

Cannon Beach Chorus starts fall rehearsals

CANNON BEACH — The Cannon Beach Chorus, under the direction of John Buehler, will begin the fall 2015 performance season from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 14, at the Cannon Beach Community Church, located at 132 E. Washington St.

Entering its 27th year, the chorus will begin rehearsing choral literature that represents music from the 1800s to the present and includes Mass in G by Franz Schubert with organ and string quartet; a collection of carols by British composer John Rutter that will include "Mary's Lullaby," "The Holly and the Ivy," "What Sweeter Music?"; and a collection of seasonal favorites, all of which will be presented at the December concerts.

The 55-voice Cannon Beach Chorus is open to singers age 16 and older and includes members from

the coastal communities of Ocean Park, Washington, Astoria, Warrenton, Gearhart, Seaside, Cannon Beach, Manzanita, Nehalem and Wheeler.

As advocates of choral music education, the chorus supports area-wide high school choral music programs and has shared concerts with choral ensembles from Astoria High School, Warrenton High School and Seaside High School.

The chorus is planning a 2016 spring concert with Warrenton High School singers under the direction of Michael McClure.

Additionally, the Cannon Beach Chorus awards the Carol Homme Memorial Scholarship to a graduating senior vocalist who plans to continue singing at the collegiate level. The 2015 recipients of that award are Alyssa Hanson, of Warrenton, who plans to attend the

University of Oregon, and Ellie Whitlock, of Cannon Beach, who will major in music at Pacific University this fall. Proceeds from the summer Cabaret performances are dedicated to the scholarship fund.

The leadership of the Cannon Beach Chorus is comprised of board members: president Terri Michelsen, of Wheeler; vice-president Sara Drage, of Astoria; secretary Sherrie Chojnacki, of Gearhart; treasurer Ron Crandall, of Seaside; music librarian Anne Coopersmith, of Nehalem; members-at-large Denny Hennessy, of Manzanita; Margaret Page, of Nehalem; and Judy Holmes, of Manzanita. The chorus is led by music director and conductor John Buehler and pianist/organist Susan Buehler.

For more information about the Cannon Beach Chorus, visit www.cannon-beachchorus.org or call 503-436-0378.

Join Oregon State Parks and go birding

Weekly bird surveys will be held at Sunset Beach

WARRENTON — Do you have an appreciation for birds and want some experience on how best to see them? Or are you an experienced birder wanting to help with bird surveys? Here's your chance to join Oregon State Parks' Let's Go Birding program.

Birding activities are free, and birders 8 years old and older are welcome; children are 8 to 14 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Loaner binoculars are available for up to 10 birders. If available, bring your own binoculars.

This year, Sunset Beach State Recreation Site and the Fort to Sea Trail are the sites of weekly bird surveys. The surveys monitor the bird species that use the area from season to season.

Each survey will take around two hours and will cover several diverse habitats along the trail. For questions, contact Park Ranger Dane



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Sunset Beach surveys will meet at the Fort to Sea Trailhead at Sunset Beach State Recreation Area. The dates are:

- 8 to 10 a.m., Tuesday Sept. 1;
- 8 to 10 a.m., Monday Sept. 7;

- 8 to 10 a.m., Sunday Sept. 13;
- 8 to 10 a.m., Saturday Sept. 26;
- 8 to 10 a.m., Tuesday Sept. 29.

Fort Stevens State Park also holds a monthly survey, which will be held from 8 to 10 a.m. Monday, Sept. 21. Meet at Battery Russell in the park for the survey.

Hoffman show combines words, images

30 writers and artists respond to each other's work

MANZANITA — The Hoffman Center for the Arts will unveil its first "Word & Image" project — a collaboration of writers and artists — at 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 29. The event will be open to the public.

The show will remain on display from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 30.

"Word & Image" challenged artists and writers to create original pieces, each in response to the other's work. It was conceived by local writer Emily Ransdell and local artist Deborah DeWit to answer the question, "Can artists and writers see through each other's eyes?"

The 30 participants, rang-

ing in age from 15 to mid-80s, each submitted three original pieces. They were then randomly paired and tasked to each pick one of the other's works and write or create something entirely new from it.

The resulting combined works will be printed as a frame-able art piece and offered for sale.

Ransdell is a poet with an Master of Fine Arts in creative writing, and she is currently a member of The Poet's Studio at The Attic Institute in Portland. DeWit is a full-time painter and photographer whose work is included in many collections throughout the Pacific Northwest.

"Writers have been writing in response to art for centuries," said Ransdell. "We

thought it would be interesting to try a modern take on the tradition by letting artists have their turn as well."

"Word & Image" is a spin-off of the Hoffman Center's weekly Writing Lounge," she added. "Where local writers create short pieces in response to various prompts, often resulting in works that surprise the authors themselves."

The writer/artist pairings are Aina Tonjes/Cathi Howell, Bob Balmer/Peggy Biskar, Dave Dillon/Scott Wilson, Debra Simmons/Karen Gale, Elizabeth Johnson/Steve Jones, Gail Balden/Renee Delight, Joan Masat/Lynn Thomas, Kay Stoltz/Lori Dillon, Laurie Hoff Schaad/Ryan Pederson, Lynnette Scribner/Glenna Gray, Phyllis Mannan/Vera Wildauer, Sher Ireland/Gary Seelig, Tela Skinner/Doreen Linstedt, and Tricia Gates Brown/Juleen Johnson.

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