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**ASHLAND**  
 Chamber of Commerce  
**CHAMBER NEWS**

**YOUR CHAMBER AT-A-GLANCE!**

**Eat Local Week 2009**

September 11-20, 2009

Please visit

[www.thriveoregon.org](http://www.thriveoregon.org) for more information!

**Annual So. Oregon Fall Home Show**

September 18-21, 2009

Jackson County Expo

Friday: Noon-7pm

Saturday: 10am-7pm

Sunday: 10am-4pm.

Admission: \$3. Portion of proceeds go to charity. Produced by Home Builders Assn. of Jackson County

**Save the Date for the 3rd Annual**

**Food & Wine Classic in Southern Oregon**

November 6-8, 2009

at the Historic Ashland Armory and Ashland Springs Hotel

**Rogue Valley Growers & Crafters Market**

Downtown Saturday Market

9:00 - 1:00 every Saturday through October 31st  
 Lithia Way & First Street

Tuesday Market

8:30 - 1:30 every Tuesday through November 24th  
 East Main & Wightman Streets

VISIT OUR WEB SITE AT  
[www.ashlandchamber.com](http://www.ashlandchamber.com)

**P R O J E C T S & P R O G R A M S**

**Does Your Business Name Fully Explain What Your Business Does?**

**"2009-2010 Living and Doing Business Guide"**

As a Chamber member you are provided a Free Member Listing, each year in the LDBG, which includes your business name, address and phone number. For a nominal fee, you can add an additional (100 character) description to your Free Member Listing. This small addition makes a big difference in response to your free listing.

Last season's Living & Doing Business Guide has just received the "Grand Award in Communication Excellence" from the American Chamber of Commerce Executives, the premier organization for Chamber leadership across the nation.

For more information on positioning your business for the greatest impact with this publication and, the many other opportunities to showcase your business in our community! Contact Sean Daley Sales/Membership manager, [sean@ashlandchamber.com](mailto:sean@ashlandchamber.com), or 541-482-3486 ext. 104

**Annual Dinner Awards:**

The Ashland Chamber of Commerce is currently accepting nominations for the Annual Awards. These awards are presented at the Chamber's Annual Dinner, slated for October 22, 2009 at the Historic Ashland armory. This year's Annual Dinner theme is "Guanajuato, Mexico - Our Sister City". We are looking for nominations for the following categories:

**Service Business of the Year:** The Service Business of the Year is awarded to a business that is known for its outstanding service, not only to its customers and clients but also to the community as a whole. The 2008 Service Business of the Year was the Ashland YMCA.

**Retail Business of the Year:** The Retail Business of the Year goes to a business that is known for its retail edge in the community. Last year's award recipient was Bloomsbury Books.

**Manufacturing Business of the Year:** This award is given to a manufacturing business that puts Ashland on the map by creating a product we are proud to showcase. The 2008 Manufacturing Business of the Year was DreamSacks.

**Emerging Business of the Year:** Created as a new award in 2008, this award recognizes a new business in Ashland making a dramatic impact on the community. Last year's award went to Cascade Peak Spirits, Inc.

**Volunteer of the Year:** This award goes to an individual in the community who is known for their dedication and service. Last year's award recipient was Al Alsing.

**Citizen of the Year:** The Citizen of the Year award is someone who has made an impact on the community as a whole. Last year, Juli DiChiro was awarded this honor after also receiving the award of Superintendent of the Year for the State of Oregon.

**Honorary Life Member Award:** This award goes to someone who has shown dedication to the Chamber of Commerce throughout the years and is considered the highest achievement award given by the Chamber. Last year this award went to Senora Chela.

We appreciate your response. Please email your nominations to Dana Fortmiller at [events@ashlandchamber.com](mailto:events@ashlandchamber.com) or drop them by the Chamber office by September 22nd.

# Sustainable Business Corner

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## Cost-Effective Conservation Solutions For Jackson County Businesses, Schools and Organizations

### Is your business SMART?

The Jackson County SMART (Save Money and Resources Together) Business Program encourages businesses, schools and organizations to implement cost-effective measures that minimize waste, prevent pollution and conserve natural resources through recycling, reuse and waste reduction efforts.

SMART also publishes the The Jackson County Recycling Directory that lists recycling opportunities for homes and businesses to reduce waste and prevent pollution. From appliances, building materials, and electronics to paint, tires and yard waste, the Recycling Directory includes over 50 local recycling outlets beyond basic curbside collection service. For more info visit [www.roguesmart.org](http://www.roguesmart.org) or contact Paige Prewett, Program Coordinator@ 541.855.5200 or [info@roguesmart.org](mailto:info@roguesmart.org)



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### The Seventh Annual Rogue Valley Business Resource Fair

The seventh annual Rogue Valley Business Resource Fair is scheduled on October 3rd from 9 am to 2pm. The fair will be held at the Higher Education Center, a joint RCC and SOU building in downtown Medford, between 8th and 9th on Bartlett St. The Business Fair will feature 15 seminars on business topics, such as marketing, doing business on the Internet, hiring employees versus using independent contractors, tips on minimizing taxes and more. In addition, 25 exhibitors from industry associations, government and nonprofit organizations will be available for one-on-one consultations. Among the exhibitors are Women Entrepreneurs of Southern Oregon, Heart of Medford Business Association, Southern Oregon Economic Development, Inc., SCORE, IRS, Secretary of State- just to name a few. Admission is free. For a program brochure, to register and for more information, visit [www.businessresourcefair.org](http://www.businessresourcefair.org) or call Ainoura at (541) 776-6060 ext. 233.

### Bite of Oregon 2009: Final round for Iron Chef Oregon includes two Ashland Chefs!

To promote Fall, Winter & Spring tourism, the Ashland VCB once again attended the Bite of Oregon, an annual Culinary festival in Portland that benefits the Special Olympics. Greeting over 50,000 folks and sharing information about Southern Oregon, the cooperative booth is beneficial for reaching the demographic in Portland that would also like to visit, stay and enjoy Ashland's attractions.

One of the main events during the Bite, is the Iron Chef Oregon cooking competition. In 2008, at the Bite, Neil Clooney of Dragonfly, having won Ashland's 1st Food & Wine Classic in 2007, got to compete and won the Iron Chef Oregon title. This year, as the reigning champion, Neil competed in the final round to defend his title. Many skilled & talented chefs come from all over Oregon to compete. Needless to say, Ashland represented quite well! But, who did Neil Clooney compete against in the final round? None other than, Franco Console from Omar's, who got 2nd place in Ashland's 2nd annual Food & Wine Classic in 2008, who was able to go up and compete in this year's Iron Chef Oregon as well. After winning the quarter & semi-finals, Franco Console of Omar's went head to head with Neil Clooney from Dragonfly in the Final round. After much suspense and culinary excitement, the judges proclaimed a tie. The irony of the tie is that last year at the Food & Wine Classic, here in Ashland, Neil & Franco were only separated by two points from the judges scoring. Well matched, the two Ashland chefs were tied, with a Guest taste test & judging to break the tie, Neil Clooney was awarded, once again the Iron Chef Oregon title. Congratulations to both chefs who did a fabulous job and represented Ashland with their best!

### Voluntary Water Curtailment

The City of Ashland asks residents and businesses to voluntarily restrict the use of water.

The water level at Reeder Reservoir is dropping faster than the amount of water flowing into it. As a community we are using an average of 6.7 million gallons of water each day. In addition to the daily water use, the City is required to release one million gallons of water into Ashland Creek daily. This means that the every day nearly 8 million gallons of water are taken from Reeder Reservoir. In contrast, approximately 4 million gallons of water per day are flowing into the reservoir. The City's goal with the voluntary Water Curtailment is to reduce the total daily demand from 8 million gallons to 6.4 million gallons (20%) to make sure that there is enough water to last until the temperatures cool and the autumn rains begin.

"Historically, Ashland residents and businesses have responded quickly to the City's request to voluntarily restrict the use of water and we're confident they will do so again", said Mike Faught, Director of Public Works. "If we do not get rain and we continue to use water at the current rate it is possible that in the near future the City will implement the Water Curtailment Ordinance which limits the amount of water that can be used".

If you have questions regarding the Voluntary Water Curtailment notice you can contact the Ashland Public Works Water Division at (541) 488-5353.

# Welcome Our New Members!

## Allann Bros Coffee Co. "The Beanery"

Stephanie Black Executive V.P.

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Allann Bros Coffee and The Beanery have been Ashland favorites for over 37 years. Allan Stuart, Founder and President, started out in Ashland roasting green coffee beans in his apartment. From these humble beginnings, he ventured to coffee growing regions throughout the world to find the highest quality beans available. Allann Bros Coffee is known for exceptional quality and first rate service. We roast in small batches and ship daily throughout the country. We service restaurants, drive throughs, offices, kiosks and schools throughout Oregon. Nine Beanery Coffeehouses are located throughout Oregon with a tenth Beanery opening in January 2010 on the campus of University of Oregon. We are Oregon's original coffeehouse! Our products include gourmet coffees in bulk or custom packaging, a full line of premium syrups, concentrated coffees including the popular Java Trio concentrate, Chai concentrate, premium loose leaf teas, and custom blended chocolates for espresso drinks and baking. We offer equipment, training and service for our customers. We are a one stop source for all your coffee needs. Allann Bros Coffee is committed to supporting our local communities by donating to school fundraisers, and supporting local events. We have been supporters of The Red Cross, Community Food Banks, Walk for The Cause, and many other charitable events. The Ashland Beanery has been voted the best Coffeehouse in Ashland for 14 years and is proud to serve the Ashland and Southern Oregon communities. We are Fiercely Independent and true to our customers. We invite you to visit our Beanery locations.

## White Forest Counseling Services

<http://www.whiteforestcounseling.com>

Nicole Auer, M.A. & Chris Auer, M.A.

info@whiteforestcounseling.com

2305-C Ashland Street #400, Ashland, OR 97520

(541) 210-9331

White Forest Counseling Services (WFCS) is a professional holistic mental health counseling, life coaching and complementary medicine practice based out of Ashland, Oregon. WFCS provides services locally and in-person through private office visits in Ashland, or home and/or community-based meetings throughout Southern Oregon. Services can also be provided over a distance utilizing online communication media such as video or voice calls. We work with children, adolescents, adults, couples, families, and we also provide psychological consultation to organizations and businesses. We invite you to visit our website to learn more about us and our practice. Contact us to set up your free consultation.

## Janet Eastman Media

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Janet Eastman is a communications specialist and business writer. She has experience in researching, writing, editing and proofreading business proposals, marketing materials including brochures, technical writing, copywriting, website copy, manuals for customers and employees, books, speeches and other business documents and correspondence. She has helped businesses convey their products and services to a worldwide audience by using traditional public relations tools such as news releases. She also utilizes social networking and other new media techniques. Ashland clients include ScienceWorks Hands-On Museum, Funagain Games, Fred Stockwell Photography's Eyes to Burma Project, The Modern Fan Company and The Period Arts Fan Company. She was the editor of award-winning Orange Coast magazine for 10 years, a journalist for The Los Angeles Times for 20 years and a writer for national magazines and websites. She has ghostwritten many books and articles, accurately capturing the subjects' "voice" and message. Janet, who has lived in Ashland since 2004, has taught writing to college students and professionals. She earned a Bachelor's Degree in Communications and a Master's Degree in English, and has persuasive writing skills, strong verbal communication skills, high work standards and an excellent professional reputation. She works on short or long-term projects on an hourly or "by project" fee. Chamber members will be charged only \$25/hour. You're invited to visit her website [www.janeteastman.com](http://www.janeteastman.com). Contact Janet Eastman at (541) 488-3950 or [janeteastman@mind.net](mailto:janeteastman@mind.net) to discuss any communications or writing project.

## Member News:

- ▲ **Ashland Community Hospital invites you to the Planetree Health Festival!** On Saturday, September 12, 2009 from 11 am to 3 pm, we are planning a spectacular event called the **Ashland Community Hospital Planetree Health Festival**. This will be the first time that we have welcomed our community in to experience the patient-centered care initiatives that we have implemented to create a more healing environment at Ashland Community Hospital. There will be lots of food, fun, and displays with interactive booths.
- ▲ You are invited to **Dr. Networking's** Annual Customer Appreciation Night, September 12th. Dr. Networking is honoring its clients, vendors and community partners with a social gathering on Thurs. Sept. 17, 2009 from 5:30pm-7:30pm at the Lithia Springs Inn, 2165 W. Jackson, Ashland OR. Food - No Host Bar - Prizes. RSVP to [victoria@drnetworking.net](mailto:victoria@drnetworking.net).
- ▲ **St. Clair Productions** announces its 2009/2010 Eclectic Music and More series. All shows are at the Unitarian Center, 4th and C Streets, Ashland, unless otherwise noted. All shows begin at 8 p.m. Many of the musicians will be doing workshops the following day. Please see our website [www.stclairevents.com](http://www.stclairevents.com) or call 541-535-3562 for details and tickets. Tickets also available at the Music Coop one month before each show. **September 25: Bill Tapia**, 101-year old swing jazz ukulele master, appearing with Mihana Sousa, Hawaiian Jazz singer. **Oct. 2: Patrick Ball**, Celtic harp and storytelling. **Oct. 10: Chirgilchin**, throat singers of Tuva. **Oct. 23: Tret Fure**, singer/songwriter. Nov 13: Ari Hest, singer/songwriter. **November 20: Mary Youngblood**, 2-time Grammy winner Native American flutist. **February 16: Solas** – traditional and contemporary Celtic. **March 6:** Mark Nelson, Hawaiian slack key guitar, ukulele, Appalachian dulcimer. **March 13: Bill Evans and Megan Lynch**, bluegrass influenced banjo and fiddle. **March 24: Debbie Friedman** – contemporary Jewish sacred music. **April 7: Jai Uttal**, Indian Kirtan, World Music fusion. **April 24: Tony Furtado**, banjo, slide guitar, folk rock. **May 7: Krista Detor**, singer/songwriter. **May 15: Swami Beyondananda**, conscious comedy.
- ▲ Thanks to the support of our many great customers **Superior Windows & Doors** has opened a second showroom in Medford at 1121 Helicopter Way. But we haven't deserted you Ashland. We are also relocating our Ashland showroom to the more convenient 300 E. Hersey Street. **Superior Windows & Doors** will still carry the largest selection of windows, doors and hardware in the area. From energy efficient vinyl windows of Empire Pacific to the beautiful hand crafted wood windows of Kolbe & Kolbe you will find the products you are looking for in either one of our new locations. All of our Ashland phone numbers remain the same: Office: 482-0061. Fax: 482-3516. Our new Medford Showroom - Office: 773-9999. Fax: 773-9987. See you at the Fall Home Show at the Expo on Sept 18-19-20th.
- ▲ The **Jackson County Library Foundation** Launches **Arts & Lecture Series with Dr. Douglas Brinkley**, Best Selling Author and One of America's Leading Historians. Saturday, October 17, 2009, 7:30 pm at South Medford High School Auditorium. Tickets: For sale online at [jclf.org](http://jclf.org) beginning August 26; and at the door. \$20 adult/\$10 student. For more information, please contact either Shelley Austin, Library Foundation Executive Director, at 541-774-6572, [shelley@jclf.org](mailto:shelley@jclf.org) or Steve Scholl, Series Producer, at 541-301-7469, [steve@imagine-adventures.com](mailto:steve@imagine-adventures.com).

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## Greeters:

Please arrive by 8:15am. If you would like to host Greeters, please call Sean at the Chamber office: 541-482-3486.

- September 4 Thrive**  
340 A Street, Suite 205
- September 11 St. Clair Productions & Rogue Valley Unitarian Universalists**  
87 Fourth Street
- September 18 Kolpia Counseling @ Camelot Theatre Company**  
101 Talent Avenue, Talent
- September 25 The Blue Giraffe Day Spa Salon**  
51 Water Street, Suite 11

Join the Ambassadors for a Ribbon Cutting at Superior Windows and Doors, 300 E. Hersey Street on September 11th at 4pm.

**Steven Domingez**  
of Inward Bound  
Wellness is our  
*Greeter of the Month*  
for August.



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