

REAL ESTATE NEWS

Real estate news appears in Saturday's Homes section.

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Homes also features gardening and home improvement. Information in those areas should be routed the same way.

CALENDAR

May 28

The McMinnville Farmers Market opens from 1:30 to 6 p.m. Thursday, May 28, and continues Thursdays through Oct. 8, on Northeast Cowlis between Second and Third streets. Produce, plants and other items are sold. For more information, visit www.downtownmcminnville.com or call 503-472-3605.

May 30

Casey and Katie Kulla of Oakhill Organics will lead a free two-hour workshop titled "Plan your fall and winter vegetable garden" in the Carnegie Room at the McMinnville Public Library, 225 N.W. Adams St. The event is being sponsored by Slow Food

Yamhill County. For more information, call the Kullas at 503-474-7661. For more information about Slow Food Yamhill County and upcoming seasonal workshops, visit the group's website at www.slowfoodyamhillcounty.blogspot.com.

May 30, 31

The display garden at Arbutus Garden Arts in Yamhill will be open to the public Saturday and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The 2.5-acre woodland garden has many shady paths and garden artworks. Plants expected to be in bloom include: Deutzia, Yunan magnolia, iris, day lilies, roses, rock roses, clematis, fox tail lilies and standard lilies, columbines, heathers, peonies and more.

There is a large collection of Japanese maples, dwarf conifers and epimedium. Free tours and refreshments will be offered. Take Highway 47 to Yamhill and follow the yellow "garden" signs. For more information, call 503-662-3704 or visit www.arbutusgarden.com.

June 28

The McMinnville Garden Club offers tours of five gardens and a Garden Faire in McMinnville. Docents will answer questions in each garden from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Cost is \$10. The fair will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Northeast Cowlis Street between Second and Fourth. For more information, call 503-434-4344 or visit <http://mcminnvillegardenclub.org>.

Artist

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Newberg designed the studio, which features a peaked interior ceiling that makes it feel even larger than it is. With 10 windows on three sides, the room is flooded with light, even on the darkest days.

"I wanted a studio in the garden," Bell said. "What I look out at is important."

Cellar Ridge Custom Homes LLC handled the construction work.

The company used a unique framing process featuring offset 2-by-4 studs on a 2-by-6 plate. It installed insulation with a rating of R22 in the walls, where code calls for R19; R49 in the attic, where code calls for R38; and R30 under the floor, where code calls for R25.

The crew used formaldehyde-free particle board and low-VOC caulking and sealants. It installed high-efficiency Atrium vinyl windows.

Special consideration was taken to make the studio quiet so Bell can choose what she listens to, whether it's the twitter of birds or the twang of rock, zydeco or flamenco. To insulate the space from the drone of the heat pump just outside, the company erected a small but effective buttress wall.

The studio is heated by radiant ceiling panels. Bell said she likes them because they are silent and don't blow air, which scatters papers.

Bell has been interested in green building techniques since 2004.

She favors formaldehyde-free and nonemitting materials because they are better for her health. She said green building parallels her art, which has always employed found objects

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and recycled- or plant-based paper.

While the newly built studio is fully green, Bell calls the rest of her house "partial green." She considered environmentally friendly techniques and materials in each stage of her remodeling, but sometimes settled for less green elements due to cost considerations.

For instance, while she preferred all-wood floors and cabinets, she went with zero-VOC tile instead in some places instead.

She and her daughter, Susie Wright, collaborated as general contractors. Friend Sky Broderick also contributed.

Outside, she began a campaign to remove lawn and add more native, less thirsty plants — evergreens mostly, along with rhododendron, lavender and even artichokes. "I'm fed up with 'mow and blow,'" she said, objecting to the noise and the carbon emissions of traditional lawn care.

After consulting with landscape planner Rob Stephenson, though, she kept some mature plantings that would have been difficult and expensive to remove. One special benefit: Her back fence is unique, with wood panels alternating with natural barriers formed by shrubs.

To improve the garden, Bell needed to improve the heavy clay soil using organic amendments. She aerated the whole area and added drains.

"It's a work in progress," she said.



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Sheridan – Beautiful contemporary home situated on 1/4 acre lot with private setting in Sheridan. Built in 2007 with 3 bdrm, 2.5 baths, gas frplc in living room, granite tile counters and stainless appliances in kitchen, large office bonus room/den, tile flooring, master bath w/double sinks and vanity, more! **\$255,000**



Amity – Unique property offering 4 BR, 3 BA, and 3400 SF situated on lush 5 acres adjacent to vineyards w/city and valley views. Features include rock frplc in livrm, granite tile counters in kitchen, 3rd level bonus room, large deck w/pool and spa, some interior remodeling work in progress. **\$450,000**



McMinnville – Farmhouse style home with wraparound porch situated on corner lot in McMinnville's west side of Barclay Heights. Large living room with French doors to access porch, roomy kitchen w/eating area and family room, 4th bedroom on main level currently used as den, fenced yard with dog run. Lots of potential. **\$219,900**

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