

Where the wild things are — Zoom

Writer, geologist and adventuress Ruby McConnell will lead an online “Writing the Wild” workshop in partnership with Manzanita’s Hoffman Center for the Arts this Saturday, May 30.

The class will begin with an instruction session followed by writing prompts. Participants will then find their nearest wild spot to observe and write to the prompts. After their time in the wild, members will return to the Zoom Room to share their observations and thoughts, as well as the results of their writing effort.

This workshop relies on Thoreau’s notion of ‘sauntering’ as it applies to writing about the natural world in fiction and nonfiction. Participants will learn to create a framework for their field work that helps open pathways of memory, free association and curiosity as well as the fundamentals of deep, scientifically-driven observation. Particular emphasis will be placed on advanced skills of observation and questioning as well as accessing and mastering the language of the wild. Writers will be encouraged to share their work.

McConnell’s work focuses on nature, the environment and the relationship between landscape and the human experience. Her experiences as a researcher, activist and explorer in the wild lands of the western United States led her to write “A Woman’s Guide to the Wild” — the definitive outdoor guide for anyone who identifies as, or loves, women (or just wants to learn how to read a map).

She believes that positive outdoor experiences are the key to healthy living



and protecting the environment and is committed to breaking down barriers that prevent all kinds of people from being outside. Her writing has appeared in publications such as Grain Literary Journal, Oregon Humanities Magazine and Mother Earth News. She was awarded an Oregon Literary Arts Fellowship

in 2016.

The May 30 workshop will run from 11 am to 4 pm, followed at 4:30 pm by a reading that students can attend at no additional charge.

Tuition is \$75 per person and includes a copy of Ruby’s new book, “Ground Truth.” To register, go to <https://hoffmanarts.org>.

• The Lower Nehalem Community Trust invites participants to check out the Elk Meadows for their walk in the wild. Turn off Highway 101 at Bayside Gardens Road and turn left at Neptune Way. Parking is available along the large gravel shoulder on Neptune Way, just before it veers right and becomes Creekside Drive.

Mari- time to open up

The Garibaldi Maritime Museum will open its doors to the public this Saturday, May 30, offering appointments every hour on the hour from 10 am to 3 pm.

The museum will be observing

social distancing and catering to individuals or family groups only. The exhibit area will be cleaned in between each visit.

In compliance with state guidelines, visitors will be required to wear a mask while in the building, and are encouraged to wear gloves as well.

Located at 112 Garibaldi Avenue, the museum will be open from 10 am to 3 pm on Saturdays and Sundays until further notice. To make an appointment, call 503-322-8411 or send a message via Facebook Messenger with the time and dates requested as well as a name and contact phone number or email.

Curb for enthusiasm

Toledo Public Library has begun offering curbside service, allowing guests to order items from the library catalog online or by phone

Appointments for pickup will be made for Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 10 am to noon and 3 to 5 pm. Patrons are asked to not get out of their car. They should call the front desk to let staff know they have arrived if possible.

This service will include social distancing strategies as well as the wearing of wearing of gloves and masks by staff. Staff recommend that patrons wear masks as well.

Requests should be limited to Toledo Public Library materials only, as the courier service has been discontinued for now

The book drop has remained open during the pandemic, but items deposited in the drop will be quarantined for three days before handling.

The library will continue to offer all its online service and will continue to promote and manage its Summer Reading Program online.

For more information, contact the library at 541-335-3132 or email librarydirector@cityoftoledo.org.