

Master gardeners to hold workshop

ILWACO, Wash. — On Saturday, April 9, master gardeners are sponsoring a gardening workshop on “Right Plant, Right Place” at the Columbia Pacific Heritage Museum, located at 115 E. Lake St.

Learn how to choose plants that are well-suited for the local climate and the ideal set of conditions in which they will flourish. The lecture begins at 10 a.m. Afterwards, join master gardeners for a work par-

ty in the Museum Discovery Garden. Bring your favorite gardening tools.

Bring samples of any plant problems and ask for help from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Master gardeners will also sell wooden plant containers and wooden trellises.

The workshop and plant clinic are free and open to the public. For more information, contact Bev Arnoldy at bevarnoldy@gmail.com.

Historical society hosts Roaring '20s Casino Night

ASTORIA — Get ready for a roaring good time at 7 p.m. Saturday, April 9: The Clatsop County Historical Society's annual Roaring '20s Speakeasy Casino Night promises a fun time for all.

There will be games of blackjack, roulette, craps, and

(for an additional fee) Texas hold 'em poker with prizes for top chip holders and best 1920s costume at the end of the night.

Make your reservations today by calling 503-325-2203 or by e-mailing cchs@cumtux.org

The event takes place at the Clatsop County Heritage Museum, located at 1618 Exchange St.

Entry is \$15 for an individual or \$25 for a couple.

Get in on the action at the Texas hold 'em tournament for an additional buy-in of \$30, \$40 or \$50; call for additional details.

This event has been sponsored by Uptown Café, Arbor Care Tree Specialists, Astoria Sunday Market, Lektro, Ocean Crest, Old Town Framing, Warrenton Deep Sea Market, Windermere/Pacific Land Company, and Whole Brain Creative.

All proceeds from the casino night event support the Clatsop County Historical Society, which is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit educational organization dedicated to preserving and presenting the history of Clatsop County and the surrounding area. The society operates the Flavel House Museum, the Heritage Museum, the Oregon Film Museum and the Uppertown Firefighters Museum.



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Country folk singer Travis Champ will perform April 9 at the NCRD with guests.

NCRD auditorium hosts Travis Champ, guests

NEHALEM — In an unveiling of the recently renovated auditorium, the North County Recreation District welcomes Nehalem songwriter Travis Champ to its stage at 7 p.m. Saturday, April 9.

The performance is a send-off event for Champ's upcoming European tour with folk singer Longriver. The four-week tour will cover six European countries with shows in

Paris, Zurich, Vienna, Berlin, Copenhagen and Amsterdam.

At the NCRD, located at 36155 Ninth St., Champ will be joined by Portland songwriters Dusty Santamaria and Galen Ballinger as well as Royal Graves, founder of Whatbang Records and producer of last year's full-length LP from The Cedars Shakes, “This Western Road.” Learn more at whatbangrecords.com

Indie Author & Book Fair features 24 regional authors

CANNON BEACH — The second annual Cannon Beach Indie Author & Book Fair will take place 12:30 to 3 p.m. Sunday, April 10 in the courtyard behind Jupiter's Books, 244 N. Spruce St. The event, organized by Cannon Beach author Gregory E. Zschomler and Jupiter's Books owner Watt Childress, follows on the heels of Get Lit at the Beach.

Twenty-four independently published authors from Oregon and Washington will be featured with nearly 100 book titles. Authors will be on hand to sign their work, which spans a variety of genres. Musical entertainment will be presented.

Authors include: Joe Benjamin (and his illustrator Matthew Boffemmyer), Paula Judith Johnson, Thomas Gondolfi, Lelia Rose Foreman, Rachel Robinson, Barry L. Becker, Jacob Wenzel, Phil Silver, Andy R. Bunch, Aletha Bakke, Rita Traut Kabeto, Windsor



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Last year's big seller, author Thomas Gondolfi, returns for the 2016 event.

Cole, Athena, Melissa Eskue Ousley, Joe R. Blakely, Donald McEwing, Gideon F. For-muk-wai, Leandra Martin, Adam Copeland, Pamela Cowen, April Aasheim and Zschomler. Cannon Beach authors David Robinson and Steve Hudik will be represented.

Cannon Beach Library welcomes three authors in April, May

CANNON BEACH — Book lovers are in for a treat this April and May. The Cannon Beach Library and the Cannon Beach Book Company celebrate spring with three special authors: Stephanie Kallos, Diana Abu-Jaber and Lois Leveen.

All three talks are scheduled at the Cannon Beach Library, located at 131 N. Hemlock St. The Cannon Beach Book Company will have the author's books for sale and signing. All library events are free of charge.

Stephanie Kallos

At 2 p.m. Saturday, April 9, author Stephanie Kallos will talk about her recent book “Language Arts.”

In the book, Kallos tells the story of a dedicated teacher, his enigmatic and possibly autistic son, and a wartime survivor in a tale of love, loss and handwriting. It is an engaging tale of the

power of love and language, a book described as “tender, sad, happy, discouraging and hopeful ... at times painful to read, too close to home and wonderfully inspiring.”

Kallos was born in Idaho, raised in Nebraska and before embracing writing as a career, had a varied work history as a musician, an actress and teacher of voice, speech and dialects. Her first novel, “Broken for You” received the Pacific Northwest Book Award among other honors, and “Sing Them Home” was an award-winning book in 2009.

Diana Abu-Jaber

At 4 p.m. Saturday, April 30, notable Arab author Abu-Jaber will talk about her books that are a mix of mystery, biography, her mixed Arab-American background and family themes.

Abu-Jaber is an American

author and a professor at Portland State University. Born in Syracuse, New York, to a Jordanian father and an Irish-German-American mother, she has lived in Jordan, Miami and Portland. Her new culinary memoir “Life Without A Recipe” has been described as “a book of love, death and cake.”

Her most recent novel, “Birds of Paradise,” won the 2012 National Arab-American Book Award. She often writes about issues of identity and culture, although her 2008 book “Origin” is a departure into mystery, alienation and unanswered questions.

Abu-Jaber's writings have been described as versatile, a startling literary prowess that is oftentimes unpredictable, tackling diverse themes of multi-racial experience, food as a conduit between family, tradition and cultural legacy, mystery and memoir.

Lois Leveen

At 2 p.m. Saturday, May 14, Leveen, author of “The Secrets of Mary Bowser,” will talk about her latest book, “Juliet's Nurse,” the world's most famous love story told as it has never been before.

An award-winning author, Leveen dwells in the spaces between literature and history. A confirmed book geek, Leveen earned degrees in history and literature from Harvard, University of Southern California and University of California-Los Angeles. She has taught on the faculty of UCLA and Reed College.

In “Juliet's Nurse,” a book which is, by turns, comic, sensual and tragic, Leveen gives voice to one of literature's most unforgettable characters, seen through the eyes of her long-time nurse, Angelica. The book is detailed, well researched and fast paced.

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