



September/October 2009

CPRCD Annual Meeting

~ September 17, 2009~

The CPRCD Annual Meeting will be held September 17, 2009, 4:30 - 7:30 pm at Tye Wine Cellars.

The evening will begin with wine tasting (4:30-5:00) and a tour of the solar installation at Tye Wine Cellars (5:00-5:30), a project facilitated by CPRCD's Energy Program. The meeting, held during dinner (5:30-7:30), will include highlights of the past year, presentations & election of new Board members.

Dinner will be catered by Valley Catering, with live music by Latin jazz group The Gomez Trio. There is a \$15 charge.

Register by September 11. Go to www.cascadepacific.org or call Debra at (541) 967-5925 x102.



CPRCD Releases Annual Report

CPRCD will release its 2009 Annual Report at the annual meeting on September 17. The Report includes accomplishments and financial information for the 2009 fiscal year, which runs from July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009. Among the programs highlighted in the Report:

- The **Energy Program**, started in April 2008, changed its scope & direction last December under the leadership of Energy Program Manager Terry Johnson. Originally focused on energy audits and grant writing for energy efficiency projects, the program now includes renewable energy projects (such as solar) and a comprehensive approach that includes on-site needs assessments, feasibility studies, cost estimating, grant packaging, helping clients obtain and compare contractor bids, and serving as the client's advocate throughout the construction process.
- **The Willamette Valley Birding Trail**, a self-guided tour of 138 birding destinations, many accessible by bicycle or public transit. The project was guided by Jackie Nichols of CPRCD and Joel Geier, Project Coordinator. The Trail Guide is available online at www.oregonbirdingtrails.org/wvtrailguide.htm. Printed Trail Guides will be available in late 2009.
- **Horning Native Plant Materials Center**, a partnership with the Bureau of Land Management to provide propagated native plant materials for restoration projects. The program promotes improved conservation and use of locally adapted native plants in northwest Oregon. Karen Strohmeyer worked with Claire Hibler, Salem District BLM botanist, to bring together potential partners for the project.



Peregrine Falcon
Photo by Kevin Smith

When completed, the 2009 Annual Report will be available online at www.cascadepacific.org.

2009 Calendar

**Oregon State
Weed Board Meeting**
Astoria
Sept. 10 - 11

36th Natural Areas Conference
Vancouver, WA
Sept. 15 - 18
www.naturalarea.org/09Conference

USDA Biomass Meeting
Hood River Co. Library
502 State Street
Hood River, OR
Sept. 16, 9:00 - 2:00 (approx)

CPRCD Annual Meeting
Tye Wine Cellars
Corvallis
Sept. 17, 5:00 - 7:30 pm
www.cascadepacific.org

**Workshop: Wind Power
for Communities**
La Grande, Sept. 23
The Dalles, Sept. 24
\$35; Register by Sept. 9
[www.nwseed.org/communityenergy/
resources/workshops/
wind_workshop_OR.asp](http://www.nwseed.org/communityenergy/resources/workshops/wind_workshop_OR.asp)

Rainwater Harvesting Workshop
Molalla
Oct. 10, 9:00 - 1:00
[www.conservationdistrict.org/
calendar.htm](http://www.conservationdistrict.org/calendar.htm)

**2009 Watershed Council
Gathering**
Klamath Falls
Oct. 27-30
[www.oregonwatersheds.org/
2009gatheringpage](http://www.oregonwatersheds.org/2009gatheringpage)

Grants & Announcements

• NFWF Oregon Governor's Fund for the Environment

*Pre-proposals are due on **October 9**.* This round of funding will focus on projects in the Willamette River Basin, John Day River Basin and Oregon Coast, that meet the following purposes:

- (a) develop and implement strategies to eliminate and/or reduce pollution and otherwise restore the quality of Oregon rivers, streams and coastal areas;
- (b) restore and conserve fish, wildlife, and plant resources critical to Oregon rivers, streams and coastal areas;
- (c) identify continuing sources of pollution of Oregon rivers, streams and coastal areas; or
- (d) improve state and local criminal enforcement of environmental and wildlife protection laws intended to protect Oregon rivers, streams and coastal areas.

The complete RFP and a link to the online pre-proposal application can be found at <http://www.nfwf.org/orgovfund>.

• Value Added Agriculture Grant Program Available

The federal value-added agriculture grant program is up and running, and *proposals are due **November 30th, 2009***. The program supports five eligible "value-added" activities: commodity processing, nonstandard production methods, commodity segregation, on-farm renewable energy, and locally-produced food products.

Find information about this year's round of proposals, including links to templates to assist you with proposal preparation, at the Center for Rural Affairs web site: [http://
www.cfra.org/resources/vapg/fact_sheet](http://www.cfra.org/resources/vapg/fact_sheet).

• USDA/NRCS Agricultural Water Enhancement Program (AWEP)

AWEP provides financial and technical assistance to agricultural producers in applying agricultural water enhancement activities that conserve ground and surface water and improve water quality on agricultural lands.

Agricultural producers, soil & water conservation districts, tribes, government entities, associations and others may apply for AWEP assistance. For information, contact Karen Strohmeyer at (541) 967-5925 x128 or karen.strohmeyer@or.usda.gov.

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