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# Letter From The Editor

By Kathy Adair

School has started with a new Superintendent at the helm with lots of positive hopes for the future. The Cycle Oregon event was a huge success. The level of organization for this event was seriously impressive. From the set-up, to the actual event, to the subsequent teardown the following morning, I couldn't help but be amazed at how smoothly their volunteers made things happen. In speaking with a number of the folks that were part of the event, they all shared the importance of every volunteer in making these events possible.

Organizations are only as good as the volunteers who support them. Alsea Community Effort, Hope Grange, Alsea Valley Gleaners, Alsea Garden Club, and more, all benefit from those of you willing to donate a little time to help support our wonderful community through these organizations or even individually. I have heard from many of you, both through my volunteering in ACE, but also at our nursery, that you are looking for volunteer opportunities. I would encourage you to please reach out to any one of us. We would love, and honestly need, your involvement.

**OSU Extensions Services is going to be here on Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup> to do free testing of well water for nitrates. If you are interested in having your water tested, they will be in the Community Room from 3pm until 7pm.**

If you would like to submit an article, please let me know. The next deadline for article submission will be **November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023**. This will be for the November/December issue. If you are an organization or business, think about what is coming up that you would like the community to know about and let's get something in the AVV.

As always, if you have questions or article submissions, please don't hesitate to message me on Facebook Messenger or email me at our AVV email – [AlseaValleyVoice1@gmail.com](mailto:AlseaValleyVoice1@gmail.com). Don't forget the "1" on the email. You can also still reach me on my personal email.

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## Musings from the ACE President

The Fall/Harvest season is finally upon us. All the hard work, pruning and watering hopefully rewarded you with a bountiful crop. I know I'm about to burst from gorging myself on fresh plums and grapes. This is one of the joys of living in this beautiful valley: the access most of us have to a plot of land to cultivate our own food. I know I'll be eating well this winter from the labor my wife Mary Jackson put into growing, pruning, picking and canning this bountiful crop.

We've also had a brief, but spectacular visit from the folks associated with "Cycle Oregon". I heard many complimentary things shared with me about our town and how most of these visitors had a great time. Having access to the Community Room as a cool spot to relax and reconnect to the outside world with the free wifi our library provides year-round, was greatly appreciated. A quick survey of the grounds after the "circus" left showed me how well organized this group is in staging these events across out state, and I for one hope to see them again next year. Except for the crushed grass, which can't be helped, the site was left spotless.

Lastly, I hope many of you are taking advantage of the revival that's happening at our Grange Hall. This is a venue that most rural settings lack. With logistical and administrative assistance from Alsea Community Effort (ACE), more and more events are foreseen in the future. By your supporting events like the dances, and delicious suppers (most of them free), you help the other community members coming together to better the valley as a whole.

Come greet your neighbors and share the bounty.

Eddy Provost, ACE President

"Personal growth lies within the unknown; courage permits you to explore this space."

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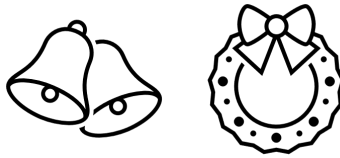
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# Library Lines

by Kathy Koetz

Fall has finally arrived, I think. It was certainly not very warm this morning! There is still so much to do with the garden before winter, but the days are shorter and so full of tasks. If you haven't quite finished with canning, freezing or drying your abundance, remember that the Library has both a food dryer and pressure canner for your use. Call 541-487-5061 to find out when they are available. We also have all the books to help you learn to process with the canner and the best way to dry your favorite snacks!

**OSU Extensions Services is going to be here on Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup> to do free testing of well water for nitrates. If you are interested in having your water tested, they will be in the Community Room from 3pm until 7pm.**

Fall programming has started with Storytimes for school classes being scheduled and kids coming over to be enjoy being read to and getting to check out books to take back to their classrooms.

Lego Day for everyone will continue on the first Tuesday of each month and we will have more fun learning with the Mobile Maker Space. We have had so much fun learning about solar energy by making solar powered bugs and most recently magnets. So many things one can do with magnets!

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# ACE and Community Forestry

By Meredith Howell, ACE Secretary

Most residents know that Alsea Community Effort owns the Community Library building and raises funds to keep the building in good shape and augment the programs that are offered as part of the Corvallis-Benton County Library system. But did you know that ACE also owns a timber parcel to the south of town just off Little Loster Creek Road?

The 20-acre parcel was donated to ACE in 2017. This fall, graduate students in Forestry at Oregon State University will be making recommendations to the ACE Board about potential management strategies for the parcel as part of their FES 525 course entitled, Interdisciplinary Approaches to Socio-Ecological Problems. The course is taught by two OSU faculty members, Reem Hajjar and Jacob Bukoski. Hajjar and Bukoski met with ACE Board members Kathy Adair, Naomi Shadwick, and Meredith Howell to discuss the upcoming student tour of the property on October 11, 2023, and then the group went out to the property to explore. The group also spoke with neighboring landowner (and past ACE President) Ann Clark about the projects and ideas for managing the property.

“It’s a beautiful area”, exclaimed Howell. “This will be a good learning experience for students to understand the community, learn about forestry management practices that are in use in the community, and help ACE plan for sustainable management of the site.”



Drs. Reem Hajjar and Jacob Bulowski point out features in the 20-acre parcel of timber owned by ACE.

The timber on the property is estimated to be about 70-80 years old.



Neighboring homeowner Ann Clark and Naomi Shadwick discuss the upcoming student tour of the property. Clark utilizes intermittent cutting for woodland management on her property.

## The Alsea Wolverines Booster Club – Jamboree

The AWBC hosted the concessions at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Football & Volleyball Jamboree. It was bigger and better than ever. With 10 volleyball teams and I believe 12 football teams, it was a busy, crazy, fun-filled day! This event is the last Saturday in August. In this year’s case, school has not even started, which is why the AWBC has been hosting at this event.

We carried the normal concession food as well as trying our hand at freeze-dried Skittles, which were a big hit. There were several new vendors added this year: a delicious barbeque truck, a snow cone truck, and our local Little Heifer Coffee Co. cart.

We also had the school’s summer pottery class selling all the great items their teacher, David Lynch, and the students made over the summer. Great way to put back into the program and show the kids what entrepreneurship is all about. Thanks to Aimee Hart for filling in with the kids.

Thank you everyone who made this possible for our school and athletes!

PS - Big welcome to our newest board member, Joy Jordan!

Go Wolverines!

Terry Lunsford – President  
Alsea Wolverines Booster Club



Myla Cantrell, ASD Pottery Club





# “And the crowd goes wild” ...

By Nicole Davis

On August 26th, 2023 the Alsea Wolverines kicked off their Fall sports season with a phenomenal start. The volleyball team is currently ranked 4-1 in league play and ranked #28 in OSAA standings. They came out strong and showed what will be the beginning of a dominant season for the Lady Wolverines. Our football team came out with relentless determination toward their opponents, currently holding a 2-0 record in league play and ranked #2 in OSAA standings. Thank you everyone who continues to come out to support the teams. There was and has been, amazing community turnout.



Alsea started their school year on August 28th, 2023 and the kids could not be more excited. With the return of both old faces and new, this year is going to be one filled with new experiences and grand adventures. With the addition of a new Agricultural Program, the secondary students will get to engage in Welding, Ag Sciences, and Animal Husbandry to just to name a few. Keep an eye on the Alsea School District Facebook page for “Staff Spotlights” to get to know your school staff.

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## Gardener's Corner

By Kathy Adair

I don't know about you, but it was very nice to have a full summer for our gardens. Not only has our garden done very well, but so has our orchard. Well, except for the cherries that were instantly annihilated by the birds. We didn't get one cherry of that full tree! However, the pears and apples have been wonderful this year.

Personally, I want to thank our customers at the nursery this year, not just for your patronage, but for your suggestions. This last season, we grew a number of the suggestions, such as Armenian Cucumbers and a variety of thinner skinned zucchini, both of which have been a big hit. The addition of the extra squashes and eggplant has been a culinary joy in our household. Kerry has been dicing up all the veggies and putting them in our grilling basket to put on our grill/smoker with a little lemon pepper. Wow, have those been amazing and any leftovers are still just as good as when they were first cooked.

A few of you have commented that either your chickens or the deer have been particularly brazen, making a productive garden a challenge. Definitely, one of our raised beds has been a particular draw for the deer, along with Kerry's roses. In spite of that, we are getting a bounty of vegetables that are incredibly delicious. We have discovered that Kerry's decorative wind turners are true deterrents to those areas, since he didn't put them up, this year. Next year, they will be placed throughout the property to discourage temptation from our local wildlife.

I have been amazed at what many of you have been posting on Facebook on the recipes you have been using for your harvest. Jams, butters, chutneys, salsas and so much more, all looking yummy! Canning and drying a wide variety of fruits and vegetables is such a wonderful way of prolonging the harvest through the winter and spring until the new bounty cycle begins. I love the creativity in our little valley!



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**Thursday, October 26**

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This began with my insatiable need to bring people together and throw kindness around like glitter! And much like glitter, some people find it annoying as it clings to everything it ever touches, making rugged men sparkle and tomboys shine! In general though, people have no idea how much they love the bling until it is thrown on them and they have no choice but to embrace it!

Anyway, it started with the desire to provide hot meals to everyone, removing the awkwardness of someone having to walk in and announce that they are in need. No "serving" meals to people. We are a family. A messy, unorganized, warm, and engaging family. We are all in need of something and we want to offer two things that everyone needs. Food and camaraderie. Please join us for dinner on the first Wednesday of every month! You will get to hear all about the fish that got away or the giant buck they never saw. It's like playing the game "two truths and a lie" every time! HA! You can show up empty handed; attendance is free! You are welcome to bring food but absolutely not required, in fact, we usually have too much!

Thank you so much!

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## Cycling Through Alsea

By Meredith Howell, ACE Secretary

ACE was one of the many local organizations that participated in the recent Cycle Oregon week-long bicycle ride that weaved its way through Alsea on September 15<sup>th</sup>. The Classic 2023 ride was called Wine, Waves, and Wonderland – we think that Alsea is where Wonderland comes in – and started in Albany, wound its way through Carlton, then Tillamook, proceeded by Toledo, and then passed through Alsea on its way back to Albany. Riders rode between 350-454 miles on the seven-day adventure and completed the Oregon ride that has occurred more than 30 times in different destinations throughout Oregon. About a thousand cyclists camped in tents behind the Alsea schools, enjoyed a beer garden in the Community Library parking lot and enjoyed good music in front of the school buildings.

ACE hosted an open house for cyclists in the Community Room and hosted an outdoor community table near where cyclists finished for the day, riding through a balloon-filled welcome arch. Community members organized by the Wolverine Booster Club enthusiastically welcomed riders as they finished and constructed the balloon arch. The organizations that help support the event are given stipends by Cycle Oregon and are eligible to apply for grant projects through the Cycle Oregon Fund.

While this is the last year that the classic seven-day rides will happen, Cycle Oregon is planning new cycle events and activities for the future. Cycle Oregon is a non-profit organization dedicated to transforming individuals and communities through bicycling. Proceeds from the ride go to the Cycle Oregon Fund, which helps preserve and protect the special places of Oregon and supports community development projects in the regions through which we ride.



Cycle Oregon organizers camped in tents behind the Community Center. The 1000 cyclists camped in tents behind the school.



Cheers and whistles greeted each rider as they finished the ride from Toledo to Alsea on Day 6 of the seven-day ride.



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## Gleaner News

By Cindy Crutsinger

I have to confess, when I was a young mother in the 70's and 80's, with a husband in seminary, I fantasized winning one of those shopping cart sprees in a grocery store. Where would I start? What would I load the most? It would have been a dream for a housewife budgeting \$15 a week for groceries!

Fast forward to an older lady, almost 70, learning about an organization, Alsea Valley Gleaners, that provides almost the same concept! No shopping cart spree here, but maybe a large grocery box or two. And while I have taken advantage of a food pantry a time or two in those seminary days, that is not my style, nor my need, and certainly my income and pride, do not qualify. But a chance to join a team of volunteers sure does!

Volunteering? I thought we were talking about groceries! It's true. Gleaners is an opportunity for me to "fill my cart" in a prize contest! Does that take some time out of my day, week or month? Absolutely! But I am not a "something for nothing" kind of gal. And neither are the rest of the Gleaners' members. And, honestly, there are suggestions on how much to take per family size of certain items. But when there is a surplus - jackpot! I had the opportunity to make pickles, freeze blueberries, and dry mushrooms and more for later use.

One of my favorite recipes, almost all from a Gleaners trip, and perfect for the upcoming fall temps:

### Gleaners' Chicken Soup

#### Ingredients:

- 1 package of chicken
- 1 box of chicken stock
- 1 chicken bouillon cube
- 4 stalks of celery, chopped
- 1 whole large onion, chopped
- 3 carrots, chopped
- 1 cup of peas, fresh or frozen
- ½ teaspoon of dried thyme or 1 teaspoon of fresh
- 2 cloves of garlic
- 1 bay leaf
- 2 red or white potatoes, chopped or sliced
- 1 parsnip and/or turnip, if desired
- Salt and pepper to taste

Add the package of raw chicken and the box of chicken broth to a large kettle. Cover with water to about an inch or two over the chicken. Add bay leaf, two large garlic cloves, ½ of the onion, two of the stalks of chopped celery, and thyme. Bring to a boil and reduce to medium-low heat and simmer until the chicken falls easily off the bone. This takes from 45 minutes to an hour.

Strain the broth. The chicken should fall apart. Cool the chicken and vegetables out of the broth. Remove the chicken skin. Cut the meat to the size you prefer for your soup. Chop the cooked vegetables, including the garlic. Set aside. Dice the additional remaining onion, carrots and celery. Sauté those in a sauce pan, adding parsnip or turnip (if desired). Cook until the onions are golden. Don't burn, be gentle! Add 2 teaspoons of the remaining minced garlic and cook for 1 minute.

Add the saucepan ingredients to your soup kettle. Add the chopped potato, and lid the kettle. Simmer on medium heat until the potato is semi soft. Add the fresh or frozen peas, parsley, chicken bouillon cube, and cooked chicken pieces. Add the fresh chopped parsley. Simmer for 5 more minutes.

Serve with heated bread from Gleaners of any variety, because you will have an awesome choice. See you at Gleaners!

*Alsea Valley Gleaners is open for signups and distribution Fridays 2-7pm at 18889 Haines Rd. It's easy to join. Member households put in 5+ volunteer hours a month and take home food each week from sources like Safeway, Trader Joe's, Market of Choice, Target, Winco, and local farms. Like Cindy wrote, you get to do your own shopping and save hundreds of \$\$ per month.*



Bakery table at Gleaners



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## **Resiliency: an ability to recover from or adjust easily to misfortune or change**

By Phil Plaza

Lahaina, Maui, a paradise burned.

Having lived in Hawaii and being affected by Hurricane Iniki, we have witnessed the Hawaiian way of carrying out community resiliency. And while residing on the island of Saipan in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Kathy and I have survived Super Typhoon Isa with 165 mph winds and Typhoon Chaba with winds of 125 mph. Most buildings on Saipan are built with concrete block. But damages to infrastructure and many smaller buildings were extensive. This small island has faced dozens of typhoons throughout the years but these close-knit communities have had years of practice, surviving and becoming resilient after being struck by many typhoons.

My duties as a Red Cross volunteer in Saipan included traveling around the island as soon as possible, recording and inventorying the effects of the disasters. We also carried supplies which could immediately be handed out to those in need of food, shelter and even cleanup. Tarps, blankets, a bucket and a mop were the first items. And we directed those who needed more, to shelters and aid stations.

From those experiences I gained some knowledge about preparations, responses and resiliency after a disaster. No matter how well prepared, how detailed a plan, some things just go wrong. It is after all a disaster, full of chaos, eventual blame and hopefully leading to lessons learned. While there are no guarantees, I believe communication systems are one of the most critically important factors for preparation and protection of life and property. I think the lesson of the Lahaina wildfires proves this point. This is the task of mitigation. Resiliency comes later. Both the governmental organizations and the individual citizens of a community are responsible for resiliency. Resiliency is an attitude above all else.

With a limited but experienced background in emergency management, I came to Alsea thinking we found paradise, just as Lahaina was a paradise in Hawaii. Today our summers in Alsea too often include days of smoke and dangers of fire. Since we arrived we have had the good fortune to be part of the Alsea Rural Fire Department. I can't say enough about those volunteers who assist with medical calls and now more often fire calls. Needless to say, the Alsea Fire Department could use more volunteers who want to help the Alsea and Lobster Valley community survive and thrive in these changing times.

Another area I stepped into was collaborating with the Alsea Emergency Preparedness Council. For the last decade or more I have been tasked with updating the well-documented Alsea Emergency Response Plan written in 2008. This plan offers us a path toward resiliency, and although a plan is never comprehensive and a work in progress, the plan does offer guidance for our future. A copy sits in the Library - just ask our librarian where it is located.

Another area I have participated with is in making certain Alsea's needs in disaster preparation and mitigation are being heard by Benton County and that these needs are listed in the 2024 Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan. This plan is in its final draft and being reviewed as I write. Benton County knows our concerns, priorities, especially with regard to wildfires.

So is Alsea "resilient?" To answer that question, let's look at some strengths listed in the Alsea's Emergency Response Plan. Should Alsea need to take care of itself and be resilient, it will be the community that needs to step up.

There is a generator capable of keeping the sewage out of the Alsea River as well as pumping water to the tanks feeding Alsea with gravity flow water. Is it enough? Not necessarily, but it will help with rebuilding and resiliency. A citizen's band radio system, a Radio Ham Station located in the Library which functions as an Emergency Command Operations Center, and an alert system are in place. The Alsea School has an alert system and is designated as a sheltering location. There will need to be a better communication system between the Ham Station and the Alsea Fire Department. Naturally, the better the communications between organizations the more we become resilient as a community.



Food storage locations are designated and in place. There are several locations including churches, Jeni's Place, The Gleaners and Alsea Mercantile if needed. Of course we all as individuals should be doing our part and be prepared and have a plan. The Alsea Library has many resources to help us get better prepared. Plan on fuel being an issue since the gas station has been closed.

You know that Alsea is filled with what is called "human capital." There are residents of the valley whom can be called upon if needed. Some include highly trained retired Emergency Responders and Law Enforcement personal living out here in the Valley. Alsea has its own Hazmat Specialist to deal with toxic incidents. We also have professionally trained medical personnel, trained mental health workers, even veterinarians. Many of these folks have private practices but are also residents of our community whom could be called upon in a disaster to help us with resiliency.

There are Timber and Logging companies with heavy equipment to help with the immediate repairs of road, bridges and other infrastructure. Designated helicopter landing sites have been located and identified.

Several sheltering sites or meeting locations have been selected. The Alsea School, two fish hatcheries, two churches, the Hope Grange and the Library are designated as meeting or sheltering locations. Also in the Alsea Plan is a section called ESF which stands for Emergency Support Function. This is a system which provides a framework for identifying response capabilities using Alsea's own local resources when outside resources are unavailable.

A local Alsea person and a Benton County official, whose names I will not mention, once said to me, "You can't just count on the government to come out and save you." It will take the community with its own resources to get us through a disaster and become resilient. Like I said before, it is an attitude of can do with what we have. Kathy and I have spent years in remote Alaska where we only had the community to help with disasters. And the community always did. In Saipan, it was a problem that the left hand did not always know what the right hand was doing. Communication became the problem. Disasters create chaos, loss of property and as we tragically see in Lahaina, even loss of life. To help us become resilient is to step up, become a volunteer if you can, offer what you can to keep Alsea the paradise many of us see here in Alsea and Lobster Valley. I am optimistic that Alsea and Lobster Valley are on a good path toward being resilient. With your help we can keep it that way.

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## The Whaler on Kaanapali Beach, Maui

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- Lanai furnishings, dining table, two chairs, one chaise lounge
- Owners' storage closet has a safe, ironing board, iron and vacuum



## August 7, 2023 Miscellaneous

by Pam Wilson

(revised by editor)

Hi Neighbors,

Last Friday, **Linn-Benton Alert** sent a Level 2 evacuation for the Priceboro Fire. It was loud and startling; I was driving to the Fair to work the BCERT table and almost drove off the road. At the fair, I was trying to sign people up for the alert system, and at least two people wanted off, saying that fire was a long way away. It took some calming talk to explain that we're a two-county system and fires can, under circumstances, travel fast, throwing embers when the wind is up. If you didn't get the alert, go to [www.co.benton.or.us/sheriff](http://www.co.benton.or.us/sheriff) or email [emergencymanagement@bentoncountyor.gov](mailto:emergencymanagement@bentoncountyor.gov) to update or check on what devices you have listed for notification.

**First Aid Checklist:** An item to add to the previously printed checklist – superglue! A nurse I work with in BCERT recommended it for bleeding. I bought a small tube and two days later, rammed my hand into the corner of a drawer. The cut was in the juncture of two fingers where I couldn't secure a band-aid. Cleaned the wound with rubbing alcohol, slowed the bleeding as much as I could and liberally applied super glue. Bleeding slowed and stopped. The next day, I peeled the superglue and off came the dried blood. The wound was not infected but began to bleed so I applied more glue. The second day it was almost healed. Superglue is now part of my first aid kit. It works great!

**First aid/CPR/AED classes** are being offered by Philomath Fire and Rescue on 9/23, 10/21 and 11/18 from 9 to 4. Go to [www.philomathfire.com](http://www.philomathfire.com) and complete the enrollment application. I took the June class and came away feeling pretty secure in what I learned. The **American Red Cross First Aid App** is an easy-to-use, free app on basic first aid as well as one on Pet First Aid. This guide makes it easier to figure out the difference between heat exhaustion and heat stroke, two conditions to look out for in the next few days.

**FEMA-10: Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Region 10 (Alaska, Washington, Oregon, Idaho and 271 tribes)** offers webinars and Q&A sessions on a variety of topics dealing with emergency response in the PNW. They have a backlog of previous webinars on a variety of preparedness topics. One of my favorite offerings is *Third Thursday Tips*, only 30 minutes on a wide variety of subjects – the August 17<sup>th</sup> session is on *preparing without breaking the bank*. Webinars are free, recorded and are a resource you can return to at your convenience. To sign up for the newsletter, go to [FEMA-R10-CommunityPrep@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:FEMA-R10-CommunityPrep@fema.dhs.gov). The newsletter will have the latest offerings and instructions to access archives and attend webinars.

*Save Your Blood  
for the Alsea Drive!*

### Wednesday, November 1st

As usual, the drive will be held in the Alsea School Gym from 1:00-6:00pm.

It is by appointment; you can go online to find a good time using the 97324 zip code at [redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive](http://redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive)

Also, Mary Ann Carr, our Alsea Blood Drive Coordinator, has offered to help with appointment making over the phone  
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**Storing Gasoline and other Flammables:** Gas for chainsaws, lawnmowers, weed whackers and tractors. Lubricants, grease motor oil. What else do you have around that poses problems in case of fire? When I started the research, I found plans for gasoline storage houses with concrete floors and metal siding – all beyond the 100’ zone around the house; *maybe someday but what about now?* So I asked Aaron Harris then promptly accidentally eliminated every single email I had even dumping the “trash”. Here is what I remember and I know everyone reading this can improve on it.

1. Don’t leave flammables scattered everywhere. Have them collected so if you have to evacuate, at level 1, you can move the entire kit-and-kaboodle somewhere away from structures
2. Meanwhile, store in a cool place, not in the direct sun, like under a tree or by a detached shed
3. Do not store under the porch or next to the house
4. And – what do you do that might help the rest of us?


**Watch Duty app:** A new app for following wildfires is proving very informative. As I write, there are four fires you might want to know about – the **Priceboro Fire** (Linn County) triggered the Alert on Friday; it is at 309 acres. The **Wiley Fire** started Monday, is 4 miles SW of Cascadia. It is 2 acres but in rugged terrain and a level 1 alert has been issued. The **Bedrock Fire** on the Willamette NF, at 13,684 acres, has a level 1 evacuation notice for parts of it. The **Salmon Fire**, at 50 acres has a level 1 evacuation notice issued for parts of Oakridge and Westfir. Download this app and stay informed; it is easy to use and the maps are helpful.




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## ACE ANNOUNCES

### Two New Art Exhibits Opening October 1<sup>st</sup>

The ACE Art Committee is pleased to announce two new art exhibits at the Alsea Community Library and Mary Rounds Community Room running October 1-December 31.

Professional photographer **Donna Bader** will be exhibiting her international photographic exhibit, **"Cuba!"**, and will also offer a workshop slideshow/lecture on November 4<sup>th</sup> entitled, **"Putting It Together: Tips for Composition in Photography."**

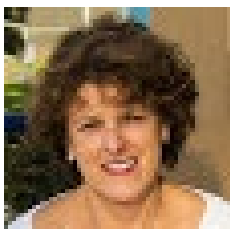
(For more information, please see **Donna's Workshop Flyer** in this issue of AVV!)

**Donna Bader** is a fine art landscape and travel photographer living in Yachats, Oregon. She began her career as a photographer in Laguna Beach, California, exhibiting her images in several local galleries. Upon moving to Yachats in 2018, she discovered the beauty of the Pacific Northwest and has focused on capturing images showing the wonder of this area.

*Scenes from Donna's "Cuba!" Exhibit:*



In Donna's own words: My interest in photography evolved from my love of traveling. I wanted to find a way to preserve my memories of the places I had seen. Looking at a photograph was enough to remind me of the sweet taste of a ripe peach, the despair written on the face of a homeless man, the ways that mist can change a landscape, and the brilliant colors of nature. As my love of photography grew, I realized taking pictures meant more to me than simply preserving memories. It was also about seeing in the present. As I looked for photographic opportunities, I began to pay attention to the world around me. I looked for the stories that had always there, just waiting to be discovered. Photography has become my eyes to the world.



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Professional Artist **Stephanie Adams** will be exhibiting her Wood Flower arrangements during the month of October. Stephanie will also have a workshop on October 14th for anyone who is interested in learning the process of coloring these beautiful wood flowers and making their own arrangement to take home. Custom resin vases and all supplies are included.

**Stephanie Adams** is a Resin Artist living in Alsea, Oregon. After moving to Oregon in 2018 she started her art career with acrylic pouring but eventually fell in love with the resin art process. She currently has her paintings on display and available to purchase in two art galleries on the Oregon coast. She is also a member of the Yaquina Art Association in Nye Beach and enjoys supporting local communities. Her resin artwork is inspired by the beautiful Oregon Coast.



In Stephanie's own words: In addition to my resin art business, I started my wood flower journey when I couldn't find the right colored flowers for our wedding. We wanted a fall colored wedding in May which is usually impossible to do. With wood flowers, you have access to any flower year round. You can dye them any color you want, any time of year! They are Eco-Friendly, Diverse and Versatile, Customizable, Fragrance Free, and Budget Friendly! Wood Flowers can last forever and are easily cared for. With so much interest, I decided to hold a workshop!

Come join me in October to learn more about these beautiful wood flowers and make your own arrangement! The workshop is limited to 10 people so contact me to reserve a spot! [stephanie4670@gmail.com](mailto:stephanie4670@gmail.com)

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Stephanie Adams

# REGULAR EVENTS CALENDAR

EVENT/NAME	LOCATION	DAY	TIME	PHONE NUMBER
Alsea Community Effort Board Meeting	Online - Zoom	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thurs Monthly	6:30pm	541-487-5061
Alsea Fire Dept. Board Meeting	Alsea Fire Hall	Last Tues Monthly	7:00pm	541-487-8701
Alsea Fire Dept. General Meeting		Wednesdays	7:00pm	
Alsea 4-H Small Animal Club		1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thurs Monthly	6:00pm	541-207-6552
Alsea Wolverine's Booster Club				503-740-9639
Alsea Food Bank	Jeni's Place	Thursdays	10:00am-6:00pm	541-487-3663
Alsea Garden Club	ACF Church	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sat Monthly	12:00pm	541-760-3856
Men's Bible Study	ACF Church	1 <sup>st</sup> Sat Monthly	8:00am	541-487-4442
Alsea HOPE Grange	Grange Hall	1 <sup>st</sup> Thurs Monthly	6:00pm	541-486-4215
Line Dance Class		Mondays	6:00pm	541-452-1919
Alsea School Board Meeting	School Library	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thurs Monthly	7:00pm	541-487-4305
Alsea Valley Gleaners Distribution	18889 Haines Rd	Fridays	2:00pm-7:00pm	503-951-2499
Stitch and Rip Quilting Club	Various (please call)	Mondays	10:00am-3:00pm	541-487-8011

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