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Elkhorn Oyster Company increasingly grows its oysters on longlines, which involves spacing set shells along rope suspended from PVC posts above the bottom of Willapa Bay. This overcomes shrimp problems and reduces predation from crabs, though the practice is labor intensive.

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Gardener gives talk on soil amendments

Nehalem Bay Garden Club welcomes Jim Karnofski of Ilwaco

MANZANITA — Calling all gardeners: Do you want more flowers, tastier vegetables and better health, with less work and more pleasure? The key to it all may lie in your soil.

Citizen soil scientist Jim Karnofski will present the talk "Your Soil: The Basis of Health" at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 23 at the Pine Grove Community House, located at 225 Laneda Ave. This free program is sponsored by the Nehalem Bay Garden Club and is open to all. Light refreshments will be served.

Karnofski will discuss advanced regenerative agricultural methods everybody can use either as a grower or a consumer. The focus will be on soil mineral balancing, the use of biochar, and the resulting food nutrient density measured in Brix. Sustainable biochar converts agricultural waste into a soil enhancer. You will be able to experience the use of Brix Refractometry in measurement of vegetable quality.

From Ilwaco, Washington, Karnofski knows about coastal growing conditions and the struggle local gardeners have in maintaining soil fertility. With these new techniques, the soil gains and keeps a high level of fertility. The soil biota and resulting plant life live up to their genetic potential. Well-fed plants grown in this

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uber fertile soil do not attract disease, require no pesticides, and are able to pass on their superior quality to the people who eat them. Karnofski gets over-the-top quality fruits and vegetables with his scientific approach to soil amendment application. He promises once you hear about it, you won't

go back.

Bagged #40 "Biocharm Farms Ideal Soil," 4-gallon bags of "Biochar," and Brix Refractometers with manuals will be available in limited quantity for purchase.

The Nehalem Bay Garden Club is now in its 67th year. Its mission is garden-related



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Jim Karnofski, of Ilwaco, Washington, will speak about his scientific approach to soil amendment application on Feb. 23 in Manzanita.

education, fun and community service. It funds numerous local grants through its plant sale in early May.

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