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Home & Garden Idea Fair expecting 40,000 visitors

Last year, a record 40,000 persons attended Clark Public Utilities' 11th Home & Garden Idea Fair, and volunteers from the utility in charge of the three-day event expect at least that many during the Friday, April 25, through Sunday, April 27, fauna extravaganza at the Clark County Fairgrounds.

Although the fair features the largest plant sale in the region, it isn't all about plants and flowers. The fair was created 1991 to focus greater attention on energy and environmental issues, according to fair coordinator **Heather Allmain**.

"We're using the event to educate our customers about energy conservation and new energy-saving technology," Allmain says.

The popular display of alternative fuel vehicles returns to the fair for the second year. Also on display is a prototype mini-home constructed to generate more energy than it uses for non-heating purposes.

In addition, the fair offers educational entertainment provided by the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry's Science Festival.

A dozen landscaping exhibits coordinated by the Washington Association of Landscape Professionals will be on display. The plant sale, sponsored by the Specialty Nursery Association of Clark County, involves over 70 area nurseries.

And, like any fair, there will be hundreds of commercial exhibits.

Allmain says, "Admission is free, although we suggest canned food donations for area food banks or cash contributions to Operation Warm Heart, a fund to help low-income customers pay their electric bills."

Parking, however, is \$4 per car. The utility provides a free shuttle between the fair and the Vancouver Mall Transit Center and the Salmon Creek Park-and-Ride lot.

Robert L. Woolsey joins Columbia Credit Union

Robert L. Woolsey has joined Columbia Credit Union as a vice president and commercial loan officer, reports Columbia's senior vice president of business and banking, **Chuck Anderson**.

Woolsey most recently had been a commercial loan officer for First Independent Bank. He is a member of the Vancouver Rotary Club.

Summit meeting on jobs produces call for greater access to higher education

The over 100 business and community leaders who participated Tuesday in a summit meeting on jobs called by the Southwest Washington Workforce Development Council agreed that local access to higher education should be a regional priority.

Participants at the day-long session at the Water Resources Education Center also called on the community to develop a better reckoning of the particular needs of job

certification and apprenticeships.

The Tuesday summit called by SWWDC chair **Marcia Fromhold** will be followed up with smaller focus sessions designed to pursue ways of matching job needs and training requirements.

SWWDC has up to \$9 million available principally for job training in southwest Washington.

SWWDC covers Clark, Skamania, Cowlitz and Wahkiakum Counties.

People

David Kelly, Vancouver, recently was named chair of the board of the American Heart Association's Pacific/Mountain Affiliate. The new organization serves 11 western states. Kelly has been involved in the American Heart Association for the past 20 years.

News briefs

Rescheduled: The Coalition of East Vancouver Communities Thursday meeting, which had been set for Thursday, April 17, has been rescheduled for Thursday, June 19. ~~SES~~ The Forum at the Library presents a discussion of the West Nile disease at its 7 p.m. Thursday, April 17, program in the Vancouver Community Library Hall, 1007 E Mill Plain Boulevard. ~~SES~~ The Father Blanchet Neighborhood Association meets at 7 p.m. tonight in the Dairy Queen Restaurant at MacArthur Boulevard and Friedel Avenue and will elect officers for the coming year. ~~SES~~ The March of Dimes charity basketball round-robin tournament at Mountain View High School is at 7 p.m. Friday, April 18.

Wednesday electronic events

49th District Town Hall Meeting—3:30 p.m. CVTV
Capital Perspectives—6 p.m. CVTV
Telecommunications Commission (4/2)—7 p.m. CVTV
Oakland at Seattle Mariners (live)—7 p.m. FSN, KTKO
Portland Blazers at L.A. Clippers (live)—7:30 p.m. KGW-TV, KXL
Clark County Youth Town Hall—9 p.m. CVTV

Stocks of local interest at 4 p.m. EDT Wednesday, April 16, 2003

Alaska Air Group	15.81	-.54	Linear Technology	33.13	+1.15
Alcoa	22.37	-.22	Microsoft	24.91	+3.30
Amazon.com	24.38	-.75	Nautilus	11.91	+2.22
Bank of America	71.99	-.69	Nike	52.35	-1.42
Bank of Clark County	18.00	unch	Nordstrom	16.61	-.39
Bemis	43.18	-.57	PepsiCo	39.90	-.67
Boeing	26.64	-.65	Precision Cast	26.00	-.04
Boise Cascade	22.06	-.60	RLRN	18.30	+2.10
CenturyTel	28.82	+0.07	Starbucks	25.73	-1.01
Costco	34.06	-.62	TSM	7.71	+7.72
Expeditors Intl.	34.90	-.67	Tektronix	17.88	+1.10
Georgia Pacific	13.97	-.17	US Bancorp	21.35	+2.25
HPQ	15.59	+0.02	Wash. Mutual	36.32	-.73
Intel	18.16	+1.03	W. Coast Bancorp	15.71	-1.11
Kyocera	48.32	+0.90	Weyerhaeuser	49.13	-1.16

DOW: 8257.61 -144.75 ~~SES~~NASDAQ: 1394.72 +3.71 ~~SES~~S&P: 879.91 -10.9

Town Tabloids and The Weather

Keith Coats shouting yahooooo! SES	Acapulco	90/73
Rich Riegel editing copy. SES	Athens	65/49
Meinig making film run. Heidi Barnes getting the job done. SES	Chicago	61/39
Joe Pinzone in the foreground of the background. SES	Dallas	80/56
Casey O'Dell getting a lot more ink. SES	Hong Kong	81/73
Wednesday , mostly cloudy, sunbreaks, 60. Thursday , gray with occasional showers, 56. Friday , sunnier and warmer, 62.	Los Angeles	70/52
	London	74/55
	New Orleans	82/66
	New York	82/39
	Orlando	83/60
	Paris	70/51
	Phoenix	80/56
	Rome	63/43
	Seattle	56/42
	Sydney	72/42
	Tokyo	65/54
	Washington	84/52