

'Arctic Light' draws attention to global warming

Presentation, photographic journey aim for wildlife literacy

SEASIDE — Sponsored by the Campion Foundation, three West Coast naturalists traveled to the Arctic last year to create a photographic journey featuring spectacular moments in the Barter Island polar bear habitat. Acclaimed nature photographers Neal Maine and Daniel Dietrich will open a conversation in support of the Alaska Wilderness League at 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21 in the historic Gilbert Block building, located on the corner of Holladay Drive and Broadway. Doug Ray, an environmental consultant working with the North Coast Land Conservancy and who traveled to Kaktovia, Alaska, with Maine and Dietrich, will be the master of ceremonies welcoming guests and introducing the program. This event is free and open to the public.

The Campion Foundation focuses its wilderness program

grant on the continent's northwestern regions, specifically Washington, Idaho, Montana, Alaska, British Columbia, the Yukon and the Northwest Territories. The Alaska Wilderness League's mission is to lead the effort to preserve Alaska's wild lands and waters by engaging citizens and decision makers with a courageous, constant, victorious voice for Alaska.

"I feel that the story behind any image is more important than the final image itself. The maximum impact from any image comes from watching, learning and understanding an animal's behavior long before clicking the shutter," says Dietrich.

Neal Maine, after a 30-year career as an award-winning biology teacher at Seaside High School, became the first executive director of North Coast Land Conservancy, which he

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7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21

Entrance through Beach Books

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co-founded in 1986. Since his retirement from the land trust in 2010, he has pursued his passion for nature photography through PacificLight Images.

For each purchase of "Arctic Light" artwork by Maine and Dietrich, Steven Kazlowski's book "The Last Polar Bear" will be gifted (a \$40 value).

Through Kazlowski's unparalleled imagery, a critical modern environmental issue is brought to life. "The Last Polar Bear" places the reality of climate change in everyone's hands.



Submitted photo by Neal Maine / PacificLight Images

Neal Maine and Daniel Dietrich will speak about Alaska Wilderness League at a presentation of their Arctic photography Feb. 21.



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On a trip to the Arctic, Neal Maine and Daniel Dietrich photographed polar bears on Barter Island, Alaska.

"The continued survival of these magnificent white bears in their warming and melting, arctic world is uncertain, yet their fate is also a wake-up call compelling us to act now to stem global warming," says Kazlowski.

This event was organized to help remind its audience that being aware of an incredible moment can change a

thought with ripples that may affect many. It is hoped that wilderness literacy at the individual level is an important building block for intelligent decision-making awareness.

The presentation is co-sponsored by Denise Fairweather of Fairweather House & Garden, and Karen Malmsten-Emmerling of Beach Books. Through the

generosity of Avery Loschen, a satellite pop-up community room was made possible at the Gilbert Block building. Entrance to the event will be through Beach Books located at 616 Broadway. For further information, call Neal Maine at 503-717-2298, Beach Books at 503-738-3500, or Denise Fairweather at 503-738-4003.

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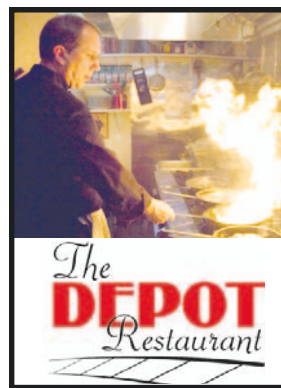
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