

Arts and cultural groups get grants

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Abstract: Ceili of the Valley Society, \$2,000 to purchase sound equipment DIY Studio, \$2,000 for the studio's cultural craft project using recycled materials Festival Chorale Oregon, \$2,000 to support two presentations of Bach's Mass in B minor to culminate the chorale's 35th season Friends of Historic Deepwood Estate, \$855 for the restoration of an English painting original to Deepwood Estate Lord & Schryver Conservancy, \$2,000 for restoration of the home garden of the renowned landscape architects Oregon Symphony Association in Salem, \$2,000 to bring musicians for master classes in six Salem-Keizer area high schools, and other projects; Salem Chamber Orchestra, \$2,000 for an open dress rehearsal series and traveling chamber music program Salem Public Library Foundation, \$1,950 for a series of youth workshops and performances Vietnamese Voice in Salem, \$2,000 to introduce Vietnamese culture through the World Beat Festival and Vietnamese New Year celebration Keizer Homegrown Theatre, \$2,000 for the purchase of lighting equipment Elsewhere: Huitzilpochi (Woodburn), \$2,000 for The Aztec Dance Circle project Antique Powerland Museum Association (Brooks), \$2,000 for design plans for the entrance to the Larry Leek Visitor Center Stayton Public Library Foundation, \$2,000 for the Outreach Storyteller Program to support early literacy skills Silverton High School band, \$2,000 for the purchase of a marimba The Community Roots School (Silverton), \$800 to partner with the Silverton Art Association in hosting local artists Santiam Canyon Youth (Mill City), \$2,000 to support a week-long residency of the Missoula Children's Theater Santiam Hearts to Arts (Mill City), \$2,000 for a performance of "Life in a Jar" with Willamette University and Santiam corridor high schools The awards were decided by a citizens group with up to 15 members who represent all areas of the county.

Full text: Seventeen arts and cultural organizations in Marion County -- from a small theater project in Mill City to the Salem Chamber Orchestra -- have received grants from the Marion Cultural Development Corp. The money comes from the Oregon Cultural Trust, which in turn is fed mostly by donations made by taxpayers in exchange for a state tax credit.

The program's success this year meant that a total of \$31,605 was granted to 17 Marion County organizations. That's up from the past two years, when the cultural development group had about \$24,000 to share.

Recipients must match the grant with their own funds and complete the projects during 2014.

Salem-area grants went to:

Ceili of the Valley Society, \$2,000 to purchase sound equipment

DIY Studio, \$2,000 for the studio's cultural craft project using recycled materials

Festival Chorale Oregon, \$2,000 to support two presentations of Bach's Mass in B minor to culminate the chorale's 35th season

Friends of Historic Deepwood Estate, \$855 for the restoration of an English painting original to Deepwood Estate

Lord & Schryver Conservancy, \$2,000 for restoration of the home garden of the renowned landscape architects Oregon Symphony Association in Salem, \$2,000 to bring musicians for master classes in six Salem-Keizer area high schools, and other projects; Salem Chamber Orchestra, \$2,000 for an open dress rehearsal series and traveling chamber music program

Salem Public Library Foundation, \$1,950 for a series of youth workshops and performances

Vietnamese Voice in Salem, \$2,000 to introduce Vietnamese culture through the World Beat Festival and Vietnamese New Year celebration

Keizer Homegrown Theatre, \$2,000 for the purchase of lighting equipment

Elsewhere:

Huitzilpochi (Woodburn), \$2,000 for The Aztec Dance Circle project

Antique Powerland Museum Association (Brooks), \$2,000 for design plans for the entrance to the Larry Leek Visitor Center

Stayton Public Library Foundation, \$2,000 for the Outreach Storyteller Program to support early literacy skills

Silverton High School band, \$2,000 for the purchase of a marimba

The Community Roots School (Silverton), \$800 to partner with the Silverton Art Association in hosting local artists

Santiam Canyon Youth (Mill City), \$2,000 to support a week-long residency of the Missoula Children's Theater

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Santiam corridor high schools

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Kay Pendleton, publicity chairwoman for the cultural development corporation, said this year's applications were of such high quality that nearly all were granted.

She encouraged additional arts and cultural organizations to apply for next year's grants, or to apply for IRS recognition of their nonprofit status if they have not done so.

"Filing for it is simple; our website is simple; filing for a grant is easy," she said.

Polk County's umbrella group, the Polk County Cultural Coalition, is taking grant applications through Dec. 3. It will announce its awards in February.

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At a glance

The Oregon Cultural Trust receives money through the sale of cultural trust license plates, donations and a tax-credit donation match for charitable organizations. Information: culturaltrust.org

The Marion County Cultural Development Corp. offers grants for projects that promote awareness of cultural assets, support diversity, inspire youth, develop leadership and encourage investment in the arts, heritage, and humanities. Information: marionculturaltrust.org

The Polk County Cultural Coalition funds projects that protect cultural assets, support youth and overcome barriers to participation. Information: polkwegotculture.org

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