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**Coos Bay REALTOR® Wins
State REALTOR® of the Year**

SALEM, OR – The Oregon Association of Realtors have named Joann Hansen the 2013 Oregon Realtor of the Year. The award, the highest granted by the Association, was bestowed in Sunriver on September 27th at the 2013 Convention and Fall Governance Meetings for the Oregon Association of Realtors, a professional organization representing more than 13,000 members statewide.

Hansen is a principal broker and owner of Joann Hansen Realty in Coos Bay. A long-time Coos Bay resident, she has practiced real estate in Oregon since 1978 and has been heavily involved in all levels of the REALTOR® organization at local, state and national levels.

Serving on and chairing every committee possible for the Coos County Board of Realtors, as well as representing the association on the State board of directors for the past 20 years, she has also held state leadership positions such as state association president in 2011 and past president of the Oregon Realtor charity: the HOME Foundation.

Joann's service extends to the regulatory side of the business as well in her current role on the State Real Estate Agency board of directors. She's always willing to testify to protect Oregon homes or get out the vote for private property rights, as evidenced by her recent membership on the successful Measure 79 campaign steering committee. These are measures she takes seriously in her role as a Coos County Planning Commissioner.

When she's not selling real estate or giving back to her industry, Joann can be found enjoying the company of her children and grandchildren in coastal activities or reading in her garden.

Hansen won this prestigious award based on service to local, state, and national levels of the Realtor organization, the largest trade organization in America, with over 1.1 million members involved in all aspects of the residential and commercial real estate industries.

The Realtor of the Year award is based on the recommendation of the Board of Directors and an Executive Committee. It is designed to recognize a Realtor member from one of the local Associations in Oregon who has provided outstanding service to all Realtor organizations, their profession and their community.

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The Oregon Association of REALTORS® was established in 1932 to organize the real estate profession in Oregon. Today, the Association is a force for education and a business and legislative advocate for free enterprise and private property rights in Oregon.