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Greetings from Sitka,

Workshop enrollment is up 40% over last year at this time. There are 24 full workshops, which means 86 workshops still have space available. Hurrah! Let the 2014 Workshop Season begin.

May marks a shift in seasons with the residency time coming to a close and workshops beginning. Students arrive at Sitka with expectations based on the description of their workshop but our wish is that they leave with rich memories of an experience that far exceeds what they thought possible. Here's what some students have to share about their experience at Sitka:

"It was so much fun to be here at Sitka, away from home, relaxing and letting that creative side of me pop front and center!"

"Hearing others read their writing sparks new ideas for mine. Sitka = Inspiration."

"Being here is always transformative in unexpected ways."



We invite you to come discover, explore and nurture your creative side. Why not? The most common reason I hear from people is that they don't enroll for a workshop here because they're not artists. I speak from personal experience when I say, "Please don't let this keep you from taking a workshop at Sitka." I'm not an "Artist" with a capital "A," but I'm an artist because creativity is an important part of my life.

We all have a creative side. We can all experience the joy of making art!

Come take a [workshop](#) this summer and then tell us all about *your* Sitka experience.

Creatively yours,

> Garden Planning Workshop



Get the Most From Your Vegetable Garden

Have you ever wondered what, when and how to plant a vegetable garden? Carolina Lyddy of Corvus Landing Farm will have the answers for you in this 1-day workshop taking place on Saturday, May 3 from 10am - 4pm. The workshop will include an afternoon field trip to Corvus

Landing Farm for seed starting activities. The workshop will focus on the coastal region but would also be applicable for folks west of the Cascades. Carolina Lyddy says, "There's lots of 'tricks of the trade' I've learned, both in my years at the coast and from highly experienced growers. I'm excited to pass them along!"

At \$75, there are still a few spots left in the workshop. To register, give us a call at 541-994-5485 or go online [here](#).

> Resident Show and Tell

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Saturday, May 10th at 1pm

Have you ever wondered what being an artist-in-residence is like? Come hear first-hand from our Spring residents about their experiences at Sitka. Often times people have a vision of an artist-in-residence relaxing in an expanse of time, musing and wandering gently through their thoughts. What isn't always evident is how intense and exciting this experience can be. Come see studio spaces, hear from poets and listen to recorder music - all energized by our unique natural surroundings. Learn more about the [current residents](#) and the [Resident Show & Tell](#).



> Connections Exhibit



Connections: Celebrating the
Art of Sitka Center Instructors
Opening Reception: June 13, 5-7pm

Sitka goes to the city... Lincoln City! From June 13 - July 7 visit the Chessman Gallery in the [Lincoln City Cultural Center](#) to experience an exhibit featuring 12 artists who also teach at Sitka. A variety of mediums will be on display to share a snapshot of Sitka's summer workshop program.

Participating artists and the workshops they teach:

Polly Adams Sutton - [Sculptural Cedar Baskets with Sweetgrass](#)

Marcy Baker [A Collage Approach to Monotype](#)

Frank Boyden Sitka Co-Founder and 2015 Edible Shellfish Instructor

Mark Brody - [Labyrinth Mosaic](#)

Cynthia Herron - [Color Properties for Artists](#)

Hilde Morin - [Fabric Bowl Art](#)

Stan Peterson - [Carve an Animal that Fits in Your Hand](#)

Monica Setziol-Phillips - [Carving and the World of Hardwoods](#)

Jude Siegel - [Looking Deeper: Connecting with Nature through Creative Journaling](#)

Eileen Sorg - [Colored Pencil Stew](#)

Tash Wesp - [Nuno Felted Scarf](#) and [Felted Jewelry](#)

Judy Vogland - [Sea Bowls](#) and [Sand Painting & Water Based Mixed Media](#)

> Spruce Up Day



Thanks to our Volunteers!

On Tuesday, April 22, twenty-one volunteers traversed to Sitka to help scrub, weed, prune, paint and haul their way to a spectacular campus during Sitka's annual Spruce Up Day. We accomplished everything on our long to-do list from cleaning gutters and washing windows to trimming our trees just right.

A big thank you to everyone who helped out and thanks to mother nature as well who held off on the rain until we were done.

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