

Sign up for Shoreline Science

ARCH CAPE — All those who would like to learn more about coastal natural history and the Oregon shoreline have an opportunity this summer. The CoastWatch program is offering intensive, three-day workshops, led by ecologist Stewart Schultz, an authority on the Northwest's coastal region. He will be joined by Fawn Custer, CoastWatch's volunteer coordinator.

The workshops will be held in Arch Cape, July 18 to 20; Depoe Bay, Aug. 1 to 3; and Port Orford, Aug. 14 to 16. Three full days of instruction will cover the major coastal ecosystems: tide pools, sandy

beaches, estuaries, forests and the ocean. Tides, landforms, birds and marine mammals will be considered. Matters of concern such as marine debris and invasive species will also be discussed. This year there will be an emphasis on Oregon's marine reserves. Each session will include field trips, indoor presentations and laboratory experiences.

While the workshops were developed to provide training to volunteers interested in citizen science and monitoring the shoreline, they are open to the public, and would be of interest to anyone who is fascinated by the ecology of the

coastal region. Teachers and other professionals can obtain 24 professional development units by taking a workshop.

To register online, go to <http://tinyurl.com/shoreline2015>.

Workshop fee will be \$70 for those who are both CoastWatchers and members of the Oregon Shores Conservation Coalition, \$90 for those who are either CoastWatchers or Oregon Shores members, and \$120 for others (who are invited to join Oregon Shores on the registration site and take the discount). Snacks will be provided; lunch is brown-bag.

For more information, contact Custer at 541-270-0027, fawn@oregonshores.org.

Polecat plays Fort George

Bellingham band brings genre mix

ASTORIA — Fort George favorites, Polecat, return to the brewery's upstairs pizza joint at 8 p.m. Sunday, June 21 for a special summer solstice show.

Put on your dancing shoes — Polecat will get your feet moving and jump start your

summer. All ages are welcome, and there is no cover charge. The Fort George Brewery is located at 1483 Duane St.

Formed in Bellingham, Washington, in the spring of 2010, Polecat has traveled all

over Northwest, performing over 400 shows in four years.

Band members' instrumentation enables them to seamlessly blend genres, including bluegrass, country, Celtic, rock, reggae, and world music into their sound.

The general appeal of Polecat comes from their take on roots music and their interactive and high-energy live shows.



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Polecat will perform at 8 p.m. Sunday, June 21 at the Fort George Brewery.

Cannon Beach hosts 51st Sandcastle Contest

CANNON BEACH — Now more than a 50-year tradition in Cannon Beach, the community's annual Sandcastle Contest draws thousands of spectators who view the monumental, but temporary, sculptures by teams of professional "masters" and amateur sand artists.

The 51st annual Cannon Beach Sandcastle Contest will draw thousands of onlookers Saturday, June 20, and the weekend includes a series of other related events that typically make this the busiest weekend of the year in this small beach town. Additional events planned for 2015 include a parade, a folk music concert and a fun run and walk.

The Sandcastle Contest awards will be announced at 12:30 p.m. Saturday on the beach, making 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. the best time for viewing the completed sculptures.

The Cannon Beach Sandcastle Contest was recognized as an Oregon Heritage Tradition by Oregon State Parks last year when the event celebrated its 50th anniversary, making it one of just 11 events statewide to achieve such a designation. The contest was founded in 1964 following an earthquake in Alaska that created a tsunami, which washed out the Ecola Creek bridge and flooded the down-



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Cannon Beach's Sandcastle Contest takes place June 20.

town area. Local residents got together that summer to put on a community sandcastle contest to raise spirits and draw visitors back to Cannon Beach. The event grew and, more than 50 years later, the Sandcastle Contest weekend is still the busiest weekend of the year for Cannon Beach.

The Sandcastle Contest is the only day of each year when the beach is used for parking to accommodate the large crowds. For information on the Cannon Beach Sandcastle Contest or to find lodging, visit www.cannonbeach.org or call the Cannon Beach Chamber of Commerce at 503-436-2623.

Online registration for all sandcastle-building teams is

Sandcastle events

Friday, June 19

10 a.m. to 5 p.m. — Packets n' Pail Pickup, Cannon Beach Chamber and Visitor Center

5:30 p.m. — Sandcastle Parade, line up at 2nd and Spruce

6 to 7:30 p.m. — Shovels n' Buckets Dinner, Cannon Beach Chamber Community Hall

Saturday, June 20

8 to 10 a.m. — American Legion Pancake Feed, 1216 S. Hemlock St.

7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. — Sandcastle Contest (awards announcements at 12:30 p.m.)

7 p.m. — Folk Music Concert, Cannon Beach Chamber Community Hall

8 p.m. — Beach Bonfire, Tolovana Beach Wayside

Sunday, June 21

9 a.m. — Sandcastle Fun Run/Walk (Registration at 8 a.m.), Second Street on the beach

open. Divisions available are Masters, Open, Teen, Junior and Sand Fleas. Visitors can also sign up online in advance for the Shovel and Bucket Dinner or 5K Fun Run/Walk, as well as purchase Sandcastle T-shirts and commemorative posters.

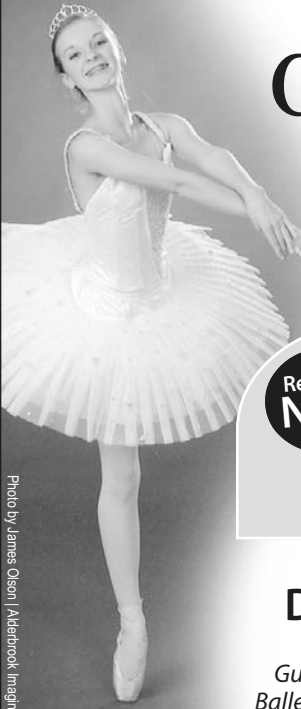
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