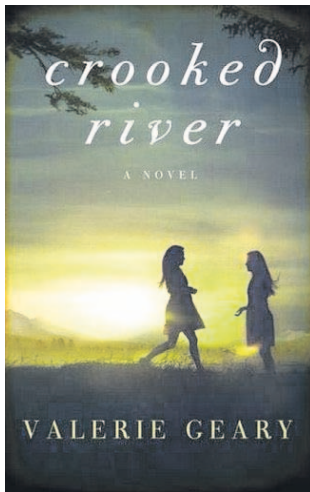


Library hosts Valerie Geary for Northwest Author Series

CANNON BEACH — Valerie Geary, author of “Crooked River,” will be the speaker at the next Northwest Author Series event at the Cannon Beach Library, set for 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10. The event is free.

Geary’s debut novel, “Crooked River,” is a psychological thriller that moves from Eugene to the forests and fields of rural Oregon. Geary grew up in Albany and has a strong connection to its wild places. Now a Portland resident, she spent her childhood outdoors, riding bikes, digging in the garden and tromping through the woods.

Her novel focuses on two young sisters, grieving the death of their mother, and adjusting to the family’s move from the comforts of Eugene to rural Oregon with Bear, their beekeeper father. Soon, their eccentric father is arrested



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“Crooked River” by Valerie Geary.

ed for murder.

Full of emotion and suspense, and told in the voices of the two sisters, “Cooked River” is a powerful debut.

The Cannon Beach book Store will have books available for purchase and signing.

Author Jan Bono releases two mysteries New series’ setting resembles the Long Beach Peninsula

LONG BEACH, Wash. and ASTORIA — “I’m definitely doing the happy dance,” says Jan Bono, author of a cozy new mystery series. “And I’m delighted to share my excitement with readers who’ve been waiting, literally for decades for the first two books to be released.”

“Cozies,” by definition, are mysteries often set in small towns. An amateur sleuth, along with an entourage of quirky friends, works with the police department to solve the crime — usually a murder.

“But cozies don’t have graphic violence, bad language or blatant sex,” explains Bono. “What makes them fun to read are the recurring cast of characters and the humorous, borderline slapstick situations in which they find themselves as they wrestle to put together the pieces of the puzzle.”

The television show “Murder She Wrote” is an excellent example of a cozy mystery series, notes Bono.

“My main character, Sylvia Avery, is an early retiree from Child Protective Services. Her closest friends include a sequined casino lounge singer; a young, gay motel manager; a slightly conservative high school history teacher and the teacher’s retired mentor; the



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Author Jan Bono holds “Bottom Feeders” and “Starfish,” the first two books in her new Sylvia Avery Mystery series.

county sheriff and his younger, handsome deputy; and a charter boat fisherman.”

The Sylvia Avery Mystery series begins with “Bottom Feeders” and “Starfish.” Bono recommends that these books be read in order.

Bono has two book signings scheduled at local coffee shops, taking place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m..

The official release party will be Saturday, Oct. 10 at Long Beach Coffee Roasters in Long Beach, where free cake will be served to the first

Book signings

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10

Long Beach Coffee Roasters

811 S. Pacific Ave., Long Beach, Wash.

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17

3 Cups Coffee House

279 W. Marine Drive, Astoria

360-642-4932

48 readers. Bono hints that the Sandy Bottom Coffee Cup referred to in her novels has a striking resemblance to Long Beach Coffee Roasters.

The second book signing will be Saturday, Oct. 17 at 3 Cups Coffee House in Astoria.

The series’ action runs the entire length of the North Beach Peninsula, from the southern town of Unity past Tinkerstown and Ocean Crest to the Spartina Point Casino and Resort.

“I had almost too much fun with place names,” admits Bono. “I even put a map in the front of both books in case locals want to double check their geographical suspicions. Let’s just say my fictional locales have a tendency to imitate real places.”

Bono’s books are written in a slightly larger font size than most standard tomes. “I’m 61,” says Bono. “Most of my friends also have what I call ‘mature eyes.’ And I promised Mom she’d never have to wear her reading glasses to enjoy my books.”

Each book costs \$15. The books are currently available only through book signings, bazaars and direct communication with the author.

An assortment of Bono’s eight other published books will be available at both book signings. “There’s a 10 percent discount on three or more different titles,” she says.

“Bottom Feeders” and “Starfish” are the first two of a proposed six to eight book series. “I’ve got a rough idea of the plots of the next four books for sure, and already have many pages of notes for book three, which I plan to have out in 2016,” she says.

“But first things first, and I’m hoping to see and visit with many readers over the next two weekends. Good coffee and good books — what a perfect combination.”

For more information, call 360-642-4932. Long Beach Coffee Roasters is located at 811 S. Pacific Ave. in Long Beach, and 3 Cups Coffee House is located at 279 W. Marine Drive in Astoria.

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Can you play dead?

Historical society seeks volunteers to assist with Talking Tombstones event

ASTORIA — The Clatsop County Historical Society is preparing for its ever-popular Talking Tombstones program, which will take place Sunday, Oct. 25.

The historical society seeks volunteers to assist in putting on the event. At Talking Tombstones, actors portray deceased former citizens in costume who ready for a graveside chat with any and all willing to visit their tombstones.

All interested persons

should contact the society by calling 503-325-2203 or emailing cchs@cumtux.org

Clatsop County Historical Society is a 501(C)(3) non-profit educational organization dedicated to preserving and presenting the history of Clatsop County and the surrounding area.

The society operates the Flavel House Museum, the Heritage Museum, the Oregon Film Museum, and the Uptertown Firefighters Museum.

ASOC opens ‘True West’

ASTORIA — The Astor Street Opry Company presents “True West,” a play written by Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright Sam Shepard.

Directed by Markus Brown, “True West” runs at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Oct. 9 to 24. A Sunday matinee is scheduled for 2 p.m. Oct. 18.

This fall production is a thought-provoking show geared for mature audiences. “True West” takes you into the private lives of two brothers and their roller coaster ride of a relationship that built up over 40 years. In the play, they are stuck together in their mother’s home

with nothing but booze, burnt toast, and the sound of yapping coyotes to occupy their time.

Ben VanOsdol portrays Austin, a well-educated struggling writer. Jason Hippert plays Austin’s older brother, Lee, a drifter and a petty thief. Dan Driscoll plays Saul, a Hollywood Producer, and Karen Bain performs as the mother to Austin and Lee.

Tickets are \$8 to \$15. All proceeds go toward helping ASOC fund new productions and activities.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call 503-325-6104 or visit www.astorstreetycompany.com