



THE BELLINGHAM HERALD

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Saturna Capital re-ups as season sponsor for Mount Baker Theatre

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Saturna Capital of Bellingham is again the season sponsor for Mount Baker Theatre, which will offer 21 shows from ballet to the Blues Brothers, Oct. 5 to June 10, 2012.

The investment firm's history of support for Mount Baker dates back to the early 1990s, according to Kim Laskey, theater deputy director. The business has contributed to the theater's renovation capital campaign and concert sponsorships, sponsored the Broadway Series during the 2008-2009 and 2009-2010 seasons, and sponsored the entire season last year.

"Ticket sales cover only about half of our expenses, with the other half coming primarily from grants and private donations," said Brad Burdick, executive director of the theater. "Saturna's commitment at the season level has motivated others to step up and sponsor shows."

Jane Carten, director and president of Saturna, is on theater's board of directors. She said Saturna is "proud to support such a historic landmark and cultural anchor in the heart of downtown Bellingham."

BELLINGHAM COOK HONORED

Amy Croyle of Bellingham won a blue ribbon from justapinch.com for her Chocolate Chocolate Brownie Cookie, according to the online recipe club.

"I would have to say that brownies are one of my favorite sweets, and I just love the chewy edge," Amy told the club. "This recipe is like having a bunch of little brownies all with their own chewy edge. I like mine with just chocolate chunks, but you can add nuts too if you like. I also love that this recipe does not have any flour in it so it can be enjoyed by people who can not have gluten right along side those who can."

The recipe is online at <http://www.justapinch.com/recipe/iluvarartichokes/chocolate-chocolate-brownie-cookie/cookies>.

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION HONORED

Mauri Ingram, Whatcom Community Foundation president and CEO, says the organization earned spots on two Community Foundation Top 100 Lists. Of the more than 700 community foundations in the United States, the local group ranked sixth most active among grantmakers and 75th on the list of most gifts per capita.

"These rankings are evidence that our community and our community foundation have a bias for action; we put a greater percentage of our funds to work each year than many of our peers," Mauri said. "The gifts per capital ranking speaks volumes about the generosity of our donor community."

The local group awarded 310 grants of more than \$1.4 million to 127 not-for-profit organizations in 2010. It received 838 gifts totaling more than \$5.2 million, and created 14 new funds.

WECU DONATES TO LOCAL NONPROFITS

Whatcom Educational Credit Union's Social Responsibility Committee reports donating \$23,965 in July to local nonprofits. Awards of more than \$1,000 went to Adopt-a-Highway, Alzheimer Society of Washington, Animals as Natural Therapy, Arthritis Foundation (Jingle Bell Run), Bellingham Technical College, Blaine School District Readiness to Learn, Communities in Schools of Whatcom County, Ferndale Food Bank, Friends of the Lynden Library, Imagine NW!, Opportunity Council Early Learning and Family Services, Rebound of Whatcom County, Shuksan Middle School bus pass program, Whatcom County Pomona Grange and Sustainable Connections Food to Bank On.

Requests for the next quarter's donations must be made by Aug. 10. Contact Maya Hartford by email at maya.hartford@wecu.com for information.

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