

# SIUSLAW WATERSHED COUNCIL NEWS

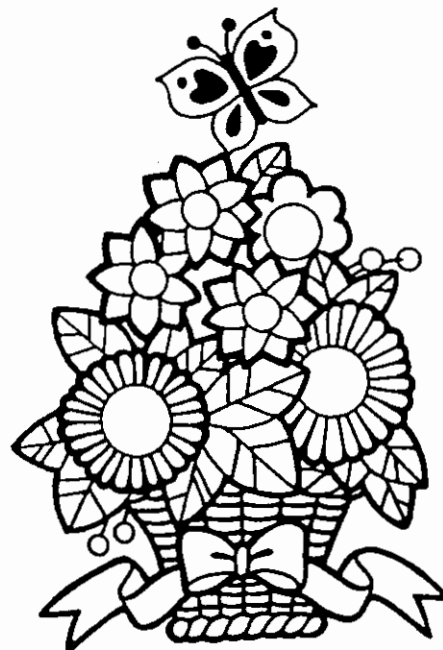
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## Message from the Coordinator

On the front page of this past Saturday's (April 17, 2004) Siuslaw News, the proposed Siuslaw Estuary Water Trail System was highlighted in an article announcing optimism for the start of initial phases of completion. This is exciting news. The phase of work referred to includes improvements to public watercraft launching sites at Florence and Bender's Landing (North Fork) and placement of signs for a kayak trail in the estuary. The article referenced Jordan Sexter's master's thesis with the watershed council as an important catalyst for the Water Trail becoming a reality. The grand vision for the Water Trail includes biking, hiking, and equestrian as well as water trails. Please refer to the article for more details.

Why is this particularly exciting? The Water Trail encompasses several facets of watershed values combining so many endeavors into one big reward: a celebration of a local treasure. The estuary is a beautiful place rich in history and economic and recreational value. What better way to experience it than up close in a personal watercraft? The experience will continue to be enriched by the proximity to the Cox Island preserve, host of waterfowl and the remnant house on which the Stamper home in Ken Kesey's *Sometimes a Great Notion* is based. Wetland and estuarine habitats preserved and enhanced in South Slough and other nearby locations will benefit wildlife and delight those plying the waters. The impressive Karnowsky Creek restoration will eventually host an interpretative hiking trail just upstream. Disembark and take the tour on foot!



But what really impresses me is that these conservation areas are just a piece of what will make the Water Trail such a treasure. Efforts to restore wild salmon and other species will increase the value of the Water Trail experience. Goals to maintain clean, unpolluted water flowing through the Siuslaw will be evident on the estuary. Most importantly, the Water Trail presents an opportunity for economic benefits based on a natural resource: the Siuslaw River. Although the recreation industry is currently small and the added income potential to restaurants, shops, and service providers is, for now, nothing to base a regional economy upon, the concept does encapsulate the slogan of the Siuslaw Watershed Council: *Community-Economy-Environment*. Here is a plan to celebrate all three.

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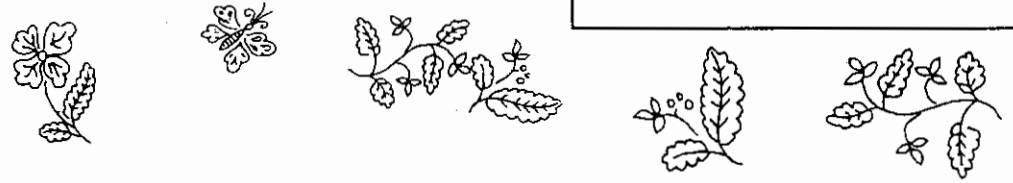
**The Siuslaw Watershed Council** is a community supported 501c3 non-profit group and there are many ways that YOU can help and participate as a volunteer.

Volunteers are needed to help at our office in Mapleton with general office activities, with set-up and take-down at our regular meetings, and with special event activities. Contact the Council office for volunteer opportunities, 541-268-3044.

## Strategic Planning

Strategic planning is setting up goals and strategies to achieve in the present and future of an organization.

The next strategic planning meeting will be on May 19 at 5:30 p.m. at the Council office. Everyone is invited to join in on this process. We should be wrapping up this plan by this summer.



## Save the Dates

**June 18 and 19...**

...for the FREE Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Event in Florence. Save up your hazardous disposables and get rid of them in a safe (and free) way!

More information in the May SWC Newsletter or call Wendy Farley at 997-8237.

## Upcoming Speakers

**APRIL...Siuslaw Fish Passage Prioritization:** Coordinator, Todd Miller and Fish Passage Technician, Jeff Jackson will present details about the current culvert replacement project. Topics covered will include how culverts are barriers, an overview of fish passage enhancement in the Siuslaw basin from 1999 to present, the current prioritization process, a closer look at culverts proposed for replacement in 2005, and details about state-of-the-art fish passage design.

**MAY...Michael Mattick,** Watermaster from the Oregon Water Resources Department, will discuss water rights and diversion from Oregon streams.



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I am dwelling so much on this not only because it is fresh news, but because it has lifted my spirits in the light of recent setbacks experienced by the Siuslaw Stewardship Group. As I mentioned last month, in March the Group confronted challenges to its working premise that watershed restoration could include the people, the community, and the economy as well as the environment. It is a vision that may be a bit more in the making. For now, we have the Water Trail to look forward to, another plan that has been a long time in the making.

*Todd Miller*

# MORE HELP FROM OUR FRIENDS

Our riparian planting project continued through March. We want to thank the following for making that possible.

## **Businesses donated over 2,000 additional plants:**

Balance Restoration Nursery  
Doak Creek Nursery  
Roseburg Forest Products



## **Council members contacted neighbors and distributed plants to people who had missed our February distribution:**

Barbara Beers (Indian Creek)  
Debbie Cox (Lorane)  
Dave Eisler (Walton)

Also, a special thanks to the Siuslaw Middle School Stream team for helping with planting in several locations.

All in all, we planted over 10,000 native trees and shrubs on nearly 100 properties. We had good representation of the native plants in our area with 25 different varieties available to our participants. Thank you to everyone who worked hard planting and continues with the brush control needed for these plants to thrive.

## *Community Tour of Karnowsky Creek Restoration Project*

**Tuesday, April 27,**

**Depart at 4:00 p.m.**

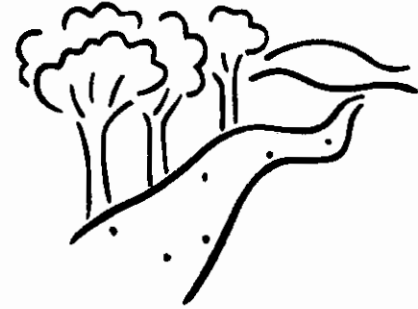
**Meet at the Council office (USFS Upper Compound, HWY 36 in Mapleton)  
to carpool out to Karnowsky Creek .**

**Wear boots and bring raincoat, bottle of water.**

***Plan on at least a mile hike!***



**Siuslaw Watershed Council  
General Meeting Agenda  
April 28, 2004  
Mapleton Grange Hall  
6:30 p.m.**



**6:30-6:40 Welcome and Introductions**

**6:40-7:30 Presentation:** *Todd Miller and Jeff Jackson , Siuslaw Watershed Council, will discuss the Siuslaw Basin Fish Passage Prioritization Survey and Project.*

**7:30-7:45 Break for refreshments and socializing**

**7:45-8:05 Reports and Updates**

**8:05-8:20 Open Mic** *(3-5 speakers, 3-5 minutes each)*

**8:20-8:30 Announcements**

**8:30 Adjourn**

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**\* Monthly Raffle \***  
 \* To help raise funds for the \*  
 \* Council, we are holding a \*  
 \* raffle of donated items at \*  
 \* each General Council meet- \*  
 \* ing. Tickets are a suggested \*  
 \* donation of \$1 each or 6 for \*  
 \* \$5. The winner will get to \*  
 \* choose from available \*  
 \* items. \*  
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**Siuslaw Watershed Council Membership Form**

**Type of Membership:**

Landowner \_\_\_\_\_ Community Member \_\_\_\_\_ Industry \_\_\_\_\_

Government Agency: \_\_\_\_\_ Tribal: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Please choose any of the following:

- Tax-deductible membership enclosed (\$10 regular, \$0 students).
- Additional tax-deductible donation enclosed. Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- I am interested in volunteer opportunities with the Siuslaw Watershed Council

**Treasurer's Report** *Nancy Nichols, Council Treasurer*

**March 2004**

Beginning Cash \$29,100.73

	MARCH	YEAR TO DATE
<b>INCOME</b>		
Dues		\$705.00*
Federal Grants		
State Grants	\$22,423.00	\$31,974.00
Private Grants		\$1,086.15
Interest	\$28.56	\$75.69
Donations & Misc.		\$347.00*
Administrative Funds	\$273.48	\$1,105.56
Reimbursements		\$567.63
Other		
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$22,725.04</b>	<b>\$35,861.03</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Grant Expenses	\$20,628.93	\$34,212.54
Other	\$290.01	\$470.70
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$20,918.94</b>	<b>\$34,683.24</b>

Ending Cash \$30,906.83\*\*



\*adjusted for \$35.00 not recorded in February  
 \*\*\$14,829.65 general, \$16,077.18 grants

**Schedule of Events**

- April 27-Community Karnowsky Creek Restoration Project Tour: Depart from the Council office (Forest Service Upper Compound) at 4:00 p.m.**
- April 28- Siuslaw Watershed Council General Meeting: 6:30 pm, Mapleton Grange, E. Mapleton Road.**
- May 3- Siuslaw Soil and Water Conservation District Meeting: 7:30 pm, Port of Siuslaw 1499 Bay Street, Florence.**
- May 6- SWC Technical Team Meeting: 9:30 am, Upper Compound, Mapleton.**
- May 6- USFS Stewardship Community Monitoring Team Meeting, 1:00-3:00 pm, SWC office.**
- May 12- SWC Executive Committee Meeting: 5:30 pm., Upper Compound, Mapleton.**
- May 19-SWC Strategic Planning Meeting: 5:30 pm., Upper Compound, Mapleton.**
- May 26- Siuslaw Watershed Council General Meeting: 6:30 pm, Mapleton Grange, E. Mapleton Road.**
- May 27- USFS Stewardship Community Monitoring Team Meeting, 1:00-3:00 pm, SWC office.**

# Siuslaw Summer Watershed Exploration Camp

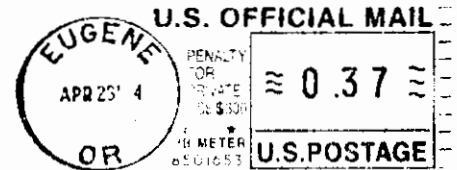
For the second year, the Siuslaw Watershed Council will be offering a free, watershed exploration camp for 6-12th graders. Campers will learn about and explore different habitats from the ocean to the forest and will interact with natural resource professionals.

If you know of a student who would be interested in the Monday through Friday, all-day camp, please have them call the Council, 541-268-3044, for an application and more information.

The dates for the camp are July 19-23 (Introductory Camp) and July 26-30 (Advanced Camp—Director's approval required). Times will be 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m..

## Siuslaw Watershed Council Mission Statement

The Siuslaw Watershed Council supports sound economic, social and environmental uses of natural and human resources in the Siuslaw River Basin. The Council encourages cooperation among public and private watershed entities to promote awareness and understanding of watershed functions by adopting and implementing a total watershed approach to natural resource management and production.



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