

League of Women Voters Umpqua Valley

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June 14 Garden Tour Provides a Local Umpqua Experience

Roseburg, OR -- What better way to spend a Saturday in spring than to drive across the Umpqua countryside visiting gardens, listening to musicians, watching artists in action and enjoying local food and wine? If this sounds idyllic, please join the League of Women Voters on June 14 for their third annual Spring Garden Tour which will feature six gardens scattered along a rural route from west Roseburg to the community of Umpqua.



The tour is designed to inspire. It will feature gardens from a well-utilized space in a compact lot to expansive gardens with vistas of the verdant countryside. You'll see rhodies as well as veggies and wander along paths near fountains through arbors and alongside tranquil ponds. Musicians playing flutes, guitars, accordions and harmonica will provide ambiance to enhance your garden experience.

Artists will be painting and displaying their wares, many of which will be available for purchase -- from silk scarves, to ceramics and

blown glass to handcrafted clothing and wildflower field guides. Local foods will be available near both ends of the route -- at Kruse Farms and the Lighthouse Bakery, and the tapas tent will be open at Reustle Prayer Rock Vineyards so that after visiting their terraced gardens, you can dine as well as enjoy a discount on wine tasting.

Tickets for the tour are \$12.00 and will be available on May 15 at: While Away Books, Hanson Jewelers and Photo Frogg in Roseburg; Munchies in Glide; Sutherlin Water Garden & Nursery in Sutherlin; Hall's Mercantile & Hardware in Myrtle Creek; Louise's Shopping Spot in Winston; and Territorial Seed Company in Cottage Grove. Tickets also will be available on the day of the tour for \$15 at two of the gardens along the route. For more information on the tour contact **Penny Reed at 541-637-7091**.

About the League: The League of Women Voters of the Umpqua Valley is a grassroots, nonpartisan political organization which encourages informed and active participation in government in order to build better communities. Visit <http://lwwuv.wordpress.com> for more information about the League's work.

"Great seeds have been sown for us. Let us all now tend, with wisdom and humility, the gardens of our democracy."

The Gardens of Democracy, by Lin and Nick Hanuer

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