

Spring begins early in Oysterville with a lecture series

OYSTERVILLE, Wash. — Springtime is set to begin on Feb. 4 in Oysterville when the fifth semi-annual “Town Meeting and Lecture Series” begin at the historic schoolhouse. As always, organizer Diane Buttrel murmurs, “They aren’t really Town Meetings; I just like how that sounds.”

By whatever name, the hugely successful events feature local speakers who are willing to share their expertise on one or more subjects with their neighbors. “Neighbors

in the broad sense,” comes the murmur.

The first group of talks began with a spring 2014 series, which Buttrel thought of as experimental. It was followed by a fall 2014 series and then a spring and fall 2015 series. The talks have grown in popularity and says Buttrel, “There was actually an ‘expectation’ that they would continue in 2016!”

On Thursday, Feb. 4, audience members will hear from Kristina Jones, who says, “I actually have four different

topics to cover. First, I want to talk about my roots. Then I want to talk about music and my career as an opera singer. I want to mention that I lived in Asia for two years and began a highly successful nonprofit foundation whose purpose is to rescue girls from the horrors of sex trafficking. And, finally, I want to talk about meditation.”

When asked for a title for her talk, it was her turn to murmur, “How about ‘A Gypsy Comes Back to her Roots?’”

On Feb. 18, David Cam-

per will give his listeners “A Renaissance Moment” and perhaps a hands-on experience with pottery. “The last time I talked at the Oysterville School, everyone contributed to a prayer pot I was building, and they seemed to like it,” he said. “Maybe I’ll do something like that again.”

Prize-winning *Chinook Observer* Editor Matt Winters plans to talk about “The Joys and Challenges of a Small Town Paper” on March 3.

“American History Via Big

Band Music” is the topic that local writer and KMUN DJ Wayne Downing will present on March 17.

On March 31, Betsy Millard, director of the Columbia Pacific Heritage Museum, will talk about “Bringing History to Life.”

Oysterville resident Steve Romero, founder of “Critical Path Software,” will devote his presentation to “The Future of Technology” on April 14.

And, finally, on April 28, John Thompson, former superintendent of the Ocean Beach School District, will invite his listeners to experience the variety of cultural enrichment

and ecosystem exploration offered by the Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary.

Buttrel isn’t murmuring as she urges Long Beach Peninsula residents as well as visitors to attend any or all of these free lectures. “Mark your calendar for every other Thursday beginning Feb. 4 and continuing through April 28,” she says. “Each talk begins at 10 a.m. and lasts for 40 or 45 minutes with a question-and-answer period following. You’ll be amazed at the wide range of expertise among our own Peninsula neighbors.”

Hear varied program of love songs

Local singers, pianist Cary Lewis to perform in concert

NEHALEM — Local singers will be featured in the concert “Love x 3: A Celebration in Song” at 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 7 at St. Catherine’s Episcopal Church.

Featured performers are Astoria bass-baritone Deac Guidi, Cannon Beach soprano Susan Buehler, Tillamook baritone Adam Schwend, and pianist Cary Lewis from Portland.

In honor of Valentine’s Day, all of the songs performed present a theme of love and include art songs by Johannes Brahms, Roger Quilter, Hugo Wolf, Ralph Vaughan Williams, Michael Head, and others, as well as selections from musical theater by Leonard Bernstein, Maltby and Shire, Rodgers and Hammerstein, and a taste of Verdi’s “Un ballo in Maschera.”

Buehler maintains Music Lasts A Lifetime voice and piano studio in Cannon Beach and said, “We will present a varied program of love songs — some with happy endings, others not quite so happy — that feature a diverse body of composers and poets in the hope that we offer something for everyone. It is, by and large, a classical program that explores almost every human emotion and looks at love from every angle.

“We are so pleased that Cary Lewis is able to join us and we are eager to perform in the beautiful acoustic space at St. Catherine’s,” Buehler con-



Submitted photo
Cannon Beach soprano Susan Buehler will perform at the concert.



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Astoria baritone-bass Deac Guidi will sing at the concert.



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Baritone Adam Schwend will perform.

tinued. “Plus, we purposefully scheduled our concert at 2 p.m. so everyone will be home in time for the Super Bowl.”

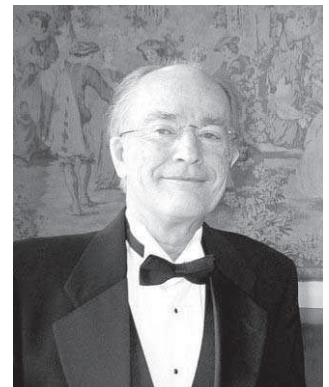
Tickets for the concert are \$10 and may be purchased at the door or in advance by calling 503-436-0378.

‘Love x 3’

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Portland pianist Cary Lewis will accompany the vocalists.

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