Public invited to enjoy RCC Redwood Campus Arboretum

More than 125 new signs identifying significant trees in the Rogue Community College Redwood Campus Arboretum and a new self-guided walking tour will be unveiled on Arbor Day, April 29.

The tour will be inaugurated during an RCC Founders’ Day celebration, scheduled from 3 to 5 p.m. that Friday. Rachel Winters, who teaches plant identification classes at RCC, will offer guided tours.

The walking tour and an accompanying brochure are the brainchild of an ad-hoc committee, given impetus by a $4,000 donation from Dr. Elbert and Sarah Collins of Grants Pass. Winters and RCC Groundskeeper Michael Raines provided guidance and botanical expertise for the brochure.

Dr. Collins took horticulture classes at Rogue and not only worked with Winters and Raines to identify the trees included in the tour, he also dug many of the holes and “planted” many of the new identifying signs. Recently, students from the RCC Sustainability Club helped install the last of the 126 new signs.

The walking tour brochure will be available at the RCC Founders’ Day event and at the RCC Redwood Campus Library circulation desk.

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