

# Author Bill Hall imagines utopia, revises history in 'McCallandia' at Seaside library

SEASIDE — The Friends of the Seaside Library welcome Bill Hall author of “McCallandia” at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 5. The event will take place in the Community Room, and there will be book sales and signings afterwards.

“McCallandia: A Utopian Novel,” imagines the iconic Oregon Gov. Tom McCall becoming president of the United States and the nation taking a different, better path.

McCall, who served as Oregon’s governor from 1967 to 1975, is best remembered for his quip, encouraging outsiders to “visit, but don’t stay.” But his administration saw an unmatched record of accomplishment, especially in the environmental arena — the Bottle Bill, Beach Bill, statewide land-use planning and the cleanup of the Willamette River. He also sanctioned the



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“McCallandia” by Bill Hall imagines what would happen if Oregon Gov. Tom McCall became president of the United States.

first and only state-sponsored rock festival, Vortex I.

In “McCallandia,” the governor has the chance to take those ideas to the national stage when he becomes Richard Nixon’s choice to replace Spiro Agnew after a scandal forced the vice president’s resignation in 1973. When the Watergate scandal brings down Nixon the following year, it is McCall, not Gerald Ford, who steps into the presidency.

Published by Nestucca Spit Press, “McCallandia” has a structure all its own, combining conventional narrative

## Author appearance

7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 5  
Seaside Public Library  
1131 Broadway, Seaside  
503-738-6742

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with imaginary magazine and newspaper articles, diary excerpts, interviews and oral history transcripts. For fans of Tom McCall, and anyone with an appreciation for Oregon’s proud history of looking at things a little differently, this utopian novel imagines what could have been.

Bill Hall is a Lincoln County commissioner who grew up during McCall’s governorship and was inspired by his example to pursue careers in journalism and politics.

The Seaside Public Library is located at 1131 Broadway. For more information call 503-738-6742 or visit [www.seasidelibrary.org](http://www.seasidelibrary.org)

# Northwest Artist Guild opens new show

LONG BEACH, Wash. — The Northwest Artist Guild will show its newest art at the Cove Restaurant at the Peninsula Golf Course for the month of November. The show will start with an artist reception from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 3. Artists will be on hand to greet visitors and answer questions about their work. The Cove will provide appetizers, and a no-host bar will be available.

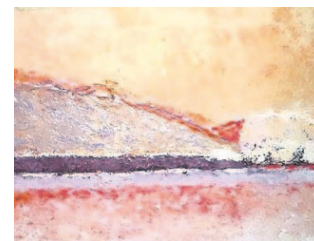
Art to be shown will include work by Stan Riedesel, who has just returned from a painting jaunt to Portugal with peninsula watercolorist Eric Wiegardt. His paintings of the trip are colorful and energetic.

Wes Moenhke has just finished a painting of a derelict truck that shows his skill in perspective and detail. Jean Nitzel will be showing a bird and some seashore watercolor paintings, and Annie Unwin’s watercolors show a love of color and detail.

Martha Lee has always been popular for her abstract paintings depicting the ocean and European destinations. Kent Toepfer will be present with his fantasy collage work utilizing photography and acrylics to create scenes reminiscent of bygone eras. Judy Leonard’s acrylic compositions of the old west are always popular. Michele Taylor, the guild’s newest member, has paintings in



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“Portugal Cathedral,” a plein air watercolor by Stan Riedesel. notforsale



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“Beach Fesco #10” by Martha Lee.



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“Beach Scene” by Kathryn Murdock.

collections all over the world. She recently switched from oils to watercolor and lives on the peninsula to enjoy the slower pace of life.

The Northwest Artist Guild has been in existence since 2013 and is accepting applications from new artists who would like the feeling of belonging to a group that is interested in their

passion. The guild meets once a month at the Peninsula Arts Center in Long Beach.

Peninsula Golf Course is located at 9604 Pacific Highway.

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