

30th anniversary of 'Wintergreen' released

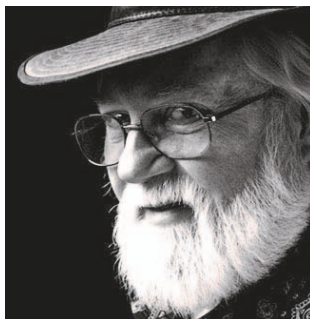
Robert Michael Pyle to give book readings, signings this winter

In the next few weeks, Grays River, Washington, author Robert Michael Pyle will read from and sign copies of his book "Wintergreen: Rambles in a Ravaged Land" at several regional locations.

Pharos Editions is releasing a 30th anniversary edition of the book, with a new introduction by David Guterson and an updated afterward by the author. The 1987 John Burroughs Medal for best natural history book of the year, "Wintergreen" remains as relevant today as when it first appeared.

Pyle will read from his book:

- 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 29 at a Holiday Open House (noon to 4 p.m.) at Redmen Hall, located at 1394 Washington State Route 4 in Skamokawa, Washington;
- 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4 at Astoria Public Library at 450 10th St., in an appearance co-sponsored by Godfather's Books;
- 6 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 9 at the Naselle Timberland



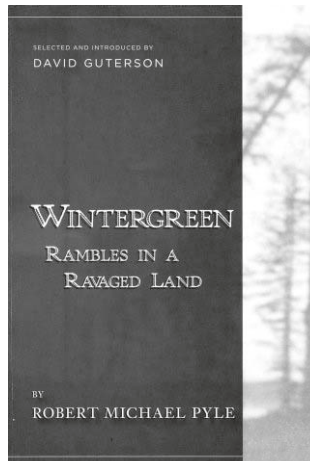
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Grays River author Robert Michael Pyle first wrote "Wintergreen" in 1986.

Regional Library, located at 4 Parpala Road in Naselle, Washington, in an appearance co-sponsored by the Appello Archives Center;

- 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13 at Time Enough Books at 157 Howerton Ave. S.E. in Ilwaco, Washington;
- 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 13 at the Longview Public Library at 1600 Louisiana St. in Longview, Washington.

Weaving vivid portraits of the place and its inhabitants — animal, plant and human — with the story of his own love affair with the Willa-



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"Wintergreen: Rambles in a Ravaged Land" by Robert Michael Pyle.

pa Hills, Pyle has written a book so even-handed in its passion that it has been celebrated by those who make their living with a chainsaw as well as by environmentalists. As Pyle wrote, "My sympathies lie with the people and the woods, but not with the companies that have used them both with equal disregard."

"Pyle looks past the stumps and clear cuts to rediscover the essence of the Willapa Hills," said Krist Novoselić, former bassist for Nirvana who now lives near Deep River, Washington. "Even though scarred from decades of logging, this terrain is still a wilderness. The author puts the pieces together to create a vision of nature trying to survive our species' demands."

'Messiah' Sing-and-Play-Along event set

Annual concert benefits Clatsop Emergency Food Bank

ASTORIA — The eighth annual "Messiah" Sing-and-Play-Along benefit for the Clatsop Emergency Food Bank will be held at 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 29 at the Clatsop Community College Performing Arts Center, 588 16th St.

Join the North Coast Chorus in singing or playing this famous Christmas oratorio. Written in 1741, Handel's "Messiah" was first performed in Dublin, Ireland, to benefit a children's orphanage.

Everyone is invited to bring their score of "Messiah" or their instrument. Instrumental scores will be provided; call Denise Reed at 503-338-8402 if you need instrumental music. Or just come and listen to the music and participate in this annual benefit.

Instrumental practice will be at 3 p.m. before the concert.

Hunger continues to be a problem on the North Coast. Over the last seven years, this

benefit has raised approximately \$20,000 to help feed local hungry families.

Attendees are encouraged to bring cash as well as canned or dry goods. Again this year, funds raised will be matched by Astoria Christian Church, and the event is sponsored by Thrivent Financial. Every dollar given will be stretched with the matching funds and the food bank's purchasing agreements with its suppliers and partners.

Holidays at the Beach offers a magical start to the season with Mrs. Claus, Frosty

LONG BEACH, Wash. — Kick off the holiday season on the Long Beach Peninsula with Holidays at the Beach. Events take place Nov. 27, 28, 29 and Dec. 5 and 6.

First, all ages are invited to join Mrs. Claus and the Railroad Conductor noon Friday, Nov. 27 for a free showing of "The Polar Express" at the Neptune Theater, located at 809 Ocean Beach Blvd. S. Mrs. Claus loves to meet children and will be in her pajamas for the movie. Join her pajama party by wearing your favorite holiday jammies, and bring a favorite toy. Prizes will be awarded for the best dressed. The snack bar will be open for purchases. Donations for next year's movie will be accepted.

Saturday, Nov. 28 brings magic to Veteran's Field. Get there early for the best seat to watch Mrs. Claus and her special helpers perform a magic show. You know never know what Mrs. C has up her sleeve — or when Santa might roll into town! The magic show will take place from noon to 1 p.m. and again at 4 p.m. At Santa's Workshop Arts and Crafts Project from 1 to 4 p.m., children can make and take home a free holiday souvenir. Pictures with Santa will be available from 2 to 4 p.m. Veteran's Field is located on the corner of Third Street and Oregon Avenue S.E.

On Sunday, Nov. 29, celebrate Frosty the Snowman's birthday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Veteran's Field. Mrs. Claus will be back with her special guests for more magic, and

you might even see it snow. Birthday games will be ready for the kids to play while enjoying a slice of birthday cake with Frosty. Frosty doesn't need presents, but he knows how cold it gets outside this time of the year. Help Frosty keep all his friends warm this season by bringing a donation of hat, scarves, mittens or other winter clothing.

The fun continues Saturday, Dec. 5 at Veteran's Field. Enjoy photos with Santa from 2 to 4 p.m. A Christmas tree lighting and caroling at Veteran's Field will take place at 6 p.m.

From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6, meet Grandmer Mermaid at Veteran's Field. Enjoy pictures with the Grandmer Mermaid in an under-the-sea-themed photo booth and a fun arts and craft project.

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Coffee Girl hosts folk music

ASTORIA — Stop by Coffee Girl at 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28 for Afternoon Folk Songs in the Fall.

The event will feature local performers Aleesha Nedd and Chris McNeary singing classic folk songs rooted in blues and country.

Following the folk song showcase will be an open mic, where local artists are encouraged to participate by sharing their talents with the audience.

Admission is free, and Coffee Girl will be selling coffee and food. Coffee Girl is located at 100 39th St., Suite 2.