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"LA PINE ROCKS!" CHAMBER CONNECTION

"We are the hub of the business community, promoting commerce and tourism making La Pine a vibrant community to work, live and play!"

MARY KAY CONSULTANT AND PONDEROSA EMBROIDERY Owner: Sharon McDermott

So, Sharon, when were your two new businesses founded? "My number one focus is my new Mary Kay Consultant business. I just opened it in November - last month. I started the Ponderosa Embroidery business in 2005."

Are you the main player for your Mary Kay and Embroidery businesses? "Yes, I am. I am formulating my thinking about my latest Mary Kay offering. I am so excited about doing this because I have used the Mary Kay line of products since the 1980s. I love the line and am excited to show it and sell it to others. My embroidery business is designed to design and make embroidered items for businesses and individuals. I specialize in logos and can do even the smallest items, like baby onesies, with cute little motifs that make your items unique and special."

Why do you work, live and play in La Pine? "The truth is that I just love the area and the people here. Gary, my husband, and I would go on vacations in Oregon and other parts of the northwest and three times we kept coming back here. There was just something about it. When it was time to move here from Orange County and I got a job at the bank, we settled right in. La Pine is home!"

What is the potential for growth for Mary Kay and Ponderosa Embroidery? "I am really excited about the fact that the products are so great they cannot be ignored. When people get to know me, they will be back for more!"

What is your business's greatest challenge? "While I wrap up this year, as we close the La Pine Branch of Home Federal Bank, and I turn to working on my new projects full-time, I am sure that my biggest challenge will be to let people know I am here selling quality products and giving the best service imaginable."

What is the biggest highlight of your career? "It is easy to answer this question! I have been very lucky while I have worked at the bank. I have been able to get to know the community and because of working with other businesses, I have learned about our town. It can't get better than that!"

Sharon McDermott



What do you do to relax? "I am busy learning all of what I can do with these fantastic embroidery programs. It boggles the mind what you can do with the new technology, so I play! I don't like being limited and my businesses both give me unlimited possibilities."

Tell us something about yourself that few people know about: "I guess I would say that not many people know how I love to be creative. I am a self-taught seamstress and love sewing. Add the embroidery and new beauty products with the Mary Kay line, and I am a happy lady!"

In terms of volunteering in the community, what is your personal contribution to the community? "I was recently elected to the Chamber of Commerce Board and I serve on the LIGI board in the year-long apprentice type program. I also served briefly on the LPRD Board and I still have a soft spot for them. It is important to be active in your community!"

What advice would you give to community leaders? "With the economy the way it is, it is so very important for our leaders to keep their minds open and have forward vision for the community."

Do you have a mission? "Customer satisfaction is my number one priority, and I am willing to work for it, too. I wrap each purchase and I ship free to anywhere in the USA. This is what I want my customers to expect. I will go the extra mile to offer better than expected service."

(As the bank closes, Sharon is very excited about moving forward with her new ventures. She and her husband are committed to being part of the future in La Pine! Sharon McDermott's sweet personality and smile is available to help you now. Just give her a call!).

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