

Cascadia Monthly? Where did this come from?

By Adam Munson

While CascadiaNow! has been around on the web for some time, things have really started to pick up in 2012. People across the bioregion are becoming increasingly disenfranchised by failing governments, a lack of change and the growing number of problems facing us in the 21st century. All of these reasons, and many more, have lead an increasing number of people to start searching for local solutions to bigger problems.

Only a few weeks into the year a post went up on the subreddit r/Cascadia, “Let’s meet up! Seattle, Portland, Vancouver, NorCal! Let’s do something!!! Woo-hoo!!!” And do something we did.

After a few weeks of figuring out logistics our first meeting was scheduled in Seattle for January 28th. One of the participants offered to host our first meeting at his house in the University District. I was a little unsure what to expect. I couldn’t help but think, “Is this going to be 3 or 4 angry hippies out to destroy the federal govern-



Seattle Cascadia Project’s second meeting

ment? “ “Are we just going to sit around talking about hypothetical’s and never accomplish anything?” “Where are we even going to start?”

It wasn’t long into the meeting that the conversation turned to what I think we all were most curious about, “what are we doing here?” It was amazing to see the

amount of enthusiasm in the room as we talked about potential projects and bounced ideas off of each other. Even as people voiced their concerns the groups maintained a respectful dialogue and that’s when I fully realized that I was in the right place.

The first meeting was definitely the most awkward. I know personally I was extremely anxious about entering into a group of people in which I knew nothing about any of them, except they had an interest in Cascadia. It had just hit a point where I was tired of hearing about it and wanted to make some-

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“The Doug”: a brief history

Be it at a soccer match or a protest, The Doug is showing up more and more around Cascadia. Since its creation in 1994 by Alexander Baretich, a Portland native, it has come to be the most commonly used symbol of Cascadia.

While it has changed somewhat over time the basic design has remained constant: three stripes, blue, white and green, with a conifer tree as its center. It draws its name from the Douglas Fir tree which is mostly commonly used.

Variations have been introduced highlighting other native trees such as the western cedar, lodgepole pine, nootka Cyprus and Oregon white oak.

Baretich offered this explanation of its symbolism for us:

“The blue represents the moisture rich sky above & Pacific ocean along with the Salish Sea, lakes & other inland waters. Our home is of continuous cascading waters flowing from our sky & mountains back to the Pacific. For Cascadia is a “land of falling water” from the Pacific to the

western slopes of the Rockies where water cycles as vapor & then rain & snow to run through creek & river back to the Pacific. The white is for the snow & clouds which are the catalyst of water changing from one state of matter to another. From liquid into vapor (mist & clouds) & from vapor into solid (ice & snow) & melting back to li-

quid or vapor. The green is the forests & fields which too carries life giving water through our biodiverse land. The lone standing Douglas

Fir symbolizes endurance, defiance & resilience against fire, flood, catastrophic change & even against the anthropocentric Man. All these symbols of color & icon come together to symbolize what being Cascadian is all about.”

If you are interested in purchasing a flag they are offered online at <http://thepeoplespdx.com/shop-prop-gear/cascadia/> for \$24 or check out the facebook forum for an upcoming flag making event.

Documentary Looking for a “Kickstart”

Unfortunately, in today’s world you don’t get very far without funding. This is why Occupied Cascadia, a documentary by South Central Cascadia group Cascadia Matters, needs your help.

Directors and co-producers Devin Hess and Mel Sweet have taken their cause to Kickstart.com, a fund raising website, in order to make sure that this film becomes a reality. It’s a fairly simple platform. You have a cause, a goal and a time frame. The funds do not become available until and unless you reach your full goal.

Their goal is set at \$13,500 and as of this publication they have raised over \$2,300. That’s almost 20% already in just a few weeks.

The deadline for donation is May 1st, so don’t hesitate. Even if you can’t do much, the minimum donation is \$1, with plenty of incentives for larger contributions.

Visit CascadiaMatters.org for more information and a link to the Kickstart page. You can also “like” their Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/cascadiamatters>

Tip: If you’re looking to get a flag \$25 gets you a 3x5 Doug Flag, which costs \$24 elsewhere. Get them now while you can!



What is Cascadia?

Cascadia is the name for bioregion Territory - shared by several nations. formed primarily by British Columbia, Washington and Oregon.

Definitions of the region's boundaries vary, but usually include the area between the Cascade Range and the Pacific Ocean, and some part of the Coast Mountains. Other definitions follow the boundaries of existing subnational entities, and usually include the territory of British Columbia, Washington, and Oregon, while others also include parts of California, Idaho, Alaska and Yukon.

In general, the area in and around the Cascadia region is more commonly referred to as the Pacific Northwest. The area's biomes and ecoregions are distinct from surrounding areas. The resource-rich Salish Sea (or Georgia Basin) is shared between British Columbia and Washington, and the Pacific temperate rain forests, comprising the world's largest temperate rain forest zone, stretch along the coast from Alaska to California. As this vast area has common economic concerns in the primary sector of industry, it is a matter of debate whether the arid rain shadowed areas further east (such as Eastern Washington) should be included. Long united by similar indigenous cultures, Cascadia was once briefly a single political unit: the Oregon

The region has since been divided into different political jurisdictions, but Cascadia still retains a sense of self identity. In his book *Nine Nations of North America*, author Joel Garreau claimed that the Pacific Rim region he called Ecotopia had a different culture from that of what he called The Empty Quarter to the east, and was necessarily different economically as well as ecologically. It must be noted that the concept of "Ecotopia," which is specific in its boundaries, does not identically match that of "Cascadia," which varies in its definition.

The Northwest is home to more than 15 million people, along with diminished but still impressive numbers of salmon, eagles, grizzly bears, killer whales, and wolves. It boasts an economy that generates more than \$650 billion worth of goods and services each year, which would place Cascadia in the top 20 economies of the world.



Map drawn by Cynthia Thomas on the basis of forest data in Conservation International, Ecotrust, and Pacific GIS, "Coastal Temperate Rain Forests of North America," Portland, 1995. See also David D McCloskey "Cascadia," Cascadia Institute, Seattle, 1988

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This Month in Cascadian History

By Alexander DeVeiteo

April 1, 1949 – After seven years of internment, all restrictions are lifted on people of Japanese ancestry in British Columbia.



April 2, 1977 – Opening of Vancouver's restored Orpheum Theatre in Vancouver, British Columbia; it becomes the new home for Vancouver Symphony Orchestra. Originally built in 1927 it was designated a National Historic Site of Canada in 1979.

April 3, 1929 – Writer Ernest Callenbach, author of Ecotopia, is born.

April 4, 1917 – British Columbia gives women the provincial vote.

April 5, 1958 – Ripple Rock, an underwater, twin-peaked mountain in the Seymour Narrows of British Columbia, is destroyed in one of the largest non-nuclear controlled explosions.

April 6, 1886 – Vancouver, British Columbia is incorporated as a city.

April 7, 1914 – H. B Kelliher, chief engineer of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway, drives in the last spike of the western division of the line at Nechako River Crossing west of Prince George, British Columbia.



April 8, 1994 – Nirvana frontman Kurt Donald Cobain, labeled by Time as "the John Lennon of the swinging Northwest," is found dead in his home in Seattle, Washington from an apparently self-inflicted gunshot wound.

April 9, 1914 – The first train arrives in Prince Rupert, British Columbia via the

Grand Trunk Pacific Railway

April 10, 1790 – The Spanish start building forts in Nootka Sound, located on the rugged west coast of Vancouver Island to exploit sea otter harvest, while trying to head off English traders after the recent visit by Captain Cook.

April 11, 2000 – AT&T Park, a Major League baseball park, opens in San Francisco, Northern California.

April 12, 1887 – The US seizes Canadian sealing ships in North Pacific near Juneau, Alaska.

April 13, 1993 – British Columbia government in Victory allows limited logging of half of Clayoquot Sound; last major old-growth rainforest on Vancouver Island.

April 14, 2005 – The Oregon Supreme Court nullifies marriage licenses issued to gay couples a year earlier by Multnomah County.



April 15, 1957 – White Rock, British Columbia officially separates from Surrey, British Columbia and is incorporated as a new city.

April 16, 1856 – Governor James Douglas declares all gold found in British Columbia to be the property of the British Crown. Douglas' actions in asserting British sovereignty over the mainland exerts control over American miners, and undermines American territorial ambitions toward this part of British North America. Shortly thereafter, the Colonial Office formally ratified Douglas' proclamation of sovereignty and established a new colony encompassing the mainland.

April 18, 1906 – The 1906 San Francisco earthquake, measuring 7.9 on the Richter scale, and fire destroys much of San Francisco, California, resulting in over 3,000

deaths.

April 20, 1955 – Don Pettit, Oregonian astronaut and inventor, is born.

April 21, 1962 – The Century 21 Exposition (also known as the Seattle World's Fair) opens. It is the first World's Fair held in the North America since World War II. The fair sees the construction of the Space Needle and Alweg monorail, as well as several sports venues and performing arts buildings.



April 22, 1970 – The first Earth Day is celebrated in San Francisco.

April 23, 1995 – British Columbia blocks Alcan's \$1.3-billion (Canadian) Kemano power dam development, citing the threat to its salmon fishery.

April 24, 1866 –Victoria is connected to British Columbia mainland via cable and telegraph.

April 25, 1945 – Fifty nations gather in San Francisco, California to begin the United Nations Conference on International Organizations.

April 26, 1778 – Captain Cook sets sail to the north west from Nootka Sound, tracing the coast of British Columbia and Alaska.

April 28, 2005 –Portland becomes the first (and currently only) city to withdraw from the American Joint Terrorism Task Force.

April 29, 1891 – CP steamship Empress of India arrives in Vancouver, British Columbia from Yokohama, Japan to open regular service to the Far East; breaks record Pacific crossing by two days.

April 30, 1970 – The first computer-controlled CP Rail coal train reaches Roberts Bank south of Vancouver, BC from Alberta.



April 19, 1987 – The Simpsons, creation of Oregon native Matt Groening, premieres as a short cartoon on The Tracey Ullman Show. The Simpsons has since gone on to become not only the longest running animated program but also the longest running television sitcom, currently in their 23rd season on FOX. Congratulation to Matt Groening on 25 years of success!

NEWS

How We Got Started

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thing happen.

In order to make sure we had a clear goal that everyone could agree to we enacted a mission statement:

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We then knew what our goals were, we just needed to act on them. The first

thing we wanted to tackle in a serious way was networking and coordinating with other groups. There are so many people that want to get involved in some way; however the structure just wasn't there yet.

In just a few short months groups in Bellingham and Olympia started having meetings. Cascadia Matters out of Bend, OR emerged onto the scene. Flag making parties in Portland are starting to take off. Every week it seems like a new group is popping up.

So as more and more people around Cascadia are getting involved we wanted to have a way for everyone to keep up with what's happening outside of their immediate area and as such Cascadia Monthly was born. While this publication is edited in Seattle it is by no means strictly controlled by the Seattle Cascadia Project. We want

to create a publication where all of these various groups can voice their messages and further coalesce the message of Cascadia.

We'd like to encourage any groups out there to submit material and updates about what they're doing or anything else pertaining to Cascadia. Also anyone who is interested in joining a group, please don't hesitate to contact us. We will do everything we can to put you in touch with an organization in your area, or just other people who've expressed an interest so you can form your own group. We want to keep this momentum moving and have each and every one of you be a part of it.

From Boise to Seattle, Eureka to Juneau, let's make 2012 the year that everyone in the region becomes familiar with the idea of Cascadia.

CascadiaNow! Chapter Updates

University of Washington Chapter Formed



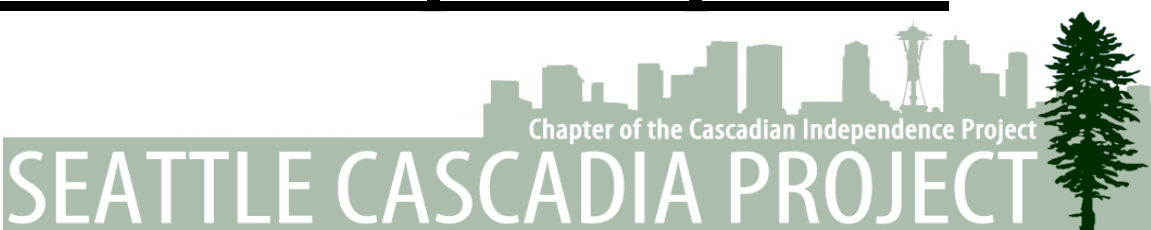
For those UW students out there, a University of Washington (UW) CascadiaNow! Chapter has been formed and meets each week on Tuesday at 3:30pm in the Upstairs of Café Allegro.

The Café Allegro is located at 4214 University Way, Seattle, WA., in the alley behind Magus Books.

Students from other schools, colleges and universities are more than welcome, as is anyone who can't make the regular Seattle meetings on Saturdays. The main focus thus far seems to be on networking and coalition building with other student groups, hosting events, creating lots of buttons, stickers and flyerings and helping raise awareness about the idea of Cascadia.

The UW Chapter has also ordered a banner and it's here! It is completely generic and can (and should) be used by all groups for all events. It's 6' x 3.5' so good for tabling or just increasing a presence at any event.

There is also the potential to make a variety of buttons for distribution. If you have design ideas please send them in to robfoxcurran@gmail.com



The Seattle Chapter is gearing up for the summer. The first goal is to create an information table which would include basic information for people that could be set up at various events. This material will be openly distributed on our website.

The first such event we plan to attend is various May Day rallies around Seattle. The table will be set up at Westlake Park between 9am-12pm and then move up to Judkins Park where the May 1st Coalition is starting their march.

A “Regional Chapter Starter Pack” is nearly completed. This is a how-to for anyone interested in starting a group in their area with simplified information about networking, establishing an online presence, and contacting other groups.

Collaborating with other areas is

Olympia CascadiaNow! Established

The Olympia Chapter had its inaugural meeting on March 16th at Vic's Pizza. Their first project is to get t-shirts and hoodies made up. They are accepting design submissions and if yours is chosen you get a free t-shirt!

They also established a new blog and online presence at: olympiacascadianow.wordpress.com

Their next meeting is April 6th at Vic's Pizza, 233 Division St NW, Olympia, WA. If you are interested in attending please contact Christopher Bade chris.m.bade@gmail.com

moving forward at full steam. Connections have been made with people in Vancouver BC, Olympia, Bellingham, Ellensburg, Portland, Spokane, Roseburg, San Francisco, Bend, and many more. If you are interested in getting involved in your area please contact us and we'll connect you with others in your area that have expressed an interest.

Plans are also in the works for our first major event on May 18th. We are currently reviewing possible locations and will have full details in next months newsletter. What we know at this point is that it will be at an outdoor location featuring live music and food. If you are interesting in volunteering let us know!

Bellingham Chapter Founded

The first meeting will be held on April 5th at 8 pm at Pizza Pipeline + McKay's Taphouse, 1118 E Maple St. They are conveniently located just north of Sehome Hill Park, within walking distance of WWU campus and just off the Samish Way exit from I-5.

Everyone is encouraged to stop by and check it out, enjoy some good conversation about Cascadia and great local ales. This is a n introductory meeting so details about future meet ups will be discussed.

Anyone interested in attending can contact Eric James for more details. erichthomasjames@gmail.com

Don't see your area represented? Check out the last page for contact information to get involved!

NEWS

Suckin' Eggs for Cascadian Freedom: From Eugene to Portland a Weekend Report Back

By Brandon Letsinger

As with the earlier day, and the night before, it continues to dump rain. The nearby river runs with a muddy brown color, and all around we're surrounded by the verdant green of moss dripping from evergreen branches. It must be the beginning of the Cascadian Spring.

The six of us are huddled around a white van, eyes slightly glazed over. Mel is smart and the only one inside staying dry while Casey gives Tavis an introduction on the proper etiquette of drinking raw egg. Much like shotgunning a beer, they slam each end on the corner of the van door, before downing the bounty. Devin decides he needs one too. Mike and I try not to laugh too hard as Tavis works to get the extra part out of his beard.

The van we're surrounding belongs to *Cascadia Matters*, a collective of writers, artists, educators and media activists out of Bend who are working right now to finish their documentary *Occupied Cascadia*. They're parked just outside of City of Eugene Campbell Community Center and we're all bit exhausted after attending the 8-hour open space conference on building Community and Bioregional Resiliency.

Hosted by the organization *Unifying Cascadia*, a network of groups from Corvallis, Ashland, Eugene and Portland that formed earlier in the month after setting up a speaking tour for author Charles Eisenstein, the conference brought close to 50 organizers together to discuss issues surrounding bioregionalism, community resiliency and envisioning strategies for regional networking and coordination. Among the topics talked about were building local food systems, local currency exchange projects, gift/alternative economic ideas, importance of peer to peer and decentralized organizing structures, buy local and sustainability movements among many others. The conference was held in an 'open space' format that allowed for participants to design the focus of the event, and allowed for anyone to submit a work-

shop and panel. The format worked to help catalyze and create space for collaborative discussions around a host of issues and placed emphasis on making sure individuals were where they wanted to be. Don't like the chosen discussion? Leave. Have something you find very interesting? Host a workshop or talk.

Coming from Seattle, our primary interest lay heavily in envisioning a bioregional network. Hence, a large portion of the day for us revolved around creating a

The next day dawned with only intermittent rain storms and we were lucky enough to be able to grab some great breakfast, coffee and the occasional patch of blue sky with Patrick and his housemates who had organized the weekend event and provided us with sleeping space (and 2 very cuddly cats) before we headed back northward.

On the way, we stopped off in Portland, to continue many of the collaborative discussions that we'd begun in Eugene the day before. Adam and Abby from the Seattle group also joined us, as well as Ian, who helped form the Olympia chapter of *CascadiaNow* and is doing a documentary about the Cascadia movement as a student project at Evergreen University.

In Portland, we were lucky enough to meet with Alexander Baretich, designer of the Cascadian flag in 1994, Illona who is responsible for organizing Cascadia merchandise, having now sold or distributed more than 500 flags, and working now towards creating a centralized online store, as well as Lumen, who has been integral in organizing the recent Cascadia potlucks. Meeting at the Foster Eco-Village, we were able to really focus on organizational strategies that we could work towards in the future. Portland, Olympia and Seattle folks were all able to share projects they had been working on, talk about what a Cascadian space and group looks like, and what roles and interactions we should have with groups like the Occupy

movement, as well as setting several different mutual projects and events that we'll be working together on in the future.

These collaborative discussions have helped continue a transition that's been taking place over the last several months as people begin to get active and meet face to face, that has transformed the organizational structure of the Cascadian Independence Project into a group and network of groups dedicated to raising awareness of Cascadia, mobilizing people interested in the idea, and working to support and connect these individuals to support and empower our communities throughout the northwest.



A discussion group at the Unifying Cascadia Conference



Casey, Devon and Tavis enjoy a raw egg

collaborative dialogue with the *Cascadia Matters*, *Unifying Cascadia* and Portland folks over what this network would look like and how we can better coordinate and mutually support our projects. Organization went into talking with the Bend people about how we could use the opening of their film to help launch a bioregional film opening tour to help new groups that are forming collaborate, as well as a lot of talk with Portland about organizing around a July 1st – 4th convergence of some sort in the symbolically important place of the Peace Arch, in between Victoria Day in Canada on the 1st, and US Independence Day on the 4th.

SUSTAINABILITY

Earth Day 2012 Across Cascadia

By Adam Munson

For over 40 years now April 22nd has been better known as Earth Day, a time to reflect on the natural beauty of our environment and lend a helping hand to preserve that beauty for future generations. For many people Earth Day is just another day in April, but in Cascadia it's something more.

The first Earth Day took place in San Francisco in 1969 on March 21st, the vernal equinox. Over the next few years the date was changed but the ideal remained true: raise awareness and appreciation for our natural environment. While to some this may seem vague, it's the simplicity that makes it great.

The ambiguity in the goal allows



Earth Day Flag designed by John McConnell

for each community or group to take action in their own way and around Cascadia it's no different. Groups all over the bioregion have plans to celebrate Earth Day in their

own way.

We have compiled a very concise list of activities in the major urban areas of Cascadia. This is by no means a complete list of events. If you do not see an event in your area that doesn't mean there isn't one. If you are looking for an event to get involved in check out your library; most of them will have information posted regarding upcoming events, or you can check out earthday.org.

Regardless of what activities you participate we'd like to encourage everyone to get involved with something. While our commitment to preserving our environment shouldn't be confined to a single day a year, that doesn't mean we should ignore the opportunity to get out and make a difference.

Earth Day Vancouver 2012

@Everett Crowley Park
Saturday, April 21, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Entrance off Kerr Rd. near E. 64th Ave. (3 blocks south of Champlain Mall)
Help plant 1,000 native trees!
<http://www.earthdayvancouver.org>

Earth Day Spokane 2012

An all day music, activities, education, art, and entertainment venue!
On Main Street between Browne & Division
<http://www.earthdayspokane.org>

Watershed Weekend—Earth Day Celebration

April 21, 10am-2pm
Boise Water Shed Environmental Education Center
During Earth Day weekend, combat 'Nature Deficit Disorder' with outdoor activities! At 8:00 and 10:30, take a one-mile birding walk to encounter wildlife near the ponds at the West Boise Wastewater Treatment Plant. From 10:00-1:00, practice your fly-casting and fly tying skills with Trout Unlimited! In the exhibit hall, bring your own spray bottle to make and take a 'green' household cleaner, interact with NOAA's flood model, learn about the City's Environmental Programs and create nature crafts.
<http://bee.cityofboise.org/>

Earth Day Celebration 2012

w/SCA and Community Partners
Saturday April 14, 9am-3pm
Washington Park Arboretum, 2300 Arboretum Dr East, Seattle, WA 98112

Save the Date! More info coming soon.
<http://www.thesca.org>

Earth Day 2012—Eugene

Saturday, April 21, 2012
11am-5pm
EWEB's River Edge Plaza
Featuring John H. Baldwin Film and Lecture Series, Master Gardener's Annual Plant Sale, Earth Action Arena, and music and entertainment throughout the day.
<http://earthdayoregon.com/>

Earth Day Portland

April 22, 2012
Theme: "The Circle of Life: Earth Day renewal"
City Repair is collaborating this year with the Associated Students of Portland Community College (ASPC) to bring you this year's Earth Day Portland 2012 Interactive Event!
<http://act.earthday.org/event/earth-day-portland>

AROUND CASCADIA

New Sticker Design



We are always looking for new designs for stickers, clothes, flyers, well really just about anything that you can think of that you might want to express your love of Cascadia.

This design comes from redditor “queen_rush”, Thanks so much for contributing and allowing the use of your image.

The Doug goes to NYC



Michael Moore holding up The Doug. Photo by Paul Cone

During an Occupy Portland protest in October of 2011, filmmaker Michael Moore stopped by to lend his support. Occupiers gave him a Cascadian Flag and he agreed to have it flown in New York at the Occupy Wall Street site. If anyone has photographs of it in NYC we'd love to see them.

Portland Flag-Making Parties

The idea of Cascadia continues to become more firmly rooted in Portland as organizers with the group Cascadia Alliance held a series of informal Potlucks and flag making parties to help raise awareness of the idea, which are becoming more visible at Timber Army Games, Occupy Protests, on local brews and at any public event.

Beginning in February and continuing on March 17th, St. Patty's Day, organizers began what has become a monthly meetup and potluck to discuss envisioning projects, some rebel coordination, and enjoy some awesome music and food bringing in between 50-70 folks.

They also held flag making parties on March 9th and the 23rd as a way to gather, talk about Cascadia, and help make some giant flags which could be used at future events

The first Monthly Cascadia Freedom Party in Bend, OR

On Sunday, February 26th organizers from Cascadia Matters, the group that is producing the serial documentary Occupied Cascadia, hosted their first monthly 'Cascadia Freedom Party' at the Horned Hand. Several dozen people showed up to celebrate, learn about the bioregion, have a few beers and listen to an open mic, followed by Cascadian Black Metal bands "When We Were Wolves" and "Wild Eye Revolver".

For information about upcoming meet ups contact Mel Sweet of Cascadia Matters at windhowler@gmail.com



“HUB Secession Cascadia Dark Ale in it's Natural Environment” Posted to Reddit by CascadiaNow

Oregon Garden Brewfest 2012

The annual Brewfest at The Oregon Garden is upon us again for its 8th year. The event features 45 breweries from throughout the country, more than 25 of which are brewed in Cascadia. Admission is \$15 per day, \$25 for both days, which includes commemorative beer mug and five tasting tickets. Additional tickets can be purchased for \$1 each. Tickets purchased in advance will include bonus tasting tickets and a separate entrance.

Two stages will be set up within the festival and feature musical performances from 16 live bands noon-11pm daily, including Portland's Blitzen Trapper, Denver, The Dimes, Quiet Life, Weinland, Tango Alpha Tango and Violet Isle, along with Salem's The Ty Curtis Band, Matthew Price and Jamalia, and Silverton's Ben Rue and Tiffany Kuenzi.

As a new feature this year, those



who show up between noon and 2pm on Friday will have the opportunity to meet with brewers to learn more about how their favorite beer is made and what brought the brewers into the world of brewing. Other

activities throughout the festival include beer tasting lessons, trivia and more.

The year's event also features a Brewer's Tasting Dinner on Thursday, April 26th, but only a limited number of these tickets are available to the public. The Homebrew Competition is also back again, hosted by Capitol Brewers. Unfortunately at the time of this publication registration has already passed. However we will be sure to bring you the results in next month's issue.

For more info or to purchase tickets check out oregongardenbrewfest.blogspot.com

Volunteers are also needed for the event. Lending a hand also pays off as volunteers enjoy free admission, snacks, a festival t-shirt and a tasting mug in return for working a shift. If interested contact 503-874-8100 or info@oregongarden.org.

Calendar of Events - April

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
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2	3 UW Chapter Meeting 3:30pm	4	5 Bellingham Chapter Meeting 8pn Pizza Pipeline	6 Olympia Chapter Meeting 6pm Vic's Pizza	7 Seattle Chapter Meeting 7pm	8
9	10 UW Chapter Meeting 3:30pm	11	12	13	14	15
16	17 UW Chapter Meeting 3:30pm	18	19	20	21 Seattle Chapter Meeting 7pm	22
23	24 UW Chapter Meeting 3:30pm	25	26	27 Brewfest at The Oregon Garden	28 Brewfest at The Oregon Garden	29
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