

Ripples



Quiet Water Homeowners Association Newsletter

March 2013

Quiet Friends

Quiet Friends is a monthly social gathering of folks who live in Quiet Water. Family members and guests are always welcome to come with you. It is a wonderful time to get to know your neighbors and feel part of this special community! We hope many of you will join us. We meet for fun and food, usually the first Saturday of each month at 5:30 p.m. You can host *Quiet Friends* in your home; or, if you prefer, **The Hang Out at Mary and Lance Johnson's home (567 Combs Circle) is also available as a venue.** If you are interested in hosting *Quiet Friends*, call Mary at 541-547-5435.

April 6, 5:30 p.m. (at the Hang Out, 567 Combs Circle)

Host: Katie Koestler

Entrée: Mexican

RSVP 541-961-3209

May 4, 5:30 p.m. (at the Hang Out, 567 Combs Circle)

Hosts: Bob and Ann Noble

Entrée: Lasagna

RSVP 541-342-6326

June will be a potluck lunch at the pool following our annual meeting.

Please RSVP to the host the Wednesday before the scheduled dinner. This is very important so the host will know how many to prepare food for and to set up enough places. When you RSVP, please also let the host know what you will bring: side dish, salad, dessert, bread, etc.

Oregon Coast Chamber Orchestra Winter Concert, Friday, March 8



The Oregon Coast Chamber Orchestra Winter Concert will be held Friday, March 8, at 7:00 p.m. at Yachats Community Presbyterian Church. The concert will feature a variety of music including classical, a musical tribute to Jerome Kern arranged by OCCO conductor John Monks, and an original composition by veteran composer and arranger Charlie Perkins. The OCCO founder, Robin DeVour will also conduct.

Tickets are \$10.00 and may be purchased at Mari's Books, the Newport Performing Arts Center, and at Yachats Presbyterian Church on March 8 when the doors open for the concert at 6:00 p.m.

Quiet Water's own Gretchen Armstrong is a member of the Orchestra!

From the HOA President, Wally Orchard

As most of you will know by now, Doug and Joan Johnson took over as On-Site Managers, starting officially on January 1. Actually, the contract was signed in December, and by the time January rolled around they had already done some major clean-up work around our neighborhood. And their good work continues. You will notice the difference particularly in the parking areas, carports and street gutters, all of which are much cleaner now and more or less free of leaves. They have also started working on the perimeter of the tennis court, where the idea is to stop weeds and grass from growing through the fence and damaging the court surface. We are incredibly lucky to have Doug and Joan on board.

So far, the winter has been relatively mild, and there hasn't been a lot of storm damage around Quiet Water. A couple of big willow trees came down behind the tennis court, but these created no problems and have been cleared up. We also experienced a couple of intense cloudbursts several months ago. There was some flooding in the lower lying areas but this was short-lived and did no damage as far as I know.

Two of the LCA cabins have recently changed hands. We welcome Dan Motley and his wife, Martha, who are now living at 224 Combs Circle and Phillip and Stephanie Kimmel, the new owners of 256 Combs.

Although we were unsuccessful in our efforts to get outside funding to help pay for implementation of our Riparian Restoration Plan, work has now begun using budgeted funds that were earmarked for this purpose. Paul Haley is steering this work, most of which is being done by an outside contractor. Please consult Paul's article in this issue of *Ripples*. A work-for-credit party on March 23 will continue our implementation efforts, targeting reed canary grass.

Last year we began a "work-for-credit" program in Quiet Water. Members who participate in *designated work-for-credit parties* can get a credit of \$10 towards their HOA assessment for each hour worked. Although the hourly rate is hardly a king's ransom, the program has proven to be popular and has resulted in a lot of work. Work parties created channels around the perimeters of the carports to eliminate soil-wood contact and so extend the life of those structures. We hope we can continue the work-for-credit program.

We have also begun giving some more serious attention to the less desirable weeds in Quiet Water. Last year we had some work parties targeting blackberry, Scotch broom, ivy and holly in the common areas. We are planning to have more work parties this year to continue this effort. There are several unimproved lots in Quiet Water where invasive weeds are still a major problem. I would ask the owners to undertake removal of the weeds. The weeds are an eyesore, a hazard to our mowing contractor, and a source of seeds that get spread far and wide. There are several licensed contractors in Yachats who will undertake weed removal at very reasonable rates. The Yachats Code Enforcement Officer, Don Niskanen, can put you in touch with one of them. Don's number is 541-961-6695.

Work-for-Credit Party Saturday, March 23, 10:00 a.m.

There will be a work-for-credit party* Saturday, March 23, to combat the reed canary grass as part of the Riparian Restoration Plan.

We'll meet at 10:00 a.m. at the Quiet Water office (in the pool building).

Further details to follow in an e-mail.

*\$10 credit towards your HOA assessment for each hour worked. Be sure to sign in and sign out with Wally to get your credit.



Hello from Doug and Joan Johnson, On-Site Managers

Many thanks to all the wonderful volunteers who gather twigs and debris so that the twig fairy can pick them up. I would name the volunteers but am sure I would leave someone out, and some of you are very sneaky about helping. Reminds me of the little shoemaker's magical helpers.

Thanks also to those who keep their garage areas cleared and swept. This gives us time to remove grass and weeds from the parking lots and street gutters. It is amazing that we can clean everything . . . and then we get a wind and it looks like nothing has been touched - ha ha.

We are hoping to have a chipping party once the ground dries back by the wood pile. We will also be placing chips in the beds around the pool after we have thinned out the plants in the beds. We are cutting a clear strip around the tennis court and will be placing river rock there and around the office area at the pool. We will try to time these opportunities to help with the Quiet Friends weekends in hopes more folks will be able to help. Separate and apart from any *designated work-for-credit parties*, feel free to remove noxious weeds, debris, etc., when you are passing through the common areas.

We now have the ability to take messages on our telephone. Please contact us if you have questions or have concerns about something happening in the area (541-547-5498).

Thanks again.

Doug and Joan

Editor's Note: Joan is collecting cans and bottles with deposit value to give to someone who gives the deposit proceeds to the Humane Society. You can assist Joan in this effort by putting your cans and bottles with deposit value into the **small red recycle containers** near the large green garbage dumpsters. Thanks!

Got Questions . . . for Our Board of Directors or Treasurer?

- Wally Orchard: worchard@peak.org
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- Mick Rothbart: mickroth39@gmail.com
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If you have a question for the Board but don't use e-mail, you can call Wally at 541-547-5474.

Walama Restoration Plants Willows on the Quiet Water Riverbank

Paul Haley

In consultation with Walama Restoration of Eugene, the Board of Directors decided that planting willow to control erosion was the most effective thing we could do this year with the money we budgeted for our riparian area. Many of you know that Walama is the habitat restoration group that we have worked with for a year and that did our Riparian Restoration Plan that was accepted by the City of Yachats. For three days, from February 18 to 20, a crew of five young men from Walama collected and then planted native willow stakes along the far edge of our riverbank. For two days the crew cut willow stakes on Forest Service property along South Jetty Road in Florence.



This was the only local public area where a cutting permit could be obtained. It turned out to be a difficult area to collect willow as there were few straight young stalks to cut, but with hard work about twelve hundred stakes were collected.

The Riparian Restoration Plan paid special attention to the area below the Wybenga residence and fifty yards upriver from there. This area has the smallest amount of riverbank between the river, path, and houses, and what is left is being undercut in some places two to three feet. Willow was planted right at the waterline with the hope of stemming the erosion.



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It will be hard for you to see the plantings as the three-to-four-foot-long willow stakes have been pushed into the ground with only about six inches to a foot visible.

The area at the river bend also received intensive planting. Some is easy to see but much of the willow in the upstream portion of the bend has been planted at the base of the bank and out of sight until the plants mature.



The reach of the river behind LCA 3 with sparse vegetation was also planted. One of the workers planted the bottom of the bank while wading in waist-deep water.



I was impressed with the thoroughness of the Walama workers, and we hope that their efforts are successful.

It will take a concerted effort on our part to encourage the growth of this young willow. It should take care of itself as far as watering, but people can trip over the young stakes if they walk in the area without awareness. Please let guests know that the riverbank is under repair. We don't know how much of the plantings will survive, but it is a start and we can always plant more in the future. If the willow in these areas can get a foothold, we will have done something about one of the major problems we have with our common property. The willow should not be an obstacle to views of the river, and it will provide valuable habitat, curb erosion, and encourage the animals we all love to see.

In Cooperation,

Paul Haley, Quiet Water Secretary



A Message from Jeannine Janson
Editor/Publisher of *Ripples*

For future issues of the *Ripples*, it would be great if you would send me:

- Your story/profile/bio with a photo;
- Articles or photos with news of Quiet Water or Yachats;
- Information of interest/importance to Quiet Water;
- Ideas for regular features.

If you have any questions, please e-mail me at jeanninejanson@aol.com or call me at 541-547-4369.

