



Gary & Karla Rifkin

Gary and Karla Rifkin are advocates of education. Karla received an MA in education from the University of Oregon and taught in the Coos Bay School District for 30 years. Gary has a Master's of Education and worked as the Education Coordinator for the South Coast Head Start for many years, Gary and Karla created and operated a store called Fiddlesticks which catered to kids and families in the Coos Bay area for 32 years. Fiddlesticks ran many fundraisers for local schools and supported organizations helping youth of Coos County. Gary was recognized as SWOYA (Southwestern Oregon Youth Activities) Volunteer of the Year in 1991 and received the Judge Richard Baron Services Award for "Exceptional Contributions to Coos County Youth" in 1992.