

# Lincoln County Economic Development Alliance

## **Community Profile:**

**Population** 42,200

**Location** Newport

## **Position Description:**

**Sponsor** Economic Development Alliance of Lincoln County Lincoln County Extension Office

**Supervisor** Bill Rogers, Extension Agent, Ag/Forestry/4-H Lincoln County Extension Office

## **Assignment**

Working with the Lincoln County Growers and Gatherers developing and expanding opportunities for value added agriculture through marketing, processing, or manufacturing. Specialty forest products and cultivated garden products will be the emphasis of the project as well as pursuing legal status and organizing local growers and gatherers. Another component of the position is developing a community project for the Lincoln County Master Gardener program.

## **Required Skills**

Verbal and written communication, public speaking and presentations, report writing, knowledge of data collection methods and analysis, graphing, grant writing, facilitation, planning, and knowledge of human resources.

## **RARE Member: *Megan Miller-Morgan - 1998-1999, Year 5 Participant***

Megan has a BA in Asian Studies from University of Puget Sound (1991) and a degree in Anthropology from Washington State University (1995). She has worked as a produce manager for a natural foods cooperative and most recently managed a farmer's market. She has also volunteered for Oregon State Extension programs such as Family Community Leadership and the Master Gardeners. She plans to attend graduate school at Oregon State University majoring in Medical Anthropology. She expects to pursue a career applying anthropology to international development, focusing on issues in hunger, nutrition, and agriculture. Megan's RARE position is with the Lincoln County Extension Office working for the Lincoln County Growers and Gatherers. Her project emphasizes developing and expanding opportunities for adding value to garden grown and gathered special forest products, through marketing, processing, or manufacturing. Another component of her position is working with Lincoln County Extension developing a community project for the Lincoln County Master Gardener program.