

Attention all Earthlings!

Cannon Beach's Twelve Days of Earth Day is one-of-a-kind

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At last year's Earth and Arbor Day parade, held in downtown Cannon Beach, Bob Lundy, center, the 2014 Gaylord Nelson Award recipient, and then-mayor Mike Morgan carry the banner down North Hemlock Street. They are trailed closely by the Haystack Rock Awareness Program.

environmental issues, and it's a positive approach," said Kirsten Massebeau, a member of the Twelve Days of Earth Day Committee. "It's education, and it's excitement about saving the environment, and it's a celebration of Earth."

The Twelve Days of Earth Day Committee is an ad hoc committee of the city's Parks and Community Services Committee. It comprises all of the parks committee members, plus other involved citizens.

"It's an all-inclusive group," said Barb Knop, chairwoman of both committees. "We all put it together, and ev-

erybody kind of does their little part, and it all miraculously comes together."

Seeds of growth

Earth Day — a worldwide event founded in 1970 by Democratic politician Gaylord Nelson, from Wisconsin — has long been a big deal in Cannon Beach, thanks in large part to resident Ed Johnson, a former teacher and long-time environmental activist.

But what began as a one-day observance in Cannon Beach escalated rather quickly, with the city adding ever more days to the program, Knop said.

Then, several years ago, when Donna Linnaeus, a former Haystack Rock Awareness Program volunteer coordinator, casually remarked during a brainstorming session with the Earth Day Committee, the Chamber of Commerce and Cannon Beach Gallery Group that the event should be called the "Twelve Days of Earth Day," the city pounced on the idea.

Now there's no going back. The Twelve Days of Earth Day is part of the city's eco-minded reputation. "It's really become ingrained in Cannon Beach," Massebeau said.

Twelve Days of Earth Day schedule of events

All events are free and open to the public

Thursday, April 16

- Lecture: Author Bonnie Henderson, "The Next Tsunami," at the Cannon Beach History Center and Museum: 7 p.m.
- Haystack Rock Awareness Program on the beach: 2:30 to 7:45 p.m.

Friday, April 17

- Cannon Beach Shreds: midtown parking lot: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Gaylord Nelson Award Ceremony and City Potluck, featuring speaker Eric Wagner, science writer and professor at University of Washington, at the Cannon Beach Community Hall: 6 p.m.
- Haystack Rock Awareness Program on the beach: 6:30 to 9:30 a.m. and 3:15 to 7:45 p.m.

Saturday, April 18

- Walking parade in downtown (assemble in city parking lot at Third Street and Antler

Road — everyone is welcome to participate): 11 a.m.

- Street fair in downtown, U.S. Bank parking lot: 11:15 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Celebration of 30th year of Haystack Rock Awareness Program, an exhibit at Cannon Beach History Center and Museum: 6 p.m.
- Haystack Rock Awareness Program on the beach: 6:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, April 19

- Nature/bird walk in Ecola Creek Forest Reserve (meet at the gate): 10 a.m. to noon
- Hands across the sand with Christen Allsop, in front of Haystack Rock (rain or shine): 1 p.m.
- Haystack Rock Awareness Program on the Beach: 6:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.

Monday, April 20

- Haystack Rock Awareness Program on the beach: 6:30 a.m. to noon

Tuesday, April 21

- Activist Kirsten Massebeau talk at Cannon Beach Library (topic TBA): 7 p.m.
- Haystack Rock Awareness Program on the beach: 6:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 22 (Earth Day)

- Welcome Back Tufted Puffins at Haystack Rock: 10 a.m.
- Tree-planting ceremony with student involved in Sunset Empire Transportation & Recreation District's after school program (time, place TBA)
- Beach Bill sign unveiling at Second Street and the beach: 4 p.m.
- Documentary screening: "Politics of Sand" / Twelve Days of Earth Day closing ceremony at Pizza a'fetta: 4:30 p.m.
- Haystack Rock Awareness Program on the beach: 7 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Visit www.twelvedays-offearthday.com for more information.

Something for everyone

Encompassing a nature walk and a tree-planting ceremony, a walking parade and a paper shredding party, public lectures and a documentary screening and beach clean-ups, this year's Twelve Days schedule is meant to appeal to coolly detached observers of Her Majesty Mother Nature and to card-carrying tree huggers.

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Register for the Black Lake Fishing Derby

ILWACO, Wash. — Registrations are now being accepted for the Black Lake Fishing Derby. The

fishing derby will be held from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. Saturday, April 25. There is no cost to participate in the event.

Check-in for the fishing derby and a free pancake breakfast, courtesy of New Life Church and Carl and Terry Larson, is at 7 a.m. The last registration is at 9:45 a.m., and final fish weigh-in will be at 10 a.m., followed by awards and a prize drawing.

Hot dogs and refreshments donated by Sid's Market and Ocean Spray will also be served by Laurie Hazen and volunteers from Klean Treatment Center starting at 10 a.m.

All participants of the fishing derby will receive a free T-shirt (guaranteed only with pre-registration) designed by logo contest winner Isabelle Grotting of Ilwaco High School. Her logo design will be featured on the event T-shirts and Grotting has been invited by the Ilwaco Fire Department to ride on the fire



Submitted photo

Isabelle Grotting of Ilwaco High School is the winner of the 2015 Black Lake Fishing Derby logo contest with this whimsical drawing of a trout fishing.

truck in both Loyalty Days Parades.

To register for the fishing derby, visit www.ilwaco-wa.gov. To donate prizes to the fishing derby, contact the city of Ilwaco at 360-642-3145, or email clerk@ilwaco-wa.gov.

Crossword Answer

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