

Learn about seed saving in Seaside

Esther Moberg to speak, kick off library's seed exchange

SEASIDE — Learn the ins and outs of seed saving with former master gardener and library director Esther Moberg at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 4 at the Seaside Public Library. The event will take place in the Community Room and will be the kick-off for the library's new seed exchange program.

If you want to save your garden seeds or learn more about heirloom seeds, then this seed collecting event is just the place to start. The library is beginning a seed collection and exchange program that will allow folks in the area to have access to a wide variety of saved seeds. Bring some of your seeds in, take some of other seeds out.

Moberg will talk about the different types of seeds, best practices for harvesting, and the right way to store your seeds. She will also



Photo by Alex Pajunas

Former master gardener and Seaside Public Library Director Esther Moberg will speak about seed saving and the library's new seed exchange program April 4.

present a brief overview of how the seed exchange program will work. Additionally, attendees will get to make a newspaper peat pot and receive free garden seeds.

Along with being the director of the Seaside Public

Seed saving

1 p.m. Saturday, April 4

Seaside Public Library

1131 Broadway, Seaside

503-738-6742

Free

Library, Moberg is a former master gardener in Clatsop County (currently inactive) as well as a former master gardener in Hennepin County, Minnesota.

The Seaside Public Library is located at 1131 Broadway. For more information call 503-738-6742 or visit www.seasidelibrary.org

Take home your own Western red cedar

Lower Nehalem Community Trust holds Arbor Day Stewardship event April 8 at Alder Creek Farm

NEHALEM — Arbor Day is a national holiday where people are encouraged to plant and care for trees. In support of Arbor Day, this year Ecologic Tree LLC in conjunction with the Lower Nehalem Community Trust is offering low-cost Western red cedar seedlings for you to plant.

Seedlings can be pre-ordered at a cost of \$3 per tree or four trees for \$10. To order your trees, email David Sip at davidsip349@gmail.com. Pre-ordered plants may be picked up at Alder Creek Farm on Monday, April 6 from 10 a.m. to noon.

In addition, all volunteers at LNCT's Stewardship Wednesday event on Wednesday, April 8 will also receive one free tree per person. Email LNCT Stewardship Coordinator Max Broderick at max@nehalemtrust.org to sign up for stewardship volunteer activities.

Further information on the Lower Nehalem Community Trust and stewardship activi-



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The first Arbor Day took place April 10, 1872 in Nebraska thanks to Julius Sterling Morton (1832-1902), a Nebraska journalist and politician. Morton worked to improve agricultural techniques when he served as President Grover Cleveland's secretary of agriculture. While serving as a member of Nebraska's state board of agriculture, he proposed that a special day be set aside for planting trees and educating others about the many benefits of trees. In 1885, Arbor Day became a state holiday set on April 22 to coincide with Morton's birthday. President Nixon declared the last Friday in April as National Arbor Day in 1970. Arbor Day is now celebrated in all 50 states, with varying dates in April based on local climates. In Oregon, Arbor Day is celebrated the first full week in April, this year from April 6 to 10. In Washington, Arbor Day is celebrated Wednesday, April 8.

For homeowners, this an opportunity to assess the trees

already on your property as well as plan for the future. Review your trees for dead or broken branches, presence of decay, or other potential threats to your trees' health. Your local ISA Certified Arborists are also available to assist with your tree health assessment. If you have removed any trees from your property in recent history, consider replanting to replace the lost resource.

Planting trees provide numerous benefits to the planet. Trees absorb carbon dioxide and help combat climate change by storing carbon while releasing oxygen back into the atmosphere. In one year, an acre of mature trees absorb the amount of CO2 created by driving a car 26,000 miles. Trees help clean our air by capturing polluting gases and filtering fine particles such as dust. Trees cool cities and conserve energy, reducing energy demand for cooling by up to 50 percent. Trees help conserve water by reducing transpiration of plants beneath, so less irrigation is needed. Rainwater runoff is reduced as trees slow the impact of rain, allowing it to slowly filter into the rootzone and recharge groundwater supplies rather than carrying pollutants into the ocean. To enjoy these and the many other benefits of trees, celebrate Arbor Day and plant trees for the future.

Stewardship Wednesday

Wednesday, April 8

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