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Cameron M. Smith, left, of Portland State University will speak about human migration at the Cannon Beach History Center at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18.

## Author, scientist to speak about human migration

CANNON BEACH — Join the Cannon Beach History Center & Museum and Cameron M. Smith, of Portland State University, at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18 for a presentation on human migration, the topic of Smith's latest book "Atlas of Human Prehistory."

Smith has published several books on topics from evolution to space exploration.

He has a Ph.D. in archaeology from Canada's Simon Fraser University and is a respected scholar who has published scientific works in the American Journal of Physi-

cal Anthropology Magazine, South American Explorer, Spaceflight, Skeptical Inquirer, The Next Step, The Bulletin of Primitive Technology, and Scientific American. He has also appeared on PBS, The History Channel and the National Geographic Channel.

The Cannon Beach History Center & Museum is located at 1387 S. Spruce St. The event is free and open to the public; seating is limited.

For more information, visit [cbhistory.org](http://cbhistory.org) or call 503-436-9301.

## The Donkeys bring SoCal sway to the Fort George

ASTORIA — San Diego four-piece The Donkeys will perform at 8 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 14 at the Fort George Brewery, located at 1483 Duane St. There is no cover, and the show is open to all ages.

The band's new mini-album "Midnight Palms" was released on Feb. 12. In support of the mini-album, the band is on a month-long West Coast tour.

Tracked largely live-in-the-studio with veteran producer, longtime friend, and fellow traveler Thom Monahan (Vetiver, Fruit Bats, Devendra Banhart), "Midnight Palms" was recorded at the end of one of the band's blitzkrieg road runs (which



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might see the band playing as many as 28 shows in 29 days). The collection's lived-in live feel should surprise few.

The core founding trio of Tim Denardo, Anthony Lukens

and Sam Sprague drive the proceedings. The fourth Donkey on "Midnight Palms" is The Hold Steady's Steve Selvidge, stepping in after the departure of long-time guitarist Jesse Gulati.

Selvidge hopped on stage with the Donkeys during a show in Texas and would end up joining the band for a fair number of those 150 RTBW shows. His pointed, tasteful leads are peppered throughout "Midnight Palms."

"Over the course of The Donkeys' more-than-a-decade-long career, the band has fallen into that special sort of Southern Californian sway," says Paste. "Percussive drum strokes sound like rustling palm fronds on Donkeys songs, and random psychedelic freak outs seem like the sonic equivalent of aimless driving through the Hollywood Hills."

## Give seeds a chance at annual seed exchange

NEHALEM — Give Seeds a Chance: Third Annual Seed Exchange is a free event held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13 at the White Clover Grange. A roundtable discussion on techniques and the importance of seed saving will take place at 1:30 p.m.

At the exchange, attendees can get herb, vegetable, flower and native plant seeds and information from other gardeners, new and old. Handouts will be available for people to take, and there will also be books and resources on hand for browsing. All seeds are free, whether attendees bring some to share or not.

For those who have seeds,

bring them — collected or commercially packaged — that are no longer wanted. Place the collected seeds in small envelopes or zip-sealed baggies and mark the seed packet with as much information as possible: plant, variety, area grown, production qualities, etc. Seeds that are several years old ideally should be tested for viability. If the batches of seeds are questionable, but still good, take a sampling of them (10 or so) and place between two moist paper towels in a warm place to germinate. If 1/2 or more sprout then they are good to go.

New gardeners and those without seeds to share are still

welcome to take seeds. If possible, pay it forward and share some personal bounty with someone else, or bring collected seeds to next year's exchange.

According to The Seed Ambassador's Project ([www.seed-ambassadors.org](http://www.seed-ambassadors.org)), "Saving seeds is the foundation of developing durable and resilient locally based food systems. We encourage others to join us in this important work. In our eyes every seed saved is a socially healing, community creating event."

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Annual Seed Exchange is sponsored by the White Clover Grange, Fulcrum Community Resources and the Nehalem Garden Club. The White Clover Grange is located at 36585 Highway 53, about 2 miles from U.S. Highway 101 near Mohler. For more information about the event call 503-368-6874, or visit [www.whiteclovergrange.com](http://www.whiteclovergrange.com) and [www.fulcrumresources.com](http://www.fulcrumresources.com). For information about the Nehalem Bay Garden Club, email [bensonsbend@gmail.com](mailto:bensonsbend@gmail.com)

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