

Make room on the refrigerator door

If one of your resolutions this year is to foster your child's creativity, the guidance and support given by the Art Smart program, for kids ages 7 to 13, is a smart place to start. (Kids age 6 may attend with accompanying adult).

These Saturday art classes, starting on Saturday, Jan. 11 and running through April 25, are based around a story that is told bit-by-bit throughout the series of 16 classes. This year the theme is "the Shape-shifters' Journey Home."

Art instruction includes concepts like light and shadow, color theory, texture, line quality, space and composition. The classes feature a different type of art with each class including sculpture, painting, drawing, scratch art, collage, weaving,

embroidery, assemblage and much more.

There are three class times: 10:30 am to 12 pm, 1 to 2:30 pm and 3 to 4:30 pm.

A \$20 membership per student fee, due on the first day of class, covers the entire series of 16 classes. Single drop-in price is \$5 per class. All materials are provided.

Classes are held at the Artists Studio Association, behind the Artists' Co-op Gallery, 620 NE Hwy. 101 in Lincoln City.

There is a 20 student limit per class; reserve your spot early by calling instructor Krista Eddy at 541-992-4292 or emailing k.eddyalexander@gmail.com.

For more information visit www.asaart.org.



Your hidden talent revealed

Capture the color and intensity of the season and bring out your inner artist in a free watercolor art class brought to you by the Newport 60+ Activity Center.

The six session class will meet on Tuesdays, Jan. 7 through Feb. 11, from 10 to 11:30 am.

Instructor Shirley Steinhauer will help participants find their hidden talent. All the supplies will be provided, though those who have supplies are encouraged to bring them to class. Class size is limited.

To register for this fun art class, go online: www.newportoregon.gov/sc and click on the dark blue banner "Browse the catalog and register." There, you may view a listing of additional trips, hikes, events, classes, presentations and events. For more information, stop by the office located at 20 SE 2nd Street, Newport, OR, or call 541-265-9617.

An arresting presentation

The Oregon Coast Learning Institute opens its winter semester on Tuesday, Jan. 7 with a presentation by Lincoln County sheriff Curtis Landers about the long and distinguished history of sheriffs.

"The office of sheriff has a proud history that spans well over a thousand years," Landers said, "from the early Middle Ages up to our own 'high tech' era."

Landers has been the sheriff in Lincoln County for the last three years and has been involved in law enforcement, emergency management and administration for Lincoln County since 1987.

After a no-host lunch, Paul Reno will present the benefits of electric motor vehicles (EVs), the pros and cons of EVs currently on the market and the economic and ecological benefits of EV ownership.

Oregon Coast Learning Institute (OCLI) is an all-volunteer, non-profit organization in Lincoln

County made up mostly of retired men and women who desire to stimulate their intellectual interests in an atmosphere of shared learning.

Visitors are always welcome to attend a full day for free. The \$75 dues cover all of the 12 Tuesdays in the winter semester from Jan. 7 to March 24, 2020.

Each new semester begins with a free coffee and cookie reception at 9 am for visitors, new members and long standing members to meet.

Sessions are held at Salishan Spa and Resort located east of the Highway 101 traffic light in Gleneden Beach. Each Tuesday has two topics, the first from 10 am to noon and the second from 1 to 3 pm. A no-host buffet lunch is available at noon at Salishan. There are also restaurants open close by in Gleneden Beach and at the Taft area in Lincoln City. For more information visit www.ocli.us or call 541-994-4810.

Geos between us

The carbon storage benefits of trees, marshes and soils in natural and working landscapes are the theme of a carbon-storage focused speaker series, "From Ridgetop to Reef," hosted by the MidCoast Watersheds Council.

Dr. Dominick DellaSala of the Geos Institute will focus on the vital role our coastal rain forests play globally on Thursday, Jan. 9 at 6:30 pm at the Pacific Maritime Heritage Center in Newport. His talk will also discuss the importance of conserving unlogged forests and how our working forests can be managed for additional carbon benefits.

Receiving as much as 200 inches of annual rainfall on average, the forested western slopes of the Oregon Coast Range unsurprisingly fit the definition of rainforest. In fact, the area between Northern California's redwoods and Southeastern Alaska, along with the Canadian boreal forest and the world's tropical forests are considered the ecological lungs of the planet, filtering carbon dioxide from the atmosphere to create oxygen while also storing the carbon in long-lived trees, dead standing and downed wood and in roots in the soil.

While all plants provide this function, the quick growth rates and large sizes that our coastal trees attain provides a powerful mechanism to help absorb the additional carbon dioxide that is dangerously warming our planet.

Dr. Dominick A. DellaSala is president

and chief scientist of the Geos Institute in Ashland and former president of the Society for Conservation Biology, North America Section. He



Dr. Dominick DellaSala

is an internationally renowned author of over 200 science papers on forest and fire ecology, conservation biology, endangered species management and landscape ecology. Dr.

DellaSala has given presentations at the United Nations Earth Summit and has appeared in National Geographic, Science Digest, Science Magazine, Scientific American, Time Magazine and many other media outlets. He is currently serving on the Oregon's Global Warming Commission Subcommittee on Forest Carbon and is editor of numerous scientific journals and publications. His book "Temperate and Boreal Rain Forests of the World: Ecology and Conservation" received an academic excellence award from Choice magazine.

Dr. DellaSala co-founded the Geos Institute in July 2006 and says he is motivated "to leave a living planet for my two daughters, two grandkids and all those that follow."

Refreshments will be provided. The MidCoast Watersheds Council regular board meeting will follow the presentation.

The Pacific Maritime Heritage Center's newly-renovated Doerfler Family Theater is located at 333 SE Bay Blvd.

For more information visit www.midcoastwatersheds.org/carbon-speaker-series.