

Master Gardeners hold winter workshop

Take the mystery out of pruning fruit trees and berries

ILWACO, Wash. — The Washington State University Master Gardeners of Pacific County begin their third year of sponsoring a series of gardening workshops in conjunction with the Columbia Pacific Heritage Museum.

The intent of this joint venture is to create a Pacific County Master Gardener demonstration garden. The museum is located on 115 S.E. Lake St., and the Discovery Garden is located behind the museum's parking lot.

On Saturday, Feb. 28, Pacific County Master Gardeners are sponsoring their first 2015 workshop on "Taking the Mystery out of Pruning Fruit Trees and Berries." Master gardener volunteers will speak on and demonstrate proper pruning techniques for fruit trees, fruit bushes and cane berries. The lecture begins at 10 a.m.

After the workshop, you can practice your new pruning skills on the trees and bushes in the museum's Discovery Garden. Bring your favorite pruning tools and dress for the weather.

Do you have plant questions or problems? Come ask a master gardener. Stop by the museum anytime between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. with your plant questions. If possible, bring samples of



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Learn about proper pruning techniques with master gardeners at the Columbia Pacific Heritage Museum's Discovery Garden.

'Taking the Mystery out of Pruning Fruit Trees and Berries'

10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 28

Columbia Pacific Heritage Museum

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Free

your plant problem.

The workshop and plant clinic are free and open to the public.

Mark your calendar for the following three workshops at the Columbia Pacific Heritage Museum:

- Saturday, May 2, "Edible Garden Planning";
- Saturday, July 25, "In-

sects and Wildlife in the Garden";

- Saturday, Oct. 17, "Over-winter Edible Gardening."

For more information, contact Bev Arnoldy at bevarnoldy@gmail.com

Enter songwriting competition

LONG BEACH, Wash. — The Long Beach Acoustic Music Foundation at the Peninsula Arts Center is sponsoring a songwriting contest.

This competition is open to all residents of the Long Beach Peninsula including amateur and professional songwriters.

The entry deadline is March 15.

Prizes are six hours of recording and mixing in a local

studio and a showcase at the Peninsula Arts Center.

Winners will be chosen by a Blue Ribbon Judging Committee comprised of music industry professionals. Songs are judged equally on originality, lyrics, melody and composition.

For an entry form and more information, email events@peninsulaartscenter.org or call 360-901-0962.

Peninsula Arts Center hosts folksinger

Seattle songstress Jaspar Lepak brings Americana tunes

LONG BEACH, Wash. — Jaspar Lepak is a folk and Americana songstress whose remarkable gift for melody is only surpassed by her poetry. Hear her perform at 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 28 at the Peninsula Arts Center.

A child of the Sonoran Desert, Lepak's songs are deeply influenced by the many places she has called home: Tucson, Minneapolis, Durban, and currently Seattle. Sweeping across landscapes with an emotional depth that is extraordinary, her lyrics expose a brave vulnerability while her clear, pure voice touches the heart.

Lepak started writing songs just after college while living in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Between 2004 and 2009 she recorded five albums.

In the fall of 2009, she moved to Durban, South Africa, with her husband, Kale. Lepak's music found an enthusiastic audience, and in 2011, she recorded her sixth CD with the help of talented Durban musicians playing the parts of banjo, mandolin, dobro, bass, and lead guitar. "Forgiving Wind" was hailed by Rolling Stone South Africa as an album with "more than enough beauty and original charm to make you a fan."

Lepak became a Seattle resident in June 2012 and was



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Folk and Americana songstress Jaspar Lepak will perform at the Peninsula Arts Center on Saturday, Feb. 28.

honored to perform in Seattle's 2013 Northwest Folklife Festival. In April 2014, she released her seventh CD, "Wide World," at Durban's UKZN's Center for Jazz and Popular Music. Crafted with simple elegance, "Wide World" showcases the best of what Lepak's performances have to offer: humor, vulnerability, an emphasis on nature and the seasons, and a quiet fierceness that champions the female voice and honors the emotions of the heart. Often joined by

her husband on accordion and harmonies, Lepak tours frequently between her former homes and her new home in the Pacific Northwest.

The Peninsula Arts Center is located at 504 Pacific Ave. N. Tickets are \$12 at the door; doors open at 6:30 p.m. Reservations can be made at www.peninsulaartscenter.org/concerts or by calling Bill at 360-901-0962.

This concert benefits the Long Beach Peninsula Acoustic Music Foundation, a 501(c)3 nonprofit charitable organization.

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