

Spooky display among recipients of grants

Jeff and Chris Davis of the Ardenwald neighborhood in Milwaukie received a \$1,550 grant from the Clackamas Cultural Coalition for their annual Halloween graveyard display.

For the past decade, the Davis family has spent hundreds of hours and about \$5,000 every year for the popular display. But, according to their Web site, the rising popularity of the graveyard has made it more expensive to run.

Last year the graveyard featured humorous headstones, a massive mechanical spider and a ghostlike being that walks down stairs and vanishes. New features this year will likely include an animated hearse driver. The Davises have traveled around the country and Europe to get ideas.

This year's display at 8793 S.E. 43rd Ave. is expected to be open Oct. 6 to 31.

To encourage art and tourism, the Clackamas County Cultural Coalition distributed a total of \$23,743 to eight arts and cultural organizations and one artist team. The money comes from the Oregon Cultural Trust and the Clackamas County Tourism Development Council. Other winners of this

year's grants are:

- Clackamas Heritage Partners, Oregon City: \$2,344 for the Oxen Interpretive Project.
- Clackamas Repertory Theater, Oregon City: \$5,000 for the "Waiting For Godot" production.
- Donate2Educate, Colton: \$3,232 for art and training supplies.
- Estacada Together, Estacada: \$4,500 for the Oregon Symphony Holiday Concert.
- Marylhurst University, Marylhurst: \$3,200 for the Beyond the Theater video installations.
- Masque Alfresco, Portland: \$1,332 for the 2008 Summer Park Tour.
- Sandy Actors Theatre, Sandy: \$1,370 for mural and character art.
- Staged! Musical Theater Series, Oregon City: \$1,215 for a musical theater class for teens.

Poets wait their turn for 2nd Poetry Series

Milwaukie officials have announced the poets who will read their works in the second season of the Milwaukie Poetry Series.

The series is scheduled for 7 p.m. on the second Wednesday of every month at the Ledding Library Pond House at 2215 S.E. Harrison St. adjacent to the