

Northwest nature on display in art show

Fairweather House and Gallery holds reception for artist

SEASIDE — Fairweather House and Gallery introduces new works by Lee Munsell with an artist reception from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, April 24. A light brunch with champagne mimosas will be offered.

After extensive exploration of the Olympic Peninsula and Northwest Oregon, Munsell's new work demonstrates stunning scenes of tree-topped sea stacks, hidden coves and sunset skies. He has traveled throughout the world gathering insights, taking photographs and creating pencil sketches along the Pacific coast that give him inspiration for new work later in his studio.

His work offers up a sense of the endurance these monuments withstand against the relentless Pacific Ocean. One can only stop awhile, reflect and take in



"Listening" by Lee Munsell.

the grandeur of these places of breathtaking strength and peace. "There is a design to the world and cosmos around us. There are lessons in everything created," stated Munsell.

About Munsell's work, art critic William Havlicek wrote, "Munsell uses nuances of light to create transcendent evocations ... the subjects of the work as are the peaks, rivers and strong pines ... he seeks to convey the timeless and lasting ef-



Lee Munsell works on a painting.

fects of creation."

Munsell's fine art work has been exhibited at the Laguna Festival of the Arts, a sought-after juried show. His work is exhibited in selected galleries throughout the United States including a one-man show at the World Art Gallery in Orange County, California.

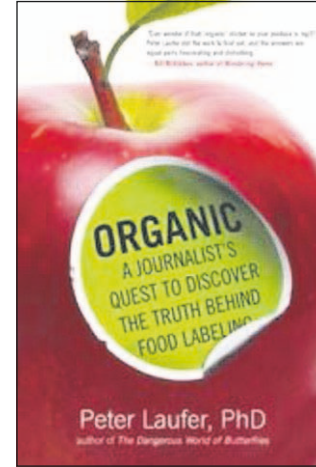
Fairweather House and Gallery is located at 612 Broadway. For information, go to www.fairweatherhouseandgarden.com

'Organic' book delves into food labeling

Seaside library hosts award-winning author Peter Laufer

SEASIDE — On Thursday, April 23, the Friends of the Seaside Library will welcome Peter Laufer, award winning author of "Organic: A Journalist's Quest to Discover the Truth Behind Food Labeling." The event will take place at 7 p.m., in the Community Room at the library, and there will be book sales and signings presented by Beach Books.

Part food narrative, part investigation, part adventure story, "Organic" is an eye-opening and entertaining look into the organic label. It is also a wakeup call about the dubious origin of food labeled organic. After eating some suspect organic walnuts that supposedly were produced in Kazakhstan, veteran journalist Peter Laufer chooses a few items from his home pantry and traces their origins back to their source. Along the way he learns how



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"Organic" by Peter Laufer.

easily we are tricked into taking "organic" claims at face value.

With organic foods readily available at supermarkets, confusion and outright deception about labels have become commonplace. Globalization has al-

lowed food from highly corrupt governments and businesses overseas to pollute the market with food that is anything but. The organic environment is like the Wild West: oversight is virtually nonexistent, and deception runs amok. Laufer investigated so-called organic farms in Europe, South America and in his own backyard in the Pacific Northwest.

Laufer, winner of major awards for excellence in reporting, is an independent journalist, broadcaster and documentary filmmaker working in traditional and new media. He is the James Wallace Chair in Journalism at the University of Oregon School of Journalism and Communication.

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