

## Secret Garden Tour set Saturday

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**PORT TOWNSEND** — The Jefferson County Master Gardeners will hold their 15th Secret Garden Tour from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.

The theme for this year's tour is Art in the Garden.

The tour will visit eight Port Townsend gardens.

In addition to the gardens themselves, each garden owner has invited a local artist to display his or her work.

Tickets are on sale at Henery's Garden Centers locations in Port Townsend and Sequim, Gardens at Four Corners, Secret Gardens Nursery and Landscape Supply, McComb Gardens in Sequim and Valley Nursery in Poulsbo.

### Ticket prices

Tickets are \$15 in advance or \$20 on Saturday.

A ticket booth will be available at the Haines Place Park & Ride, at Haines and 12th Street, from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Gardens may be visited in any order.

Carpooling from the park and ride is encouraged.

Garden owners and Master Gardeners will answer questions at each tour site.

Ticket sales underwrite the Master Gardeners Grant Program, which provides funding to countywide community efforts that support environmental stewardship and horticulture-based, sustainable projects.

# Interstate Queen goal of rider

**SHE'S BLOND, BEAUTIFUL,** sexy and fast — in patterned speed horse gaming events that is — and hoping to reign over Washington and Oregon as the next Interstate Queen.

Completing her sophomore year at Western Washington University in Bellingham this week, **Ady Crosby** is celebrated on the Olympic Peninsula as one of the fastest barrel racers in the state.

The Sequim High School graduate still holds records in Washington State High School Equestrian Team challenges and was a key player in helping her team win WAHSET state championships.

Currently, she's competing for the crown against two candidates from Oregon.

All three bear the title of Interstate Princess.

Being a princess and running for queen is no easy task.

In addition to looking pretty and competing in as many shows throughout the state as possible, contestants are asked to raise \$10,000 in sponsorship money for the hosting of the interstate final competition.

It all started back in 1957 when a challenge was made by Oregon and answered by Washington.

Twenty of the best patterned speed horses and their riders from Washington and Oregon gathered in Portland to settle the issue of which had the fastest game horses.

Oregon won the first meet, and the annual Interstate Games Competition was born.

The event is held every Labor Day weekend, alternating between Washington and Oregon.

It's been said that nowhere in the country is there such a meeting between two states — matching the "cream of the crop" game horses and their riders.

It's a thrilling event to watch, a great challenge

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and a fun spirit of competition.

This is not a case where youngest is fastest — competitors' ages range from 14 to

65 — this is an arena in which the oldest can and do place first. Experience counts.

But most winning rides depend on a good, fast horse.

Ady is very excited to be representing this "fabulous sport through running for Interstate Queen."

"I am putting my heart and soul into this competition and trying to do my best to positively advertise this sport."

The Agnew resident has literally been riding since she was born.

She said her mom, **Pam Crosby**, would strap her to her back and take her for a ride.

She spent several years in 4-H, competing at the annual Clallam County Fair and the Western Washington Fair in Puyallup.

"I love every second of racing with my horse; the rush, the excitement, the good company and the support we all have for one another," said Ady.

"I am proud to say that I am involved with the gaming genre of horsemanship."

Ady, 20, is working on two majors, in sociology and archaeological anthropology, with a minor in women's studies.

She plans to study in the near future in South Africa, where she hopes to get involved with archaeological digs and do volunteer work with orphanages or wildlife.

If you'd like to help sponsor Ady, visit the website [www.interstategames.com/Royalty.html](http://www.interstategames.com/Royalty.html) or phone her mother, Pam, at 360-670-3906.



KATHY KRATZER

**Ady Crosby, shown with Lacey, is vying for the title of queen of the Interstate Games Competition between Washington and Oregon, held each year on Labor Day weekend.**

### Events

■ Friday, 7 p.m. Buckhorn Range monthly chapter meeting at Chimacum Saddlery & Tack. Jan Gillanders will discuss equine natural movement and bodywork that honors the horse's structure and spirit. Jan is certified in Equine Natural Movement Series. Phone Bethel Moore at 360-301-1547.

■ Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m. Patterned speed horse gaming show at Quarter Moon Ranch on West Runion Road in Carlsborg. Phone Waynora Martin 360-683-6902.

■ Saturday, 9 a.m. Open schooling horse show with both performance and gaming at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds. Hosted by Wild Angels 4-H Club and Jefferson County 4-H Horse Project, high point will be awarded for each division. The early-

bird discount deadline has passed, so the cost is \$5 per class for performance classes and \$4 per class for western games. Show forms are available at most feed and tack stores and at Washington State University Extension in Port Hadlock. For more information or show forms, phone Marian Gilliland at 360-301-5433 or 360-385-6313.

■ Sunday, 9 a.m. Justen Farms is sponsoring an Olympic Peninsula Zone open show at the Clallam County Fairgrounds. Judge will be Pamela Kiehn of Chehalis. Entries close today. For information, phone Jan Peterson at 360-457-5561.

■ Mondays, from next week through Aug. 30. Horse Lover Club for Kids in Chimacum. Phone Paula Stingle at 360-710-5812

■ June 18-20. BCH Buckhorn Range Chapter ride and campout at Sleepy

Hollow. For directions, phone 360-531-2337. For information on upcoming events, check the website at [www.olympus.net/community/buckhorn-bchw](http://www.olympus.net/community/buckhorn-bchw).

■ June 20, 9 a.m. Clallam County Silver Spurs 4-H horse show at Clallam County Fairgrounds. Pre-entry due by June 16 for discount, or sign up at the show. Judged by the Danish system. Entry sheets available through 4-H leaders or at Airport Garden Center in Port Angeles. For more information, phone Theresa Whitney at 360-457-6028.

■ June 21-25. Freedom Farm Summer Camp I. Campers learn about care, feeding and grooming and enjoy fun crafts. Contact Mary Gallagher at 360-457-4897 or [freedomf@olympen.com](mailto:freedomf@olympen.com).

■ June 23-27. Open horse camp sponsored by the Jefferson County 4-H Horse Program, for kids 8 and older through adults. Features a variety of lessons taught by four professional instructors, including showmanship, English and western equitation, dressage, jumping, trail, gaming and much more. For beginners to advanced riders. Phone Tanya Schweitzer at 360-301-3559.

■ June 27, 10 a.m. Annual Equitese Pony Club-sponsored trail ride and pony club rideathon at Sandy Shores. Trail fun ride is on Olympic Resource Management's tree farm, starting from Wahl Lake Road (through the ORM gate across the highway from the visitors center at the intersection of state Highways 104 and 19/Beaver Valley Road; follow the signs). It will be a 10-mile flagged ride. Donations will be accepted upon registration.

**Karen Griffiths'** column, Peninsula Horseplay, appears every other Wednesday.

If you have a horse event, clinic or seminar you would like listed, please e-mail Griffiths at [horseplay.kbg@olympus.net](mailto:horseplay.kbg@olympus.net) at least two weeks in advance. You can also write Griffiths at PDN, P.O. Box 1330, Port Angeles, WA 98362.

### How's the fishing?

Matt Schubert reports.

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