



# CASCADE ECHOES

## CALENDAR FOR MAY AND JUNE 2015



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**APRIL 30 LWV of Deschutes County Annual Meeting**, 10am, lunch at noon, bring salad or dessert to share. At the home of Kim Smith, 3211 NW Starview Dr. Details in Annual Meeting workbook you should have received by mail. Contact Kim if you didn't receive it, or to RSVP or for other info. 541-382-2660

### MAY

**May 1—3 State Convention in Eugene**

**7 FIRST THURSDAY LUNCHEON.** 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 pm. May 7<sup>th</sup> Oregon Natural Desert Association (ONDA), Brent Fenty, Executive Director. Learn about our high desert ecosystem. See last page At **Black Bear Diner (1465 NE 3rd Street, Bend.** 11:00am to 1:00 pm.

**14 Board Meeting** 10am at the County Building, 1300 Wall St., Lyons room

### JUNE

**4 FIRST THURSDAY LUNCHEON,** 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 pm. Topic will be a continuation of learning about our neighboring towns with the Mayor of Sisters.

**11 Board Meeting** 10 a.m. at the County Building.1300 Wall St.,Lyons Room

### THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2014-2015 THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF DESCHUTES

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<i>First Thursday</i> .....	Corol Ann Cary.....	541-306-4832
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<i>Special Events</i> .....	Eve McFarland,.....	541-389-5682

# President's Message

As we have our usual warm, then cold, then warm, then cold days of April, we look forward to our **Annual Meeting** at the end of this month. On Thursday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, we will gather at **Kim Smith's** home, at 3211 NW Starview Drive, in Bend at around 10 AM for coffee. Our Annual Meeting will begin at 10:30 AM. I encourage all members to attend. We really need you to be there—to hear what you'd like to see the League do next year, to vote on the slate of Board members and to vote on doing a study to update our Affordable Housing position.

Also this month, we will have a **candidate forum** for the three people who are running for one position on the Board of the Bend Parks and Recreation District. We need several members to help at the forum: greeters, timers, collectors of questions and reviewers of questions. No experience is needed to do these jobs, and they certainly enhance our forums. **Also, please bring a snack or some kind of finger-food.** Our participants really appreciate it. The forum is Monday, April 27, at 5 PM at the County/State Building. Please come and help.

We had to cancel another forum we had planned for the Redmond School Board candidates because of lack of participation. **Susie Penhollow** has spent a lot of time working out all of the details of these forums. I hope you will thank her and show her support by coming to the forum on 4/27.

The next First Thursday is May 7<sup>th</sup> and we will hear from Brent Fenty, the Executive Director of the Oregon Natural Desert Association. I hope you will come and learn more about our Central Oregon environment, especially about how the Juniper trees affect the landscape.

It has been a pleasure to serve as Co-President, again. I will be retiring from this position after the Annual Meeting. Geri Hauser, our other Co-President, will be taking another job on the Board. Thanks for all your help and support in "making democracy work".

Most sincerely,  
Dalyte Hartsough

## First Thursday Luncheon Speakers

Brent is a native Central Oregonian who first worked for ONDA as a Wildlands Coordinator from 2000-2003 and returned in 2007 to serve as the organization's Executive Director. During his time with ONDA, Brent has worked on a number of projects including the implementation of the Steens Mountain Wilderness, a citizen's wilderness inventory of millions of acres of unprotected wilderness, and efforts to designate the Badlands and Spring Basin as Oregon's newest desert Wilderness areas.

His life and work experiences have included working as a research assistant at the United Nations, hiking the Pacific Crest Trail, working as a community development coordinator at Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council, and volunteering for the Peace Corps in Mali, West Africa. Prior to returning to ONDA in 2007, Brent worked as an Environmental Scientist on various water quality, fisheries, and aquatic restoration projects.

Brent received his undergraduate degree in International Studies and Environmental Science from Willamette University and a Master's of Environmental Science from Alaska Pacific University.



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF DESCHUTES COUNTY

**FIRST THURSDAY LUNCHEON**

*May 7, 2015*

**Oregon Natural Desert Association  
(ONDA), Brent Fenty, Executive Director  
Learn about our high desert ecosystem**

11:00 a.m. to 1:00 pm

at **Black Bear Diner**, on the corner of 3<sup>rd</sup> and Olney Streets in Bend.

There is a separate dining room for our use. There is no cost to hear the speakers; however those wanting lunch should arrive about 11:00 a.m. and order off the menu. The speakers will begin at noon and allow time for questions from the audience.

**No reservations are needed.** This event is open to the general public.