

# Spend an afternoon in the slammer

Lincoln County Community Rights will present an afternoon of poetry and passion this Sunday, Sept. 15, as it hosts the inaugural Social Justice Poetry Slam at the Newport Performing Arts Center.

The afternoon will be full of poetry, spoken word and rap on social justice issues such as climate change, immigration, women's rights, LGBTQ issues, food sovereignty, racism, colonization, animal

rights and more.

The poetry slam is a fundraiser for Lincoln County Community Rights (LCCR), the organization that authored Measure 177-221 which banned the aerial spray of pesticides from helicopters in Lincoln County in 2017.

"The slam creates a space for the unique voices throughout Lincoln County who have something passionate to say about

their own lives and what they see," said spokesperson Jan Kenyon. "It provides a small but important platform of inclusion for those voices. Poetry has the power to cross social boundaries, to remind us of our shared humanity, to build community. And we believe Lincoln County's voices are strong and need to be heard."

The afternoon includes a silent auction, organic hemp grocery bags, food and

beverages from Yachats Brewing & Farm Store, and great music. The event is family-friendly and scent-free. Admission is free but donations will be appreciated.

The slam will run from 3 to 5 pm at 777 W Olive Street.

For more information, go to [www.lincolncountycommunityrights.org](http://www.lincolncountycommunityrights.org), email [lccrights@gmail.com](mailto:lccrights@gmail.com) or call Kenyon at 847-651-7445.



## ART IN THE SPOTLIGHT

The latest Spotlight Show from Newport's Yaquina Art Association features a series of handmade books that combine coastal artist Jane Hodgkins' love of bookmaking and printmaking.

The books feature a variety of printing techniques including linocuts, silk screens, nature prints and eco-dyed leaf prints.

"For this show, I decided to display my prints in a new format," Hodgkins said. "I have incorporated them in hand-bound tradition, accordion and new 'explosion' books,"

With covers measuring just 4.5 inches square, explosion books pop open to 11 by 23 inches, making them great way to store



and display prints when wall space is scarce.

Hodgkins began printmaking four years ago after retiring from Oregon Coast Community College.

"I retired at the end of spring term 2015 and enrolled in an art class at OCCC the very next term," she said. "It was the start of a whole new adventure. Since then I've also taken classes at Sitka Center for Art and Ecology, the Newport Paper Arts Festival, and the Yaquina Art Association."

The show will be on display through Friday, Sept. 20, available to view from 11 am to 4 pm daily at the Yaquina Art

Association Gallery, 789 NW Beach Drive.

## A plucky lineup

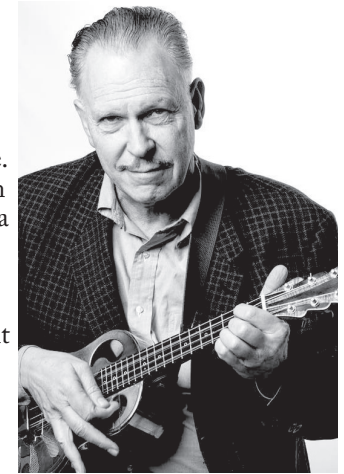
Tunes in the Dunes will return to Lincoln City on Thursday, Sept. 19, presenting performances by some of the best ukulele musicians in a benefit cabaret for Camp Westwind and its stewardship programs.

Leading the all-star line up is Casey MacGill, playing classic swing on his six-string tenor ukulele. MacGill grew up in Southern California and has followed his musical passion for more than 40 years. He has taught at ukulele camps in Port Townsend, Washington; the Ukulele Hooley in Dun Laoghaire, Ireland; the Vancouver Ukulele Festival; and Ukulele University in Bend, Oregon. MacGill and his bands have toured in Australia and Japan and played swing camps in England, France, Italy, Spain, Sweden, Thailand and South Korea.

MacGill will be joined by New Orleans musician Albanie Falletta, who brings her irresistible voice and Louisiana jazz sound; Aaron and Nicole Keim, who touch the roots of American folk; and the graceful Hawaiian vocals and melodies of Steven Espaniola. The event will also feature rhythm and blues from Andy Andrews; inspirational world beat music by Kate Power and Steve Einhorn; and the dynamic back up band the Hood River Quadrio.

The cabaret will run from 6:30 to 9 pm at Lincoln City Cultural Center, 540 NE Hwy. 101. Bring your ukuleles and voices for the annual sing-a-long.

Tickets, \$22, are available at [lincolncity-culturalcenter.org](http://lincolncity-culturalcenter.org).



Casey MacGill