

UMPQUA CDC MEDAL PROGRAM



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NEXT MEETING

**Tuesday
Aug. 19th
6-8**

**Umpqua CDC
605 Kane St.**

**With SPECIAL
SPEAKER from
Sweet Briar Farm**

QUESTIONS?

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Summary of our July meeting

Last meeting

For those of you busy harvesting crops or driving kids to baseball games, you missed one great meeting.... Specifically, you missed Jennifer Coalwell's infamous brownies. We also welcome Richard and Catherine Kerns to our group, and we're glad to have their input into the conversation. Welcome to Richard and Catherine Kerns, they're local farmers and a valuable resource to our group.

Migrant Education program

Barbara Garcia Orton presented a program on children of migrant/temporary workers. More information is included on the second page of this news letter.

Running a Local Meat Business In Oregon

SPECIAL PRESENTATION AT AUGUST MEETING

At our next meeting on August 19th, Petrene Moreland of Eugene's Sweet Briar Farms, a natural pork producer, will present on the history of their business, and the unique opportunities and challenges of operating a small natural meat company in the state of Oregon.

She will share about how their farm has grown over the past thirty years from a small single farm operation to a multi-family enterprise serving high-end restaurants and farmers markets across the state. The public is invited to attend what should be an interesting presentation, and an excellent opportunity to network with other community members interested in growing our local food system.

New on the Think Local Umpqua Blog



RESTAURANT & EVENT CENTER

food service and appetizers, as well as a full array of beverages.

www.tollys-restaurant.com

Tolly's Hosts Local Entertainment in Oakland

Tolly's restaurant in Oakland will be hosting events at the historic Turkey Hall (now Tolly's Turkey Hall) this summer. Check out their website for a full listing of events that include teen dance nights, Open Mic competitions, and live music from the Eddy Ross Band on Friday's. Events will feature

<http://thinklocalumpqua.blogspot.com>

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Special program for children of temporary workers

Barbara Garcia Orton

The Migrant Education Program is a nationally funded program that started in 1965. Its goal is to help children and families overcome educational disruptions and other disadvantages they may face while working in seasonal or temporary jobs in the areas of agriculture, forestry, plant nurseries, or fisheries. The program provides inter-agency and school support services to the entire migrant worker family. Children can receive accident insurance, the free school lunch program, and occasional outings. The family will have access to referrals to social services and community resources. Our local schools benefit from the enrollment of new students.

Children between the ages of 3-21 are eligible, if they have moved within the last 3 years with a parent or guardian who works in the qualifying jobs. Children themselves may also qualify as workers. Moves may be for very short periods of time with a return to home base. If in doubt, give me a call to find out more. Here, in Douglas County, we have a disproportionately small number of temporary or seasonally employed families compared to other counties in Oregon. I am trying to find out if this is true of our county or if these families have yet to be found.

I would like thank you, Think Local Umpqua, for allowing me to work with you to make Douglas County an even greater community for families to live and work.

Migrant Education Program—Douglas County

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Topics on Tap to feature Think Local Umpqua

The Topics on Tap program organized by the Douglas County Museum has invited Think Local Umpqua to present on the importance of supporting local independent business at this month's presentation. The talk will take place at Murphy's Irish Pub from 7-9 on Thursday, August 14th.

Lily Brislen will give a presentation on the goals and mission of Think Local Umpqua, as well as the impact of choosing local goods and services on our local economy.

STEERING COMMITTEE FIRST MEETING

Monday, August 11th
12-1:30

Los Nopalitos Restaurant

We will create a work plan for establishing an Independent Business Alliance in Douglas County.

A new community garden is germinating in Roseburg.

Gerrie King

A community garden in Roseburg is growing out of the Think Local Umpqua initiative. The idea for the Eastside Community Garden project was planted after Gerrie King attended a Think Local Umpqua meeting. Gerrie expressed an interest in programs to teach and facilitate residents to grow some of their own food, and so when Oregon State University's GENE grant program (Garden Enhanced Nutrition Education) arose it seemed like a perfect fit. Working with Umpqua CDC to prepare a grant proposal, and with 5 days to research and solicit letters of support, Gerrie and Mike King applied for a portion of the \$20,000 grant.



On Monday, July 21, Gail Langellotto, from OSU, called with the news that the Eastside Community Garden project was awarded \$4165. The garden will be built by local volunteers and congregation members of the Community of Christ church that owns the property at 132 Rifle Range Road. Other grant opportunities are being explored, and volunteers are welcome.

For more information and to help make this project fruitful, please call Gerrie at 784-8110.