

Discover the seismic past of Pacific coast

Sarah Sterling presents archaeological, geological evidence

CANNON BEACH — The Cannon Beach History Center & Museum welcomes Sarah Sterling, an anthropologist and Portland State University assistant professor, for a free presentation on the Pacific Northwest's seismic past at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 12.

The coastal regions of the Pacific Northwest have long been menaced by the possibility of great earthquakes and tsunamis. The archaeological and geological records of the region retain evidence of ancient seismic events. Native American oral traditions of the region further confirm that such events have impacted ancient populations in the past.

In this presentation, Sterling will discuss archaeological and geological evidence of tsunamis in the Pacific Northwest, by focusing on what was learned while excavating the ancient Klallam village of Tse-whit-zen. The village is located in Washington on the Port Angeles Harbor shoreline and is situated in the midst of the Cascadia Subduction Zone, a tectonic feature that has been, and will be, responsible for earthquakes and tsunamis from northern California to British Columbia and across the Pacific.

Sterling will also cover the current state of knowledge about the relationship between the oc-



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Portland State Assistant Professor Sarah Sterling will discuss archaeological and geological evidence of tsunamis in the Pacific Northwest at the Cannon Beach History Center and Museum on March 12.

cupational and seismic chronology at Tse-whit-zen and how this historic information can be used to understand the impacts of such events throughout the region.

Cannon Beach History Center & Museum is located at 1387 S. Spruce St. For information, call 503-436-9301, or visit www.cbhistory.org. All ages are welcome.

Imogen Gallery hosts AHS senior project

Proceeds from art sale benefit AHS art, fisheries programs

ASTORIA — For her senior project, Astoria High School senior Rachel Speakman has curated a collection of original artwork created by AHS students, all focusing on a marine theme. The artwork will be on display at Imogen Gallery at a fundraiser event from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday, March 6. All proceeds will be donated to the AHS Art Program and Fisheries Program. All are invited to attend this fundraiser, and refreshments will be available.

Speakman, an aspiring artist, will be continuing her education this fall at the Chicago Art Institute. She is the first student from AHS to be heading to the Institute in 30 years. With a strong passion for art as well as the fishing industry, she has combined her two interests to fulfill her requirements for graduation. AHS has a mandatory requirement for every gradu-



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"Salmon" prismacolor by Rachel Speakman.

ating student that they complete a senior project with the intent of doing something to benefit the community. Speakman's goals for her project are to generate funds to be donated to the two high school programs close to her heart. Both the art department and the fisheries program are instrumental in the foundation of careers that speak to the local community.

Besides featuring her own artwork, the art show will also display work by other student artists, including seniors Ruby Reed, Allie Ingmire, Sonia Ahrens and Adrianna Long; juniors Chloe Hunt, Darian Holms and Abby Thornton; and



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"Octopus" prismacolor by Sonia Ahrens.

sophomore Rachel Simmons. All work will be available for purchase during the reception.

Imogen Gallery is located at 240 11th St. For more information, call 503-468-0620 or visit www.imogen-gallery.com

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