

The Breeze

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Editor's Message: New Publication?

This Breeze edition is late, if you think about it for November. But if you think about it for December, it's early! 😉 Actually, it's a combined issue for November and December. Since the Board doesn't have a December board meeting, we'll just follow their lead and have one issue for both months.

At the October Board meeting, an idea came up to have a one-page publication that included only upcoming events and committee news. Some members prefer not to read the lengthier Breeze that includes stories about neighbors, events, and nature. A one-pager would reduce reading to major events and highlights of Board meeting. It also could be mailed as a hard copy. Right now, my Board duties, Mobi-Mat management, and editorial work are keeping me busy. If another member would like to tackle generating a shorter news edition, email me at bayshorebreezeeditor@gmail.com so we can talk about possibilities.

Kenn Apel



President's Corner: Neighbors

I'm lucky to be married to my wife for many reasons. One is that she frequently shares interesting articles with me. Recently, she forwarded me an article entitled: "Won't You Be My Neighbor? The Power in Our Relationships With the People Next Door," written by Rebekah Brandes. You can read the whole article here.

One of the article's main ideas was how knowing your neighbors creates a sense of belonging. As you read in our new member spotlight, neighbors of Fred and Ronda Linton surprised them one morning with baked goods and flowers. That simple gesture allowed the Lintons to get to know their neighbors almost overnight and feel welcomed as members of their neighborhood.

Knowing your neighbors can build trust, even if that involves simply knowing each other's names and waving as one of you passes the other on a walk or taking off to drive to the store. That trust might lead to one of you helping the other by taking trash cans out or bringing them back in while the other is away. It also might lead to small talk about the weather or the junk mail you both receive (almost daily!) or discovering a shared interest or sharing a favorite author.

Now, it may be that the homes near you tend to be vacant much of the time or are occupied by renters. Still, there are other ways to get to know members with whom you share your community. For example, Bayshore's Social Committee puts on events almost every month. Participation in Board committees allows committee members to get to know each other and become "neighbors-at large." Member-driven groups, such as the Weed Whackers, Mobi-Mat Team, and the Artisans, also meet that benchmark of neighbors-at-large. One wonderful aspect of knowing your neighbors, either next door or via an established group, is that you end up supporting each other, meeting challenges together rather than only complaining when something goes wrong.

I encourage you to read Rebekah Brandes' article and find out the many benefits of knowing your neighbors. As the author discusses at the end of her article, one can think of the word "neighboring" as a verb. It is something that you do and a skill you continuously work at. What a terrific action to take!

Kenn Apel, Board President

Highlights from October Committee Reports

All committee reports are emailed to members with the BOD's agenda and meeting minutes. Below are a few highlights of those reports:

Planning Committee received several new complaints. The Committee recommended annual applications for boat permits and tabled the idea for later discussion at the Board working Meeting. (At the later working meeting, directors decided not to bring the idea to a future regular meeting.).

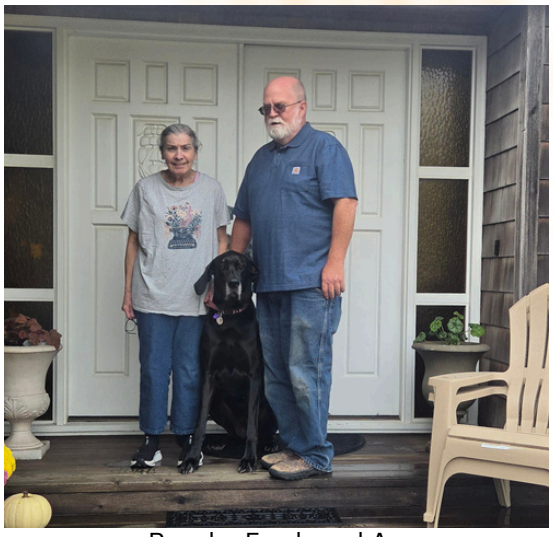
Social Committee: Due to minimal number of committee members, the committee will be altering when and how they offer social events. Bayshore members are highly encouraged to volunteer for the committee.

Facilities Manager: A new pool table light was installed. Members were reminded to put ONLY toilet paper down toilets, not paper towels.



New Members Spotlight

Although Fred and Ronda Linton bought their house in Bayshore in January, they just moved into that house in September, after both of them retired. They are now getting to know Bayshore, so it's a good time for us to get to know them.



Ronda, Fred, and Ava

Both Ronda and Fred grew up in San Diego. Ronda was born there, and Fred was born in Sylmar, a neighborhood on the north tip of Los Angeles. Before retiring, Fred was an electrician and enjoyed shooting shows as a licensed pyro-technician in Douglas County for several years. Ronda was an office clerk in the forestry department of the Cow Creek Tribe of Indians. Given their time in San Diego and their love for the beach, they decided to retire somewhere along the coast. Because of that desire to be near the ocean, they tried a couple different weekend rentals in Yachats and Waldport. Just for fun, they asked a realtor to show them a few homes in the area. They then found a Bayshore house that checked off all of their boxes: one level, a fenced yard for their dog, a view of the ocean, and a short walk to the beach.

Beyond the facts about their move to Bayshore, Ronda and Fred shared some interesting ideas. Ronda said her favorite quote is from Roseanne Roseannadanna from Saturday Night Live: "It's always somethin'." Ronda also said she is very eclectic in her clothes choices: wearing things that don't match: socks, earrings, etc. Both Ronda and Fred said they believe the most important innovation they've seen is the "sticky note." I asked them what they liked to do in their spare time, and they answered by asking: "What spare time?" 😉 Currently Fred volunteers with Scouting America as a Shooting Sports instructor. He helps with maintenance at local Scout camps and is part of the Mobi-Mat team that clears off the mats here at Bayshore.

Ronda and Fred have found the Bayshore community to be very inviting. They like the friendly folks they have met, including their neighbors. In fact, those neighbors brought them some baked goods from the local bakery and left a beautiful flowerpot on their front porch as a surprise. The two of them also appreciate the quiet atmosphere of Bayshore.

Fred and Ronda, welcome to Bayshore!



Compliments of Lynda Apel

Q. Why did the crab never share?
A. Because he was too shellfish. 😂

All Around Bayshore

There were several notable events that happened last month and the beginning of this month. Here is a quick summary of all.



Fireside Chat

As part of my role as board chair, I hosted a two-hour Fireside Chat on October 27. Approximately 50 members attended, half in person and half via Zoom. Not surprisingly given recent notifications from a Bayshore member, a substantial amount of time during the Chat was about Bayshore's finances. We discussed

- Which financial statements to look at (that is, statements previously provided or statements to be provided in the near future);
- The implications of the numbers one member had provided and

the fact that those numbers were sent to members without another committee member or the Board reviewing and providing feedback

- Capital projects completed or scheduled for completion
- Our 30-year plan and how directors are attempting to determine whether some items can be dropped or postponed
- The low percentage (22%) of members who participate in polls and elections and how that low percentage affects member-required decisions,
- Potential required or ethically-driven ADA modifications to Bayshore's clubhouse), and
- Planned independent financial review that is in process, among other topics.

I hope to hold additional Chats in the future.



Pancake Breakfast

The Artisans provided their annual Pancake Breakfast on Halloween morning, October 31. Breakfast included pancakes, eggs, sausages, fruit, coffee, and juice. The turnout was probably the best since the breakfast was offered. Many of the Artisans were decked out for Halloween one way or the other, as were several of the attendees. The Artisans thank all who were involved.







All Around Bayshore (cont.)

Bayshore's First Piano Recital

As you may recall from a past Breeze issue, Bayshore was recently gifted a 1941 Baldwin piano from member Cathy Champion-Predmore. Cathy not only gave the piano to Bayshore, but she also paid half the cost of moving it to the clubhouse (individual Bayshore members paid the other half), its tuning for this year, and a small plaque noting the original owner.



Cathy Champion-Predmore



The recital was a privilege to hear and a perfect way to introduce this lovely piano to Bayshore members. Cathy and three of her colleagues (Rita Wartone, Carol Wolfe, and Jessica Treon) played a variety of pieces, including songs from musicals and classical pieces. The recital was an hour of beautiful and joyful music.



Several of the members who attended shared their thoughts on it: Paula Brubaker: "The piano is a wonderful addition to the clubhouse. It brings members together in a positive way." Robin Adcock: "I thought the event was delightful! The music was beautifully performed, and the desserts were delicious!" Another attendee: "The music definitely lifted our spirits." Kathie Boian: "The event was an enchantment of music and musicians."

Stay tuned (pun intended) for more recitals and exhibitions.

(Thanks to Kathie Boian for help with this write-up)





Bowling Buddies of Bayshore and Beyond



A new group related to Bayshore has developed, and it is a fun one! They call themselves the Bowling Buddies of Bayshore and Beyond; the Beyond is included because one member of the group is from Sandpiper. The history of the "Four Bs" began one day at the end of the Tai Chi class taught on Wednesdays at Bayshore's Clubhouse and then evolved into the group it is today. Here is how it happened.

In September, after a Tai Chi class, a member started talking about the fun she recently had at a bowling fundraiser. Four of the Tai Chi members thought it might be a fun experience for them. So, later that month, the four went to Muggly's Bowling in Toledo to knock down some pins. They bowled a game, stopped to eat lunch, and then bowled another game. They all had a great time.



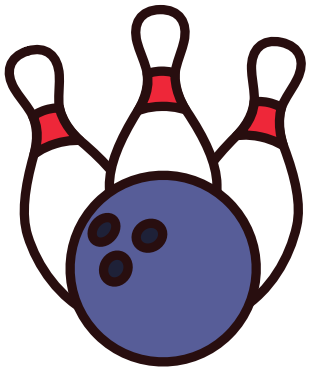
The group followed that first experience with another one in October. They decided that Thursdays were the best day to bowl, given there were no league games occurring that day and the prices were very reasonable. They also set up a carpool. Nine bowlers showed up for the October meet.

One wonderful aspect of the group is that there is no pressure and no competition. The bowlers represent a variety of skill levels. They say there is a lot of laughter and positive encouragement for every bowler.



The Four Bs have planned their next bowling experience for November 19, the Thursday before Thanksgiving. If you have an interest in joining them, please email Lynda Apel at lapel127@gmail.com





A Bird's Eye View

by Staci Louie

A bluejay is human; he has got all a man's faculties and a man's weakness. He likes especially scandal; he knows when he is an ass as well as you do.
-Mark Twain, 1895

Steller's Jay

The Steller's Jay is often called a "Steller's blue jay" because of its striking plumage, but it is actually a distinct cousin of the common Blue Jay found in the eastern US. Steller's Jays are found along the west coast from Alaska to Central America and are year-round residents.



Compliments of Staci Louie

The electric blue color you see is an optical illusion caused by structural coloration. The microscopic structure of their feathers bends and scatters light waves, reflecting only the blue light back to your eyes while absorbing the rest. The prominent, charcoal-black crest on top of a Steller's Jay's head acts like an emotional barometer. You can read the bird's mind just by looking at the angle of its mohawk - when raised it usually indicates aggression, excitement, or courtship. Steller's Jays mate for life and stay together all year round, so if you see a pair of birds, it most likely is a mated pair.

Steller's are omnivores, eating seeds, nuts, bugs, acorns, berries, and they are well known nest robbers, going after both eggs and nestlings. They enjoy peanuts and suet, so those are the best options for attracting them to your yard. They are sassy, noisy, and world-class impersonators - their favorite trick is to mimic the piercing scream of a Red-tailed or Red-shouldered Hawk. When a jay wants to clear out a backyard bird feeder or steal food from another bird, it will land nearby and belt out a perfect hawk scream!



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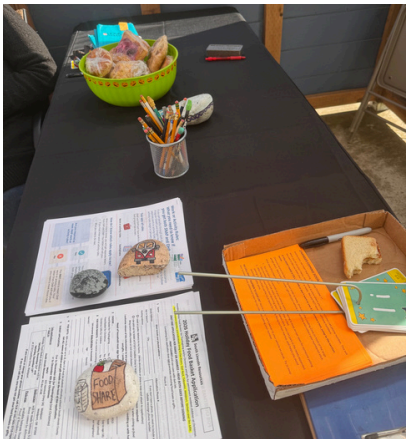
A Word a Day....
Hurkle-durkle: A 200-year-old Scottish term meaning to lounge in bed long after it's time to get up

Waldport's Food Share



Thursdays are always one of the highlights of my week because that is when I volunteer at the Waldport Food Share. I have developed great friendships with other volunteers there, as well as with neighbors in need of food. When I first started, I had no clue how the Food Share operated. Now I do. Here's what I've learned about how the Food Share operates, so you too have a clue, and potentially offer your time or resources.

The Food Share is open to clients on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12 – 3pm. It has been around for over 40 years, for the last 20 at its current site, 3710 S Crestline Drive. Items for distribution come from a number of different sources. Oregon Food Bank sends a large number of items via the Newport Food Pantry. The Waldport Food Share used to receive approximately 3,000 pounds every Tuesday, but now it receives only about 1,400 pounds, even though the need for food is the same. Other food and items come from other sources. Ray's Market provides breads and other "leftovers" from the store. Some items come from individuals (e.g., fresh eggs, unopened food items). Some community members provide cash donations. With those funds, Linda Ballas, who manages Waldport's Food Share, buys items from the Chef Store and the Grocery Outlet in Newport.



Where clients check in and get their menus

All workers at the Food Share are volunteers; not one person, even Linda, receives any financial compensation. All freely give of their time and efforts to make possible the whole process of distributing food to those in need. And that process is remarkable. There are volunteers who work inside and outside. I love working outside because I get to meet and hold conversations with the clients. Because I have been there for about two years, I know many by name, and they know me.



Volunteers preparing some food items

The process works this way. When clients arrive, they fill out a "menu" which lists all food and other materials (e.g., toilet paper) available that day. Clients can choose any and all menu items. What is available is not consistent from one day to another. It all depends on what has been donated or bought for the Food Share. Because I am the "outdoors" volunteer, I take a client's completed menu and pass it on to Linda who records that the client is receiving items that day. Clients can only receive items on one day a week: Tuesday or Thursday. Once Linda has marked their card for receiving food that day, she then gives me a number to pass on to that client to know when the food is ready. She also provides the client's menu to the inside "shoppers." These seven or so inside volunteers prepare the items on the menu. A few of them in one area gather cans of food and such. Another set of volunteers gather the produce requested. A third set gathers cold or frozen items. When the order is ready, a final set of volunteers calls out the number, and then brings the food to the client's car or other means of transportation (e.g., bike). The process is practically seamless. The volunteers who are part of the process enjoy each other and have become friends while doing their part of the process.

Waldport's Food Share (cont.)



Canned goods area

Personally, I love being part of the process and helping those in need. None of the volunteers complain, and all are focused on helping others. It also is very common to hear clients who are waiting for their food to help other clients with needs (e.g., fixing a broken water pipe in an RV). I asked some of the volunteers to share why they like to volunteer at the Food Share. Their responses were almost identical: "I like to help people, there are great people to work with, and it's a great environment." "I enjoy working with the volunteers and with the community to try and make things better." "Everyone here is fun to work with and I like helping others." "The people I work with are a lot of fun, can talk about anything and everything, and I like helping others." "I like the people. Not enough is done really for hunger. I love working with the people here." What a great set of testimonials!



I also asked a client what brings her to the Food Share and her view of it. She said, "The amount of Food Stamps I receive is not enough to make it through a month. My son (who lives with her) is disabled but he does not qualify for food stamps. My housemate does not qualify, either. I like coming here (Waldport Food Share) because they are the least judgmental place I've ever been. At other places, people feel judged, unfortunately. Coming here meets my need for socialization because the Food Share cares about people. I enjoy the conversations I have and I like getting food I will use and being able to select what I will use."

I encourage all of you to think about the Waldport Food Share and what you can bring to it, whether it is volunteering, donating food, or making financial donations here. You might enjoy it as much as I do.



The Nature of Bayshore

by Lynda Apel

Bayshore's Slithering Garden Helpers

One of the great things about living in Bayshore is the variety of animals that share this space with us. We've covered many of them, from chipmunks to bears and raccoons to deer. Each has some quality we like, admire, or perhaps even respect. But what about snakes?

If you're like many people, you're not particularly fond of snakes and might be hard-pressed to find something nice to say about them. While we dislike raccoons getting under our houses, bears knocking over our trash cans, or deer eating our flowers, we often dislike snakes without ever having had an unpleasant encounter with one.

Before exploring our slithery neighbors, let's look at why so many people fear them.

Research suggests that humans may be biologically predisposed to notice snakes. Our primate ancestors encountered snakes for millions of years, and being able to recognize a potential threat quickly may have offered a survival advantage. Even six-month-old babies show increased physiological arousal when viewing pictures of snakes, compared with fish. This doesn't necessarily mean we're born afraid of snakes, but our brains may be especially sensitive to them.

Think about it. Cars, electrical outlets, and guns pose far greater dangers in modern life, yet they don't necessarily trigger the same immediate reaction. So, if you squirm when you see a snake, you're not necessarily a scaredy-cat. Your brain may simply be doing what evolution prepared it to do!

I've seen snakes in our yard, but thanks to my own automatic reaction, I haven't stayed around long enough to get a good look. And if I startled them, they didn't stick around either!



Common Garter Snake

Oregon is home to approximately 15 native snake species, including the colorful California mountain kingsnake, the unusual rubber boa, and the venomous western rattlesnake. Fortunately, the rattlesnake isn't normally found along our stretch of coast. Two snakes that are likely to call Bayshore home are the common garter snake and the northwestern garter snake.



Northwestern Garter Snake

Both have some interesting characteristics. Unlike many snakes, garter snakes give birth to live young, sometimes dozens at a time. All garter snakes have forked tongues. And if frightened or handled, they may release a particularly foul-smelling musk. Apparently, making themselves unpleasant company is one way to discourage unwanted attention!

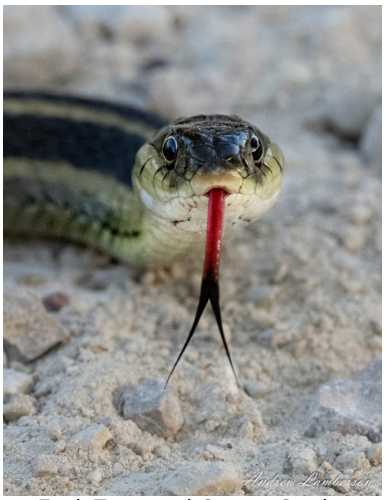
But not all garter snakes are alike. Here's how to recognize our two likely neighbors.

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The Nature of Bayshore (cont.)

Common Garter Snake

- Appearance: Usually dark with three light stripes running the length of its body. Some have striking red markings.
- Size: Typically 18–36 inches long.
- Favorite foods: Earthworms, slugs, frogs, and occasionally fish.
- Where you'll find it: Gardens, grassy areas, and near ponds or wetlands.
- Interesting fact: Some common garter snakes can eat highly poisonous rough-skinned newts without being killed by their toxins.



Fork-Tongued Garter Snake

Northwestern Garter Snake

- Appearance: One of Oregon's most variable snakes, with stripes that may be yellow, orange, red, blue, or sometimes absent altogether.
- Size: Usually 12–24 inches long, generally smaller than the common garter snake.
- Favorite foods: Slugs and earthworms, making it a welcome garden visitor.
- Where you'll find it: Grassy yards, meadows, forest edges, and brushy areas.
- Interesting fact: Unlike many other garter snakes, it spends relatively little time in water.

Neither snake is interested in chasing us, moving under our homes, eating our flowers, or raiding our garbage cans. In fact, they're more likely to help our gardens than harm them. And while I can't promise I'll stop jumping when one surprises me, perhaps knowing a little more about these neighbors will encourage me to pause long enough to appreciate them — before we both head in opposite directions!

Resources:
https://myodfw.com/wildlife-viewing/species/snakes
https://oregonforests.org/wildlife-oregons-forests/garter-snake



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That's My Oregon!



Plywood – 1905: Visitors to an international fair in Portland saw this new kind of wood first.



Bayshore Gardens: Tips for the Garden:

Keeping Your Geraniums Through Fall!

Keep Them Alive All Winter and Enjoy Them Again Next Spring

By Carrie Davis*

First, Know Which Geraniums You Have

The method described in this article is intended mainly for frost-sensitive pelargoniums, especially the common zonal geraniums grown in pots and window boxes.

When Should You Prepare Geraniums for Winter?



The best time is before the first damaging frost.
In many temperate climates, this means October, or early November, depending on local weather.

Pelargoniums grow more slowly as nighttime temperatures drop below approximately 45–50°F (7–10°C).
A light frost can damage tender leaves and flowers, while a hard freeze can kill the plant.

Method: Keep the Whole Geranium in a Pot Indoors

Best for: Gardeners who have a bright windowsill, enclosed porch, or cool indoor room.

Instead of removing the roots or starting new plants, you keep the original geranium alive throughout winter.

What You'll Need

- Healthy potted geraniums
- Clean pruning scissors
- A bright, frost-free location
- Pots with drainage holes
- Well-draining potting mix, if repotting is necessary
- Water

Step 1:
Before bringing the plant indoors, inspect it for common pests, such as aphids and whiteflies. Check underneath the leaves, where pests often hide. Remove dead flowers, yellow leaves, and obviously diseased material.



Step 2:
Prune lightly if necessary. If your geranium has become very large or leggy, you shorten some stems.

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Bayshore Gardens: Tips for the Garden
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Step 3:
Choose the right winter location
For a cool overwintering setup, temperatures around 45–55°F (7–13°C) are often suitable. A bright, cool room is particularly useful because the plant can remain alive without producing excessive weak growth.

Suitable places may include:
A bright enclosed porch, cool sunroom, or bright stairwell



Step 4: Reduce watering

This is one of the most important parts of successful winter care. During winter, their growth slows considerably, especially in cool conditions.

Allow the potting mix to dry substantially between waterings.

Too much water during winter is often more dangerous than allowing the soil to become moderately dry.

Step 5:
Stop routine fertilizing

Step 6: Prepare the plant for spring

As daylight increases in late winter or early spring, your geranium may begin producing fresh growth.

This is a good time to:

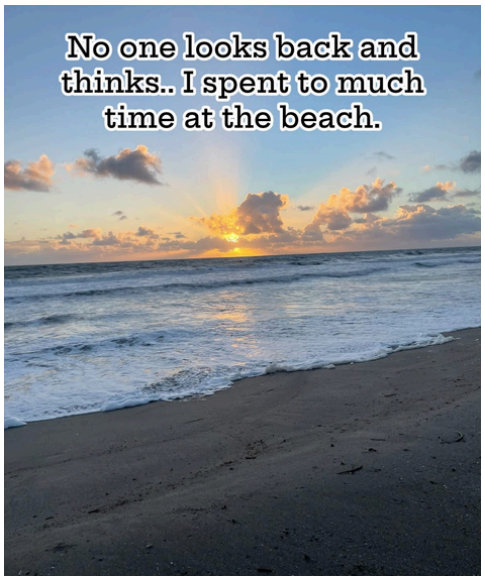
1. Refresh the potting mix if necessary.
2. Gradually increase watering.
3. Resume light fertilizing once active growth is established.
4. Acclimate the plant gradually to outdoor conditions.

Don't place it outside permanently until the risk of frost has passed.

*Carrie Davis is a Bayshore member, an Oregon State Master Gardener, and President of the Seal Rock Garden Club.



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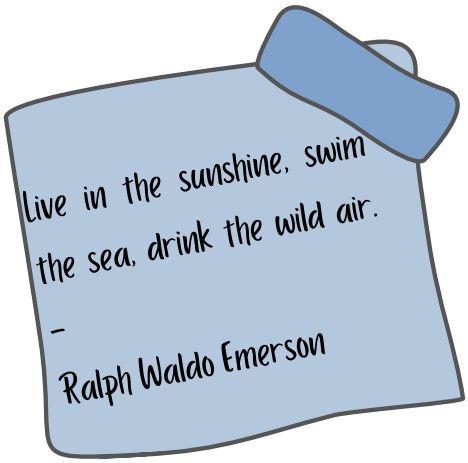
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