



Last summer Québécois artist and musician Geneviève Castrée died of pancreatic cancer. Now her husband, Washington state musician Phil Elverum, known for work with indie band Microphones and under the moniker **Mount Eerie**, has released *A Crow Looked at Me*. The album is part musical project, part personal memoir; it chronicles Elverum's experience with Castrée's illness and death and raising the couple's only child. The record is also one of the most shockingly fragile renderings of grief ever attempted by an artist, certainly in the medium of songwriting. If you've ever sat quietly with the cold blue flame of loss, and all of us have or will at some point, this is tough stuff to take. Like encountering a stranger on a crying jag, the raw emotion aggravates your own damage, and you want to help but you're unsure how you avert your eyes and keep walking. The album's advance single, "Ravens," is delicately plucked, indie-folk acoustic guitar under Elverum's trademark muttering singing voice and conversational melodies. "I watched you die in this room," he sings. "Then I gave your clothes away — I'm sorry." It's hard to think of better words to express the shock experienced when a loved one passes, whether it's unexpected or prepared for: a brutal vacuum left by a soul exiting the world, and a long to-do list to clean up what's left behind. It's not a new idea to say death is hardest on those who survive, and Elverum's work paints this truth in stark, Northwestern colors. From the album's leadoff track "Death is Real," he sings: "Death is real, someone's there and then they're not/It's not for singing about/It's not for making into art." In the middle of grief, it's understandable Elverum feels this way. But sometimes in the face of inexplicable tragedy, making art is all you can do.

Mount Eerie plays with **Lori Goldston** 8 pm Tuesday, April 4 at WOW Hall; \$13 advance, \$15 door, all-ages. — *Will Kennedy*

Natural Grocers, 201 Coburg Rd., 345-3300. FREE.

Chinese Acupuncture Healing Circle continues. See March 30.

Stress & Anxiety Relief Group Acupuncture continues. See March 30.

KIDS/FAMILIES Babies & Toddlers Storytime continues. See Wednesday.

Wonderful Ones Storytime continues. See Thursday, March 30.

LECTURES/CLASSES Natural Egg Dyeing w/Brandy Gamoning from Nest Fresh Eggs, noon-1pm, Natural Grocers, 201 Coburg Rd., 345-3300. FREE.

"Challenging Behaviors: Effective Approaches to Common Behaviors," helping relatives w/Alzheimer's, 12:30pm-5pm, La Quinta Inn & Suites, 155 Day Island Rd. FREE.

Intro to Urban Homesteading: living well cheaply, 1-2pm, Petersen Barn Community Center, 870 Berntzen Rd., 682-5521. FREE.

DanceAbility Class continues. See March 30.

Talks at the MNCH continues. See Thursday, March 30.

LITERARY ARTS Lane Community Writers Series reading: Charles Goodrich, Joy McDowell, & Rodger Moody; 5:30pm, LCC Downtown Campus rm. 421, 101 W. 10th Ave. FREE.

ON THE AIR "Arts Journal" continues. See Thursday, March 30.

Thursday Night Jazz w/David Gizara continues. See Thursday, March 30.

"The Point" continues. See Thursday, March 30.

OUTDOORS/RECREATION Adult intro to ki-aijido continues. See Thursday, March 30.

Board Game Night continues. See Thursday, March 30.

Cribbage Tournament continues. See Thursday, March 30

Duplicate Bridge continues. See Thursday, March 30.

Lunchtime Tap & Growler Running Group continues. See Thursday, March 30.

Pool Hall for seniors continues. See Thursday, March 30.

SOCIAL DANCE Learn to Swing: Dance Workshop, 6pm, downtown library, 682-5450. FREE. Eugene Folklore Society Contra

Dance w/live music by Maivish, 7pm workshop, 7:30 dance, Village School, 3411 Willamette St. FREE.

Crossroads Blues Fusion Weekly Blues & Fusion Dance continues. See Thursday, March 30.

English & Scottish Country Dancing continues. See Thursday, March 30.

Music & Dance Workshops w/ Taller de Son Jarocho continues. See Thursday, March 30.

SPIRITUAL Insight Meditation continues. See Thursday, March 30.

Zen Meditation continues. See Thursday, March 30.

TEENS Japanese Manga & Cartoon Drawing Club! continues. See Thursday, March 30.

No Shame Workshop continues. See Thursday, March 30.

VOLUNTEER Care for Owen Rose Garden continues. See Thursday, March 30.

Friends of Buford Park & Mt. Pisgah Native Plant Volunteer Work Party continues. See Thursday, March 30.

Native Plant Nursery Volunteer Work Party continues. See Thursday, March 30.

CORVALLIS AND THE REGION

THURSDAY, March 30: Kids: learn about wool & use it to create fun crafts, 10am-1pm, Willamette Heritage Center, 1313 Mill St. S.E., Salem. \$3-\$5.

Heceta Lightstation's 123rd birthday celebration, live music, food, tours of lighthouse, 4-7pm, Heceta Head Lighthouse Scenic Viewpoint, Florence. FREE, don, \$5 parking.

TUESDAY, April 4: Eug/Spfld Mossbacks Volkssport Club: walk in Yachats, 9am, meet at Yachats Overleaf Lodge, 280 Overleaf Lodge Lane, Yachats, mossbacks.org. FREE.

Job Connections Presents: Social Media 101 for Job Hunters, 7pm, Fern Ridge Library, Veneta. FREE.

WEDNESDAY, April 5: Death Café Corvallis, Got thoughts about mortality? 6pm, Interzone, 1563 N.W. Monroe

Ave, Corvallis, facebook.com/groups/deathcafequivallis. FREE.

ATTENTION OPPORTUNITIES

Due date for the calendar is noon the Thursday before the Thursday issue in which you would like your event published. For example, if you'd like to be included in our April 6 edition, please follow our formatting guidelines w/the date, name of the event, time, place, address & send it to cal@eugeneweekly.com in the body of the email by Thursday, March 30 at noon.

Auditions for Roving Park Players production of *The Rivals* will take place Saturday, April 1 & Sunday, April 2 & Saturday, April 8 & Sunday, April 9. Seeking 8+ males & 5+ females, ages 16 & above. Be prepared to read a script.

Preschool Promise strives to increase the number of low-income children who have access to quality learning environments. volunteers are needed to help distribute enrollment packets. Gas mileage is reimbursed. For more info contact Julie DiBiase: 741-6000, jdbiase@unitedwaylane.org.

Help bring hope to the fight against ALS. We need volunteers for The ALS Association's fundraising event Laugh Your ALS Off, on Saturday, May 6th at Sprout Regional Food, volunteer hours are 5-9pm. For more info contact Jennifer Slater at 972-1182, jenniferslater@alsa-or.org.

Shelton McMurfhey Johnson House: SMJ House is looking for board members who can help further the museum's vision & work to promote the mission of the SMJ House. Members w/ backgrounds in development & business are encouraged. Board members assist w/ Curations & Collections, Tea, Education Planning/Community Outreach, Building & Grounds, & Marketing/Fundraising. For more info contact Leah Murray at 484-0808, director@smjhouse.org.

St. Vincent de Paul: The Lindholm Center: Volunteers needed at our Hwy 99 site to assist in

the food room (Tues/Thurs/Fri) as well as in the Service Station to help in the kitchen and/or laundry/shower area (7 days/week). The Lindholm Center serves our community's homeless & low income populations, for more info contact Ashely Hensley: ashely.hensley@svdp.us, 743-7147.

Sponsors Inc. Mentorship Program needs volunteer mentors to mentor men & women transitioning out of state & federal institutions. For more info contact James at 505-5662.

Long Term Care Ombudsman - Certified volunteers are needed to serve as resident advocates who identify, investigate & resolve complaints in order to protect rights, dignity & safety of nursing home residents Contact Diane at 345-2846.

Café 60 volunteers are needed to prepare & serve meals at various sites. Volunteers assist in kitchen, help serve, set-up & then clean-up after meal is served. For more info call Heather at 682-4268 or go to laneseniormeals.org.

Elder Help: volunteers are needed to provide companionship, transportation for shopping & errands, correspondence, reading & respite care to home bound clients. Training & on-going support provided. Contact Clarence at 517-6396 or RSVP at 741-6000 for details.

The Very Little Theatre, 2350 Hilliard St., will hold auditions for the comedy "Perfect Wedding" at 10am on Saturday, April 1, & Monday, April 3, at 7pm. There are roles for 2 men & 3 women, ages 20-early 30s, & 1 woman age 40-50. For more audition details, go to TheVLT.com.

Lane County Intergovernmental Housing Policy Board seeks applicants to serve on the board for a 2 year term. Applications must be submitted by 5pm Friday, April 14 to the Board of Commissioners' Office, 125 E. 8th Ave.

Recruiting for inclusive, spiritual dance ministry performance ensemble. All ages, abilities, genders. No dance or performance experience required. Rehearsals 3:30-5:30pm Thursdays. Ongoing. Please contact 554-3337 for more info.

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