



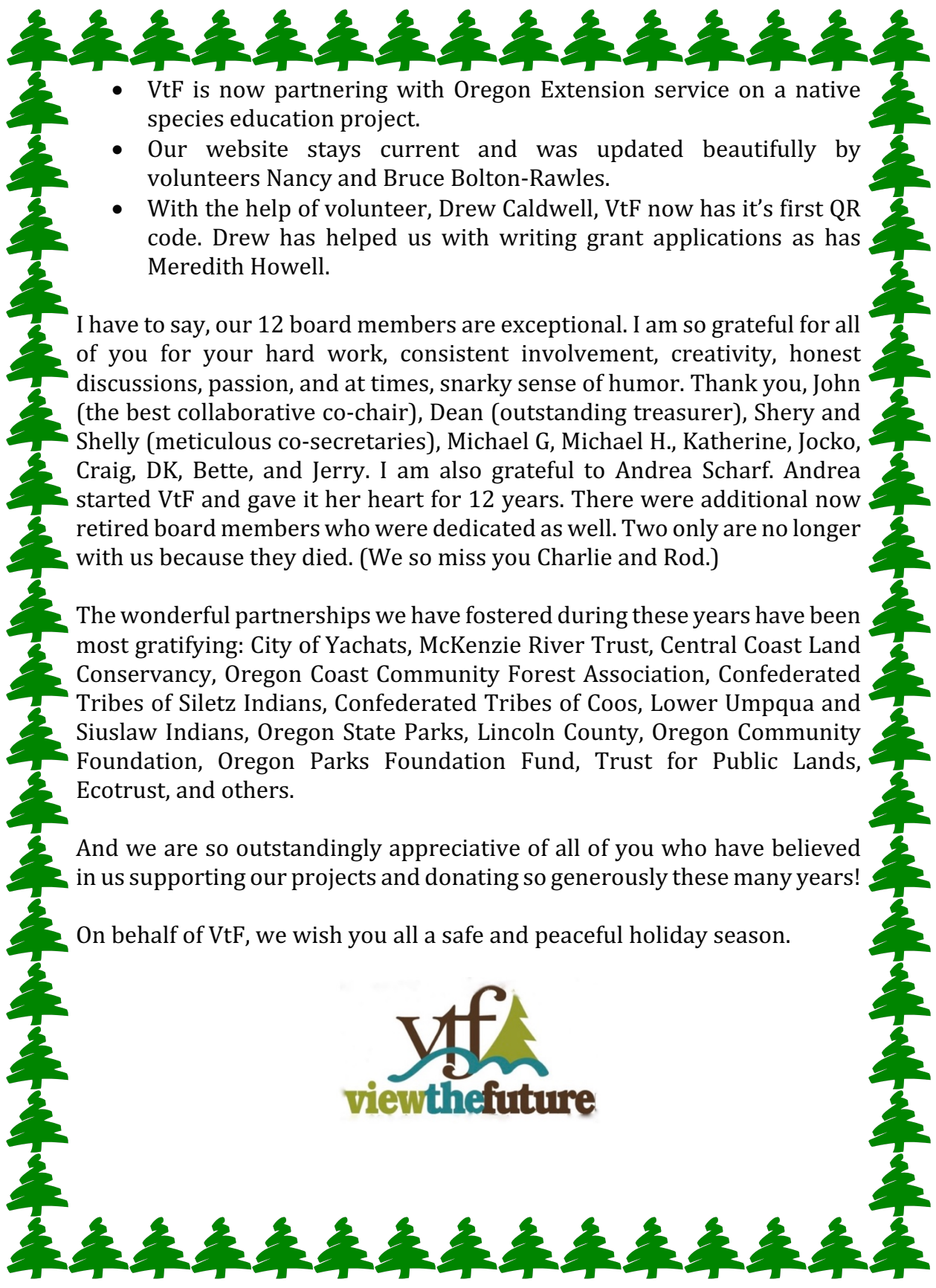
## An End of Year Message from VtF Co-Chair Joanne Kittel

I extend my deep appreciation to our donors, our followers, the 11 Board of Directors of View the Future (VtF) and volunteers. Even though we cannot have our gala holiday event this year, I want you all to know how very much you are appreciated by me, our larger community, and all of our partners. A 501© (3) with its all-volunteer board plus additional volunteers, VtF has been a part of this community for 17 years. Our mission is to preserve, protect, and enhance the natural environment, promoting collaborative actions for scientific, educational, recreational, cultural, and economic goals for the benefit of the Yachats community and its future generations.

We have accomplished much during our tenure. Our website already outlines those at [www.viewthefuture.org](http://www.viewthefuture.org). I would like though to list a few of what we and our partners have accomplished this year and are working on now.

- We have been most grateful to be partnering with McKenzie River Trust and City of Yachats on sharing a staff person, Sam Hillman, Coast Conservation Associate. VtF and Sam in this tri-partnership are working on a number of projects including participating in the completion of the City's Water Source Protection Plan, summarizing the City's present water structure, and examining possible future water sources for Yachats. Sam has been a wonderful addition.
- Our fourth conservation easement in the Starr Creek area has been created.
- Four more articles on our local Yachats history were researched, written and is found on our new webpage called, "View the Past" on [www.viewthefuture.org](http://www.viewthefuture.org).
- A grant was awarded in partnership with the Yachats Trails Committee to create four trails signs scheduled to be erected this spring.
- VtF is working closely with Oregon State Parks on the building of the Amanda Trail Suspension Bridge providing 25% of the funding. (The bridge construction is scheduled to begin on October 1, 2021 with prep work beginning this winter.)
- A bicycle rack project for the Yachats community is in process.





- VtF is now partnering with Oregon Extension service on a native species education project.
- Our website stays current and was updated beautifully by volunteers Nancy and Bruce Bolton-Rawles.
- With the help of volunteer, Drew Caldwell, VtF now has it's first QR code. Drew has helped us with writing grant applications as has Meredith Howell.

I have to say, our 12 board members are exceptional. I am so grateful for all of you for your hard work, consistent involvement, creativity, honest discussions, passion, and at times, snarky sense of humor. Thank you, John (the best collaborative co-chair), Dean (outstanding treasurer), Shery and Shelly (meticulous co-secretaries), Michael G, Michael H., Katherine, Jocko, Craig, DK, Bette, and Jerry. I am also grateful to Andrea Scharf. Andrea started VtF and gave it her heart for 12 years. There were additional now retired board members who were dedicated as well. Two only are no longer with us because they died. (We so miss you Charlie and Rod.)

The wonderful partnerships we have fostered during these years have been most gratifying: City of Yachats, McKenzie River Trust, Central Coast Land Conservancy, Oregon Coast Community Forest Association, Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians, Oregon State Parks, Lincoln County, Oregon Community Foundation, Oregon Parks Foundation Fund, Trust for Public Lands, Ecotrust, and others.

And we are so outstandingly appreciative of all of you who have believed in us supporting our projects and donating so generously these many years!

On behalf of VtF, we wish you all a safe and peaceful holiday season.

