



Santiam Hearts to Arts

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SANTIAM HEARTS TO ARTS (SH2A) RECEIVES \$5,000 GRANT FROM **DORIS J. WIPPER FUND OF THE OREGON COMMUNITY FOUNDATION (OCF).**

On May 16, SH2A received a letter and a \$5,000 check. The letter stated that while SH2A was not awarded a community grant, but as part of the review process, our application was shared with some of OCF's advised fund donors (grants from OCF advised funds are based on the donor's recommendation rather than an application process). "Early in 2016, SH2A applied for an OCF community grant" said Sherri Cardwell, SH2A's grant manager, "but, SH2A was not awarded." "We are extremely pleased to receive these grant funds." Cardwell stated".

The grant funds were applied for and will be used to fund arts and music instruction for local students and a free music-in-the-park series for the Santiam community. "Plans are already formulating." says Ken Cartwright, SH2A board member and manager of KYAC FM Community Radio. The following are planned events funded by this grant:

- The first free park concert is scheduled for July 21, 2016 at 6:00 to 8:00 pm at the Gazebo in Kimmel Park in Mill City featuring the Garry Meziere and Orvil Ivey Blues Band.
- The second park concert funded by this grant is scheduled for August 18, 2016; same time and place featuring Craig & Terry, Oregon's singing loggers from Florence, Oregon.
- Coming soon: Guitar and ukulele lessons to be offered at our new Canyon Arts Center; acquisition of musical instruments that can be loaned to students and contracting with local music instructors.

"It is beyond exciting to have funding to provide the Santiam Community with opportunities to learn about music and art as well as free concerts in the park." stated Cartwright.

SH2A thanks the **Doris J. Wipper Fund of the Oregon Community Foundation** for their generous contribution to further our mission: "To preserve, present and promote the fine and performing arts in the Santiam Canyon. We accomplish this by educating, informing and involving our diverse community".

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