April, to get started. They should be done by July 2011." The community will work with THPRD for a grand opening celebration.

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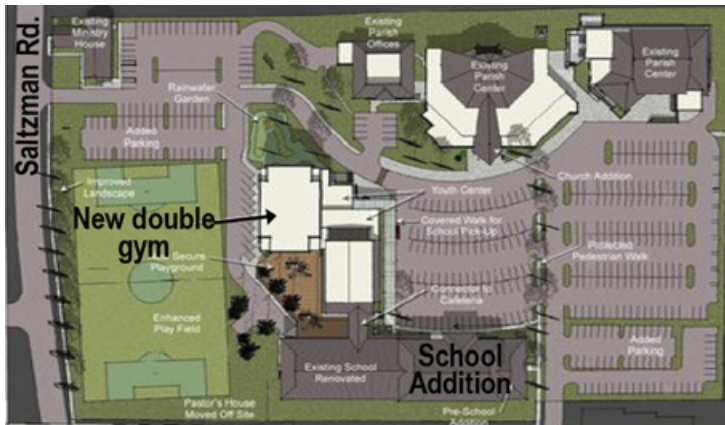
In 2008, St. Pius X Catholic Church, located in the heart of Cedar Mill on Saltzman Road, announced its Master Plan for expansion of the church and the school. This ambitious plan included building a new gymnasium, expanding the main church building, reconfiguring parking areas and several other projects. The plan was a result of studies of projected

growth, deficiencies in the existing facilities, and focus groups and surveys of parishioners.

The parish broke ground for Phase 1 of the expansion in October. This phase will include sound quality upgrades in the church building—a feature that has been widely requested by many parishioners; building a new Athletic Center—a double gymnasium with storage space underneath; converting the existing gym to a Multipurpose Center, which will serve in part as the school cafeteria; converting the existing gymnasium to classrooms.

The current project represents approximately one-third of the entire Master Plan. Additional expansion of the school and expansion of the church buildings will continue in Phases 2 and 3. The fundraising goal for Phase 1 is \$3,500,000. Pam Henningsen, Communication Chair, says, “We are blessed to have our capital campaign supported by the generosity of our parishioners and the community through donations, fundraising events, gifts and grants.”

The school, which currently serves 291 students from Kindergarten through eighth grade, will add three new classrooms. The new gym will enable more after-school and athletic programs to be offered.



Some of the large fir trees near the center of the property had to be removed because of their health and to make room for the new gym. Heavy construction is expected to begin in Spring 2011, and Franey says it will have, “little effect on traffic on adjacent roads.”

She continues, “St. Pius X is one of the largest parishes in the Portland area and is home to a 80 ministries, outreach services and community support programs. As part of the Cedar Mill Town Center, we welcome

everyone to come find out what is going on at St. Pius X and invite them to explore the possibility of taking part in some of the programs offered. Check us out at www.stpius.org.”



Portland Diocese Archbishop John G. Vlazny blessed the groundbreaking for St. Pius X's new additions last month.

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November is National Homeless Youth Awareness Month

The Beaverton School District has identified 785 homeless students as of October 27. The count this time last year was 714; in 2008 it was 380. The [Title X Homeless Education program](#) finds and aids these students with a variety of services to help them stay in school. Program Social Support Liaison Lisa Mentasana says, “You



will undoubtedly notice an overall increase in our numbers. This is primarily due to the economy, but it also reflects what we're doing in our community. We're finding our most vulnerable children and youth, and providing valuable resources that help them stay in school. We have been able to do this through strong community awareness efforts and valued partnerships.”

Visit their website to find out how you can help this program.

The Cedar Mill Business Association will hear from Lisa along with Sunshine Food Pantry founder Sharon Strauss and Christie Costello, Community Outreach Coordinator of the Domestic Violence Resource Center at the November meeting (see page 1).

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Unplug the Christmas Machine!

By Becky Lovejoy

Where's the silent night? The holy night? If your holiday season is chaotic and stressful, it's time to unplug from the busyness and commercialism that can sneak down the chimney. Re-think old habits and create new traditions, to balance the spiritual world with the commercial one.

Try taking a Christmas inventory to see the Martha Stewart-esque lengths we go to in creating the 'perfect' Christmas. Write down all the things that go into celebrating the holiday, like gift-giving and decorating, parties and travel, cleaning up and thank-you notes, and giving to charity or helping at the church. Cross out those that have little value to you. Then circle those that you enjoy but want someone else to take over. Look at what remains and see if you can hum, "Peace, Heavenly Peace." If not, cross out a few more.

Gifts are great but what if you're unemployed or the budget is pretty lean? Shop locally like at Leedy Grange's first-Saturday-of-the-month flea market or at Second Edition. Make or bake edible gifts, or find things in your attic and storage to re-home. Family members might like a packet of old photos, grown children can get their old games and toys back in festively decorated boxes, and busy parents can receive coupons for services like baby-sitting, yard work or dog walking. Instead of giving dozens of gifts, take the whole family out for a magical evening at ZooLights, visit folks at a retirement home (yes, it's really fun!), or make gingerbread cookies for everyone at work.

What kind of holiday is most meaningful for you? Packing food baskets for the needy? Singing carols by candlelight and sipping cider? Traveling to get away from it all? Or recommitting to your spiritual life by being involved at church and taking time for reflection?

Make conscious choices instead of being swept up in hectic shopping, endless parties, and a to-do list that never ends.

"Unplug the Christmas Machine" is a great concept and a series of books by Jo Robinson and Jean Coppock Staeheli, that give guidance to bringing the magic back to your holidays. "Simplify Your Christmas" by Elaine St. James is another great resource, with 100 ways to reduce stress and recapture the joy of the holidays. The Cedar Mill Community Library is hosting two workshops to Unplug the Christmas Machine on Friday, November 12, 6-7:30 pm, and Sunday, December 5, 2-4 pm. RSVP to reserve a space or get more info and ideas from Becky Lovejoy, Facilitator, at la-beck@juno.com.



January Series programs announced

Oak Hills Christian Reformed Church will once again be the only Oregon remote location for the thought-provoking, renowned January Series of lectures and presentations broadcast from Calvin College. Check out the website calvin.edu/january/2011/ for the schedule of speakers, including Public Broadcaster Krista Tippet, Temple Grandin, and Cal Ripken, Jr. Programs are free and open to the public, beginning Wednesday, January 5 at 9:30 am, and continuing through Tuesday, January 25. Contact the Church at 503-645-2245 for more information.

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Bird brains!

by Laretta Young

Last week in my yard in Cedar Mill I was watching American

Robins demonstrate evidence of problem solving skills. Some might say they got lucky and this occurred by accident. But I think one of them experimented with this technique and then the entire flock copied the first one.

The huckleberry plants were full of tiny ripe blue-black berries. The stems of the plants are pretty fragile and the plants are tall. One of the robins flew up a few feet above the plant, landed hard in the

middle, flapped its wings all around and then hopped off to eat the cascade of ripe berries it had dislodged and which were now scattered around the base of the plant. Very

communicate with each other about other bird species which represent a threat by singing slightly different variety of songs. So they are helping their local "community" by sending



*Song sparrows may communicate with each other about intruders.
Photo by Jeff Young.*

warning messages out to other song sparrows about intruders or predators.

Of course I was amused by the robins eating my berries that I wasn't planning to use. I had planted them to attract birds to the yard. On the other hand I am quite interested in my blueberry crop and had planted those for ME. So my husband always puts up a huge net "tent" over our

blueberry plants, or I know all of those would be bird food as well. Over the summer I picked blueberries at Bonny Slope Blueberries and witnessed just how many berries one cedar waxwing can down in a few minutes.

Certainly birds can be a nuisance to local farm crops. This year's late harvest of wine grapes has suffered due to migratory flocks of fruit-eating birds. Birds also damage local holly crops by roosting in the trees and doing "nature's business" which sticks to the leaves. This increases costs to try to clean up the holly or scare off the flocks of starlings and other flocking birds that overwinter here.

So plant some huckleberries or wild cherries for the birds and try to keep them in our yards rather than farmers' fields!

Laretta Young is the owner of Portland Birdwatching and she takes birders on customized trips in Cedar Mill and beyond. See her web site at portlandbirdwatching.com for more pictures!

A recent article in an ornithological journal points to some research that song sparrows com-

clever. In just a few minutes other robins joined in and did the same behavior till the plants were cleaned out of berries in about a half hour.

I have seen other birds in my yard help each other cooperatively to get food. One example is "my" local flock of California quails who fly up into the wild cherry tree in late June and drop ripe cherries down to their waiting and hungry chicks underneath the tree.

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Library News and Events

By Dawn Anderson

The Cedar Mill Library has opportunities for adults to get together monthly to discuss scrapbooking, books, writing, films and poetry. Meetings are held in the library's upstairs meeting room and are coordinated by volunteers. Newcomers always welcome! Free.

Scrapbook Club

Next meeting: Sunday, 11/14, 2-4 pm. Work on your own projects as you socialize and learn from each other.

Fall Leaves—Drive In, Drop Off

Be rain-ready this fall. Help prevent flooding and protect our watershed by keeping storm drains (which lead to the nearest stream or river) clear of debris. Bring your leaves, grass clippings and a can of food to Clean Water Services' free Leaf Disposal and Food Drive from 8 am-4 pm on Saturday, November 20 at Sunset and Aloha High Schools; and Saturday, December 4 at Aloha High School and Home Depot west parking lot at 13700 NW Science Park Drive.

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Due to damage, theft and other problems, Leedy Grange will no longer be renting the hall for parties for outside individuals, groups or families. We will only allow parties for Grange members, or for Grange-member-sponsored events where a Grange member will be in attendance. This will not affect our regular renters, or non-party events.

For information on Grange membership, please visit the Leedy website at leedygrange.org.

Owl Book Group

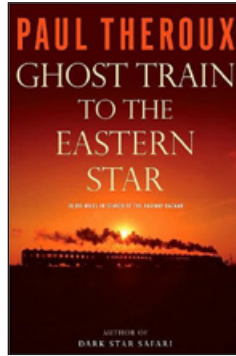
Next meeting: Friday, 11/19, 10:30 am. Join us for a great discussion. The book selection is Ghost Train to the Eastern Star by Paul Theroux.

Writer's Mill

Next meeting: Sunday, 11/21, 1-3 pm. Join this inspiring group of people who love to write.

Film Club

Next showing: Wednesday, 11/24, 6:30 pm. This month's feature is "Only When I Dance," (UK,



Brazil). All Film Club programs are free and open to the public. Selected films are not previewed and may contain objectionable material; therefore Film Club attendance is recommended for adults, aged 18 and over. Coffee, tea and popcorn are provided, and a lively discussion follows each film.

Voices in Verse

Everyone who loves poetry is invited to attend open mic poetry on Saturday, 11/27, 10 am. Come and read or just listen.

Arranging Flowers with the Garden Club

The Cedar Mill Garden Club invites gardeners, wildlife lovers and flower arrangers to join us for a flower-arranging demonstration followed by some hands-on experience on November 17 at 12:30 pm. The meeting will be held in the Community Room of the Beaverton Community Center, 12350 S.W.5th across from the

garden at the Historic John Quincy Adams Young House, youth activities and for local botanical gardens. This year we participated in planting a wildflower garden in front of the JQA Young House.

We are currently holding potting parties for our spring plant sale and are accepting plant divisions



Beaverton City Library. Bring a vase, greens, some flowers to share and a (floral) frog.

The CMGC meets fall through spring on the third Wednesday of the month to hear gardening programs from experts throughout the area. The club holds a yearly Plant Sale at the Young House (see picture) which raises money for scholarships, a herb or cottage

that you would like to divide and share before winter.

For additional information about the Cedar Mill Garden Club, its programs and activities, contact President Barb Cushman 503-649-7741, barbswhimseys@yahoo.com, Plant Sale co-chair Paulette Busch, buschpea@msn.com or check out our website thecedarmillgardenclub.org

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Cornell Farm, continued from page 1 constantly looking things up," says Deby. "We did a lot of our training 'in the trade,' going to classes and seminars offered by the Oregon Association of Nurserymen and Oregon and national commercial agriculture groups. People were very helpful to us."

The business expanded slowly but surely and is now one of the stars of the western retail nursery business. It's been in the "Revolutionary 100" innovative nurseries of America selected by Today's Garden Center magazine for several years, and was featured on the cover of the October 2008 issue. Deby attributes some of their success to their lack of traditional nursery experience. "We didn't know we were breaking rules, we just set things up the way we wanted to find them." They prefer to group plants according to their use in the garden, with sections including shade plants, shrubs, conifers, and a large greenhouse labeled Kitchen Gardens.

One of Deby's passions is container gardening. They carry a wide variety of containers that they bring in from all over the world. "We tried buying things in large quantities, by the shipping container, but it didn't work well, because if you make a mistake you're stuck with a



lot of it." So they get smaller quantities of high-quality pottery that they know their customers will like.

They offer "Garden Parties" for small groups to come in and plant up containers to take home. "We help them select the plants and teach them about the needs of the mix of plants in their containers. It's very important to us that our customers are successful in growing the plants we sell them. All of our staff are very knowledgeable, and are happy to answer questions about plant placement and care." They even offer an installation service to put your new plant in the ground if you need help.



Ed Blatter and Deby Barnhart in front of the house at the nursery. Ed grew up in the big old Dutch Colonial house on the property. His father Ted lived there from 1926 until he passed away in December 2008. An employee lives there now, but Ed and Deby have been thinking about turning it into a café once the current projects are completed.

They work with landscape designers, but professionals are only about eight percent of their business. They have many loyal customers not only in the Portland area, but from as far away as Spokane and Seattle, who come to

shop not just for plants but for their hard-to-find selections of pottery, garden furniture and gift items.

One of the things that sets Cornell Farm apart from other nurseries is the way they show the plants. There are many

places in the nursery where plants are grouped something like the room arrangements in a furniture store, to give people ideas about plants that work well together. Deby says that she's been doing it this way a long time. "It just came to me intuitively, I guess. I started off by grouping annuals by color. The merchandising that we do has evolved over the years, and we organize these vignettes around plants with similar needs so you can reproduce the effect successfully in your own garden." Around each of the vignettes are plenty of each type of plant so people can select them

easily to reproduce at home.

Cornell Farm is also proud of



Newly-terraced areas will accommodate increased retail display and growing spaces.

their sustainability initiatives. "We try to educate our customers to minimize the amount of fertilizers and chemicals they use. We always try to steer people to the least harmful alternatives. Some of our customers in Forest Heights have had problems because their uphill neighbors are using those chemical lawn services, and they have to deal with the runoff. It makes people more aware of the effects of chemical fertilizers."

They employ Integrated Pest Management (IPM) practices at the nursery, which includes monitoring things closely, using beneficial insects and

other biological controls, and selecting plants that do well in our climate.

"We recycle everything we can, including plastic pots, wood and metal. And we compost plant material here onsite," she says. They also work with their suppliers to minimize packaging and try to source their products as locally as is practical.

They're in the middle of a major expansion of both retail space and growing area. Their downhill neighbor, Regency Park Assisted Living, decided to expand their parking area, and the contractor offered them 5000 cubic yards of soil that was going to be excavated. "We're on a hill, so any expansion needs to be terraced. This just seemed like too good an opportunity to pass up," says Deby. The Regency Park excavation hit the lava tube that underlies the area (the same one that caused problems when St.

Vincent's was built) and so there's been quite a bit of blasting and smashing going on but it's nearly done.

Cornell Farm has added two new greenhouses, and will add at least two more, along with terraced retail space below the current Kitchen Garden. They grow the majority of their

own plants on the site. Some are done with cuttings or from saved seeds, and they also get tiny starts from suppliers and grow them until they're big enough to sell.

In addition to providing beautiful plants and gardening advice, the store carries a wide variety of



Many sedum varieties are included in the ground cover section

garden art, from statuary to unique trellises made from recycled garden tools and fencing, to seasonal decorations to spice up both outdoor and indoor spaces. "Ed and I enjoy traveling, and everywhere we go we're looking out for new products and merchandising ideas," says Deby. They go to industry shows and events and keep up on the latest plants and ideas through their suppliers as well.

When they were getting started, Ed was in charge of production—growing plants in their greenhouses and outdoor production areas. He built most of the structures and installed irrigation, and developed fertilizing and growing regimens.

With the growth of the business, long time employee Maureen Wel-sch was promoted to manage production so Ed could devote more time to financial management, sales trends and ordering to maintain profitability.

Ed and Deby have three children: daughter Berkeley, who has taken over as merchandising manager for the business; son Zoe, currently a Product Design student at UO, who handles all their Information Technology issues including the new version of their website and all their print materials; and their youngest daughter Ranann, a junior at OSU in the pre-veterinary program who is currently doing her

"large animal" work in Botswana. Deby says that this recession hasn't affected their business as much as it has Oregon's wholesale nursery business. "The housing downturn has really been devas-

tating for some of the wholesale plant nurseries. But it seems that our customers are turning their attention to improving their gardens, and so we haven't really been hurt so much. We are paying more attention to value, and not carrying so many high-priced items, but in general we're doing fine. We've also been pretty good at adapting to the unusual weather conditions. We've had two years in a row with 50-year weather records—wet, cold, dry, you name it. But we've managed to stay ahead of that." She credits Ed's attention to analyzing sales patterns and data with at least part of that success.

They love the community feeling both in Cedar Mill and in their nearby neighborhood, with Catlin Gabel and Oregon College of Art

& Craft across the street. "We're between the hospital and the cemetery, which doesn't hurt either," she says. "I'm kind of a psychologist," she adds. "Plants have a way of healing people. We are still really loving what we do after all these years! And it's also about respecting this land that's been in the family for three generations, and keeping it healthy and productive."

Cornell Farms is located at 8212 NW Barnes Rd. Winter hours are 9 am – 5 pm daily. Visit their website at cornellfarms.com, and follow them on their Facebook page. Phone them at 503-292-9895 or email them at info@cornellfarms.com.



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Holiday Food & Wine Show at Bales Thriftway

Don't miss Bales' annual smorgasbord of treats and taste-tempting ideas for you holiday entertainment. Bales' own experts, and representatives from their suppliers will be on hand to let you try samples of food, wine and other holiday party goodies.

Friday and Saturday, November 5-6, from 3-7 pm at Bales Cedar Mill store.

Westside keyboard orchestras featured at Hillsboro community concerts

Westside Music School will be presenting the November program for the Hillsboro Community Concert organization. Student and staff keyboard orchestra ensemble groups will present an international program featuring music from four continents. The free program will be held at 7 pm on Sunday November 21 at the Hillsboro United Methodist Church. For more infor-

SUN shines on Sunset High School

Getting news from Sunset High School just got a lot easier, and now it's on camera. Sunset seniors Erin Koval and Erin Roman have taken the initiative to create Sunset High School's very first broadcast network.

"Erin and I have always been interested in pursuing broadcast journalism as a career, and so bringing our aspirations to Sunset was something that we had always dreamed of," said Koval.

In addition to writing for their school newspaper for two years, both Koval and Roman have experience in broadcasting. "I have participated in broadcasting programs ever since I was in elementary school and was bummed to find out that Sunset didn't have a broadcasting team," said Roman.

"And I took a broadcast journalism course at Emerson College over the summer," said Koval.

Koval and Roman took matters into their own hands this last summer to raise enough funds to buy their initial camera and micro-

mation, call the music school office (503) 626-7181 or check the website westsidemusicsschool.org

Sunset Athletic Club 7th Annual Holiday Art & Gift Show

Everyone's welcome at SAC's annual event, Wednesday, November 17th 10 am-3 pm at the club, 13939 NW Cornell Road. Find unique hand-crafted gifts by local artists and see some artists demonstrate their talent. No charge. Canned food donations gladly accepted for the Oregon Food Bank.

New fabrics from Provence

Les Couleurs De Provence will soon receive a big shipment of new fabric from Provence for tablecloths, napkins and much more. If you need a special order (custom made) for the holidays please call Mireille at 503-679-1681.

Second Edition Holiday Roll-out

Second Edition will host their annual Holiday Roll-out from 6-7:30 pm on Friday, November

phone. "We designed business cards and stood outside Safeway trying to pitch the idea to shoppers for donations for over three hours," said Koval. "At the end of the day we had raised over \$300, enough to get the program rolling."

Since that day, Koval and Roman have filmed, edited, done interviews and anchoring, and have produced five broadcasts for the SUN (Sunset Universal News) Network.

"We try our best to cover everything going on in the Sunset



community, from band to sports to administration and even local news," said Roman. "It's a lot of work, but we love what we do and our hard work has paid off."

The young broadcasters pitched their broadcasting idea to Sunset

12. The shop will be decorated for the holidays, and features festive fashions at unbelievable prices. The shop is located at the east end of the Cedar Mill Community Library and is the primary fundraiser for the library. The quality items for sale have been donated by supporters of the library. (The shop will be closed from 5-6 pm that evening to prepare for the event.)

Village Gallery News

Our artists have been busy creating arts and crafts to fill our gallery for our annual Holiday Bazaar that runs all of November and December.

See our website at villagegallery-arts.org for art and crafts classes offered at our gallery. We have weekly classes including Drawing for Everyone by Sofia Chimaras; Soft Pastel Portraits by Kumi Picford; Traditional Watercolor from

Boosters last week and received a substantial amount of money from the school.

"It's really nice to see that the whole school is behind making the broadcast program a reality. With the money from boosters we will be able to buy all new equipment and hopefully get some more students working behind the scenes with us," said Koval. She and Roman plan to smooth out all the bumps in the program so that next year when they go off to college, other Sunset students will continue to build onto the program. "We really want kids to have the opportunity to fall in love with broadcast journalism like Erin and I did," said Koval. "It fills our hearts to know that we are making Sunset an even better school."

As things progress, Sunset plans to air the SUN Network broadcasts throughout the school at least once a month. You can watch the shows on the Sunset SUN Facebook page (facebook.com) and enter Sunset SUN in the search box).



Village Gallery will be stocked with plenty of locally-made craft and art items for holiday giving

Emma Achleithner; and Acrylic Mono-typing from Liz Walker. A children's class is offered on Monday & Wednesday after school by Terri Gonzalez.

Village Gallery of Arts houses a wonderful gallery! All items are made by Portland-area artists. There are gifts for everyone—cards, jewelry, fused glass, stained glass, paintings, sculpture, pottery, silk scarves, fiber arts, prints, paper arts, mixed-media—hundreds of one-of-a-kind items!

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"And there will also be a new surprise product we haven't been told about yet," says Kay. For more information call 503-671-0218 or contact her at kaylbridges@gmail.com.

Give someone a treat

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