

Life at Stillwaters includes the great benefit of a monthly newsletter published by the Stillwaters Office. The newsletter arrives the last day of the month (approximately) and includes the latest news, neighborhood information, celebrations, community events, Gathering Place calendar of events and the latest on houses available to purchase. What many may not realize is what goes into publishing this 8 page “fountain of information” month in and month out.

Sherri Garland

From time to time there are contributions from residents and we have two residents who write regular columns. But the vast majority of the content is collected, edited, laid out and produced by Sherri Garland, office guru and resident consultant. She also serves as one of three Realtors on staff at the office but that is a different story.

Back to the newsletter: We also have ads for local services and additional content as room allows. I have used several of these local services and have found the ad (and sometimes a coupon for a discount) in the newsletter useful. This month’s newsletter also has a section on “Help for Caregivers” and includes a self-test Stress Checklist. Another helpful role for the newsletter!

I asked Sherri what her biggest challenge is each month in producing the newsletter. She says “Looking for ideas! Sometimes it just happens and then sometimes I just have to dig”. This sounds a lot like doing a blog – sometimes the topic just presents itself and then other times I really have to dig for new ideas.

Each month this newsletter provides great information for staying in touch with what is happening, knowing which neighbors might need a phone call or birthday card and just generally give the latest scoop on community happenings.

The weather! I almost forgot the weather forecast. Each month Sherri gives a week by week forecast for the weather from the Old Farmer's Almanac. This is another benefit of the monthly newsletter, especially for gardeners.



2014 Spring Rhody in Stillwaters

A big thanks to Sherri for all the hard work to produce this great source for information. Also, special thanks to a hardy group of volunteers who deliver the newsletter to residents home each month – it is much appreciated. Enjoy the reading dear residents!

Quote of the week:


What is success? To laugh often and much; To win the respect of intelligent people and the affection of children; To earn the appreciation of honest critics and endure the betrayal of false friends; To appreciate beauty; To find the best in others; To leave the world a bit better, whether by a healthy child, a garden patch or a redeemed social condition; To know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived; That is to have succeeded.

– Ralph Waldo Emerson

Happenings this week:

Tonight: Movie night here at The Gathering Place. The movie is Temple Grandin- the true story about an amazing young autistic woman who becomes a top scientist in the humane livestock handling business. Emmy, Golden Globe and Screen Actors Guild Award winning actress Claire Danes stars as Temple. Ice cream is served at 5:45 and the movie starts at 6 p.m. sharp.

Friday, April 11th: “The Uninvited,” a ghost story by playwright Tim Kelly, opens Friday at the Evergreen Playhouse in Centralia. The play, directed by Shane Rivers, will be presented in a film-noir style, complete with grayscale set, costumes and makeup. The play will run April 11-13, 17-20 and 25-27. Show times are 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. on Sundays. There also will be a Thursday pay-what-you-can night at 7:30 p.m. April 17. Tickets are \$15 on Fridays and Saturdays, and \$10 on Sundays. They can be bought at Santa Lucia Coffee, Centralia; Sterling Bank, Chehalis; brownpapertickets.com; or the Evergreen Playhouse website www.evergreenplayhouse.com. All proceeds from the play will go to help support Evergreen Playhouse.

 **Weather:** The online weather station “Weather Underground” at Wunderground.com say the weather will be cloudy but dry into next week. Sunday will be especially nice with sunny and 70 degree weather. Rain is coming by mid-week next week so enjoy the good weather while we have it.