

UMPQUA CDC'S  
THINK LOCAL  
UMPQUA INITIATIVE



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- Don't miss the party on July 1st!
- Farm tour and potluck for our June meeting
- Where can Thinking Local save you over 20%?

### NEXT MEETING

June 16th

6-8 pm

*Sterken Farm*

342 Lower

Garden Valley

### QUESTIONS?

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# Think Local UMPQUA

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## June Roses in the Umpqua

### MAY MEETING OVERVIEW:

Our may meeting, 'Banking on Renewable Energy,' was a fun and thorough presentation by Al Walker of Energy Independence Company and Elizabeth McNanny of Resource Consultants. We enjoyed a great turn out, and saw many new faces. Steve and Cass win the award for furthest traveled, as they joined us all the way from Glendale!

A couple take-aways from the meeting:

- Yes, solar is a viable and affordable option for Oregonians... even under grey skies.
- For businesses: Oregon offer tax credits up to 50% of project costs over a 5 year period. The Federal government also offers a 30% credit, which you can take in the first year.
- Private customers of Energy Trust can contact them directly to receive an energy audit and learn of other opportunities.

We're always looking for interesting topics for our monthly meetings, so please contact Lily with suggestions or to volunteer to present.

### INDEPENDENTS WEEK CELEBRATION

The Mark V, artist Daniel Amos, The Hotqua String Band, Giradet Wine Cellars and Think Local Umpqua are teaming up for a celebration of our Independent Spirit on Wednesday, July 1st. Sean Vincent will prepare a set menu featuring fresh local foods and local wine for guests to enjoy while listening to lively music and viewing Daniel's art created specifically for the show. A percentage of the proceeds will go to support Think Local Umpqua's work of growing a vibrant economy and community in Douglas County. Tickets will go on sale at The Mark V starting on June 17th. Reach them at 229-6275

### STILL TIME TO GET A FULL LISTING

We're in the home stretch in the production of the much anticipated Local Pages. For those of you who would like a full, highlighted listing and discounts on additional advertising there's still a chance. We can update listings through June 12th (Friday). Contact Lily to sign up for membership and the many benefits that come with it beyond the guide.

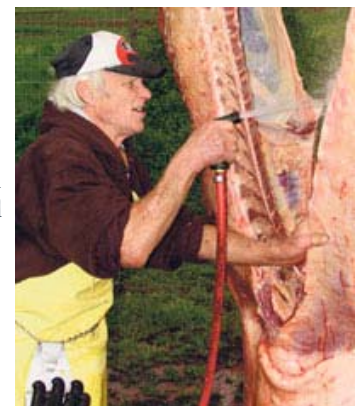
## New on the Think Local UMPQUA Blog:

### ROSEBURG BUTCHER KEEPS TRADITION ALIVE

FROM CRAIG REED VIA THE CAPITAL PRESS

Butchering beef in rural backyards used to be a booming business. But lifestyles have changed and developments have changed the look of many rural areas. There's less backyard livestock to process, but Don Livermore of Roseburg, isn't letting his centuries-old profession die. He's still working at it. Livermore has been butchering backyard livestock - beef, sheep and hogs - since 1972. "Some places where I used to butcher now have 150 houses sitting there," he said. There are now only three mobile slaughter units working in the county: Josh Witten, owner of Oakland Lockers in Oakland, Ore., is out in the field about four days a week, Roger Peters, who is out two to three days a week, and Livermore, the oldest of the three.

READ THE REST OF THIS STORY ON OUR BLOG!



Share you stories and events! <http://thinklocalumpqua.blogspot.com>



## Sterken Farm Field Trip (and potluck)

For our June meeting we're hosting a special summertime 'field trip' and potluck at Sterken Farms on Tuesday June 16<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 8 pm. Join us for a laid back tour and discussion of farming as we stroll though 580 fruit trees, 21 raised vegetable beds, 4 acres of field crops, and tour their new certified kitchen facilities where they produce fresh salsas, juices, and more. Afterwards we'll share a potluck meal on their deck overlooking the gardens, so we invite you to bring your favorite summer 'dish to pass.'

Those who would like to carpool can meet at the Umpqua CDC offices on the corner of Oak and Kane at 5:45 and we'll drive over.

Otherwise, join us at the farm located at 342 Lower Garden Valley Road.

PLEASE RSVP TO:

[lbristen@umpquacdc.org](mailto:lbristen@umpquacdc.org)

## Best party in town, without a doubt

Wednesday, July 1<sup>st</sup>, join Think Local Umpqua at the Mark V Grill and Bar for a celebration of local food, art, and independent business in Douglas County as we kick off 'Independents Week'. Sean Vincent of the Mark V is preparing a special menu using local products, Giradet Wine Cellar will be pouring wine, artist Daniel Amos' art will be on show, and Hotqua String Band will keep the party jumping with their mix of gypsy swing music.

Guests will enjoy a 4-course menu that features Umpqua Valley Lamb (or a vegetarian option), a glass of award winning Giradet wine, salad greens and vegetables from local farms, and dessert featuring local seasonal fruits. There will be an art auction of Daniel's original works, followed by live music to dance the night away. Who knows... guests may even be the first to get a sneak peak at the Local Pages guide!

Tickets go on sale

Wednesday,  
June 17<sup>th</sup>  
at the Mark V

\$45 per person  
\$80 per couple

Contact Sean for tickets at 229-6275.



## MAKING CENTS OF THINKING LOCAL

*'Our Gal Turner' is a smart shopper, and gives us the scoop on where you can find the best values in the Umpqua. (Got a scoop? Send us a lead! [lbristen@umpquacdc.org](mailto:lbristen@umpquacdc.org))*

Everyone knows there's nothing in the world like home grown tomatoes, and so I was in the market for cedar lumber to build raised beds for the garden. Because I was looking to build beds that would look good and last a long time, I was just as concerned with quality as I was with price. With those criteria in mind I headed out on my shopping sleuth session. I surveyed two of our large, non local stores and also visited Budget Lumber.

What I found will be of no surprise to those of you who have begun 'Thinking Local.' Budget Lumber had clear #1 Western Red Cedar. The two big box stores (whose prices were identical by the way) had Port Orford Cedar and it wasn't clear but full of knots. It was a clear decision, and the raised beds are beautiful and planted! The local business provided a superior product at a better price. I saved more than 20% just by Thinking Local!

	Budget Lumber	Big Boxes
2x6 8'	\$8.50	\$11.73
2x6 10'	\$12.00	\$14.66
(x2)	\$24.00	\$29.32

Cost of 1 bed	\$32.50	\$41.05
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Money saved by Thinking Local:  
\$8.21 or 21%  
Plus: higher quality timber

SEE PICTURES OF THE FINISHED BEDS ON OUR BLOG! <http://thinklocalumpqua.blogspot.com>