

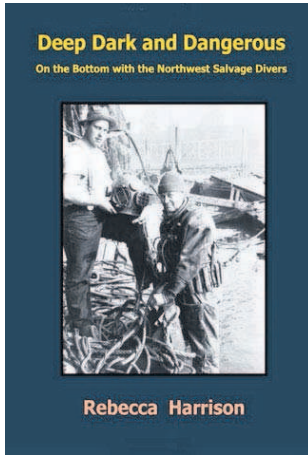
Learn about Northwest salvage divers

Author Rebecca Harrison to speak at Cannon Beach Library

CANNON BEACH — Rebecca Harrison, author of “Deep, Dark and Dangerous: On the Bottom with the Northwest Salvage Divers,” will be the next speaker at the Cannon Beach Library’s Northwest Author series at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 12.

Harrison’s book is focused on the hard-hat salvage divers from Oregon and Washington who work underwater in turbid darkness, attired in cumbersome diving gear. These men have barely enough room to move around while fighting the cold temperatures and treacherous currents. It is a dirty, unromantic and highly dangerous way of earning a living, yet these divers would not trade their jobs for any other profession.

From locating sunken boxcars to repairing concrete foundations of bridges, no task is too risky. Any underwater salvage or repair work



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“Deep, Dark and Dangerous: On the Bottom with Northwest Salvage Divers” by Rebecca Harrison.

becomes the job of these elite divers — they are carpenters, masons, riggers, hydraulic mechanics, ironworkers, welders, pile bucks and underwater engineers. They must be able to adapt all blueprints, tools and equipment to the harsh reali-

NW Author Series

2 p.m. Saturday, March 12

Cannon Beach Library

131 N. Hemlock St., Cannon Beach

503-436-1391

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ties of the underwater environment.

Harrison was born and raised in Oregon and has recently moved to the Oregon Coast. She spends time traveling around the world writing and working. She has recently published a new book, “Portland’s Maritime History,” from the Images of America series. Harrison notes that Portland was not only the site of numerous marine terminals along the Willamette and Columbia rivers, but was home to a rich American maritime

history. Portland shipbuilding started in 1840 with the construction of the schooner Star of Oregon. More than 100 years later, three Portland shipyards would build 621 ships for the World War II effort.

In a soon-to-be-published work, Harrison will take readers back 150 years to ride the grand Columbia and Willamette rivers on sternwheelers of the mid 1800s. The book, “Aboard the Portland: The History of Northwest Steamships,” meticulously researched, tells the exciting story of these trade and transport ships and explores how Portland survived time and harsh work to become the last place operating steam sternwheelers in America.

The Cannon Beach Library hosts various Northwest authors in its second Saturday series. All library events are free, and the public is welcome. Cannon Beach Library is located at 131 N. Hemlock St. For more information, call 503-436-1391, or visit www.cannonbeachlibrary.org

Redmen Hall shows student artwork, science projects

Robotics teams also to stage a battle

SKAMOKAWA, Wash. — The River Life Interpretive Center at Redmen Hall in will feature an exhibit of art and science projects created by Wahkiakum School District students from Saturday, March 12 through April 10.

Original artwork from Mary Moonen’s elementary school students, Tina Merz’s middle school students, and Sue Garn’s high school students will be featured. A combination of art and science projects from Kyle Hurley’s Ag Science class will also be on exhibit.

The exhibit opens with a reception from noon to 4 p.m. on March 12. Students and teachers will be present to talk about their programs, and refreshments will be served.

On Saturday, March 26,

Redmen Hall will host the “Battle of the Robots” presented by Ron Wright’s 4-H Robotics Club, Jeff Pillar’s eighth grade robotics class, and Jeff Rooklidge’s high school robotics class. This is a special, one-day-only event from 1 to 3 p.m. with a robotics demonstration; refreshments will be served.

Both the 4-H club and the high school robotics class have competed in district robotics tournaments. The high school team made it to state competitions in the past. All robots are assembled and programmed by the students.

Redmen Hall is located at 1394 Washington State Route 4. The hall is open noon to 4 p.m. Thursday through Sunday. For more information call 360-795-8675.

3rd Thursday
Craft Fair
10:30am-12:30pm
Bob Chisholm Community Center
1225 Avenue A Seaside, OR

Join us every third Thursday of the month at the Bob Chisholm Community Center for a community Craft Fair. Artisans from our local area will be highlighting their talents and it’s all for sale!

You are also invited to stay for lunch, courtesy of Northwest Senior and Disability Services. For those 60+, there is a suggested \$3.00 donation, and \$6.75 for those under 60 years old.

Interested in being a vendor? Contact Holly Burns at (503) 738-9323.

NWSDS SUNSET EMPIRE PARK & RECREATION DISTRICT

2nd Saturday
ART WALK
5:00 pm
Downtown Astoria
Every month, year 'round!

March 12th

Visit Downtown Astoria on the 2nd Saturday of every month for art, music, and general merriment!

Presented by the Astoria Downtown Historic District Association

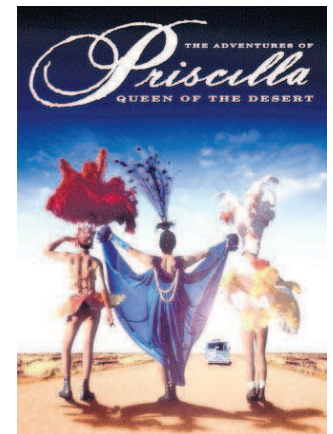
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Big Fat Gay Movie Night set at Columbian Theater

ASTORIA — Big Fat Gay Movie Night returns to the Columbian Theater on Friday, March 11. Join members of the local LGBT community for the film “The Adventures of Priscilla Queen of the Desert,” starring Hugo Weaving, Guy Pearce and Terence Stamp.

Share in some laughs and adventure, and travel across the desert in this heart-warming film. A 1994 Australian comedy-drama, “The Adventures of Priscilla Queen of the Desert” follows the journey of two drag queens and a transgender woman performing across the Australian Outback. The film won a Academy Award for best costume design and is considered a cult classic.

Doors open at 9:30 p.m., and the movie starts at 10 p.m. Tickets are \$4 at the door, and



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“The Adventures of Priscilla, Queen of the Desert” will be screened March 11 at the Columbian Theater for ages 17 and up.

proceed will go to the Lower Columbia Q Center.

The theater’s balcony is 21 and over, offering beer and wine service. Ages 17 and older are welcome downstairs.