

# Hoffman Center screens short films

## Watch the best of the 42nd Northwest Filmmakers' Festival

MANZANITA — The Hoffman Center for the Arts' Manzanita Film Series will screen the best of the 42nd Northwest Filmmakers' Festival at 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 22. Admission will be \$5 at the door. The Hoffman Center is located at 594 Laneda Ave.

The collection of nine short films was selected by the Northwest Film Center of Portland from its latest juried film festival. Films were made in British Columbia, Idaho, Oregon and Washington.

Total running time for films is 76 minutes.

The films to be screened are:

- "Hers is Where Your Begins" by Janet McIntyre of Portland: This 5-minute film explores the emotions that come to people after the loss of a loved one.

- "For Jean-Pierre Melvin"

by Ira Flowers of Portland: An assassin is running against the clock in this 6-minute love letter to the French new wave cinema.

- "To See More Light" by Kurtis Hough of Portland: A lens is placed on the constant shifting and changing of the natural as something new is born out of the cauldron of old in this 15-minutes short film.

- "Two Roads" by Troy Moth and Josh Lambert of Sooke, British Columbia: Native American youth are faced with the difficult challenge of growing up in a culture that is not entirely their own in this 3-minute short.

- "Arca Archa" by Sarah El Bakkouri of Richmond, British Columbia: If life is a container, perhaps it too is a prison, or perhaps we might be able to escape through its walls to something else, but at what cost?

Just a few of the themes in this 5-minute short film.

- "Robot Pavlov Sputnik" by Oliver Hockenhull of Vancouver, British Columbia: Mixing two films about the cinematic process creates a lush experience rich in subtextual meaning in this 7-minute film.

- "Memory" by Stuart Eagon of Portland: Fleeting faces, places and times stare back at us in this 10-minute short as a reminder of the complex emotions put forth as we gaze into our own memories.

- "Seven Ways from Sunday" by Robert Sickels of Walla Walla, Washington: This 7-minute film shares seven stories from individuals who have fallen victim to their fellow citizens' misconceptions and fears.

- "Dead Hearts" by Stephen W. Martin of Vancouver, British Columbia: A young mortician discovers his one true love only to realize she is also sought after by a gang of bullies in this 16-minute short film.

The Manzanita Film Series is a program of the Hoffman Center for the Arts. Films are screened monthly throughout the year.

# Clean up the beach with GrassRoots Garbage Gang

LONG BEACH PENINSULA, Wash. — Celebrate Earth Day by helping to pick up trash and clean up the 28 miles of sandy Pacific Ocean beach on the Long Beach Peninsula. The GrassRoots Garbage Gang will host a community beach cleanup on Saturday, April 23.

It's easy: There are no pre-meetings, agendas to follow or compulsory wrap-up meetings to attend; there are no reports to complete — just come out to any one of the seven major beach approaches on the peninsula at 9:30 a.m. Saturday and pick up supplies from volunteers.

There are many sections of the beach that need adopting. Round up your family or friends, and make a small group to tackle a section of beach. Several long-term volunteers do a section all on their own.

After the cleanup, there will be a soup feed at the Ocean Park Moose Lodge, located at 25915 U St., just south of 260th St., from noon until the pot runs dry. It will be a time to see what's been found and share your findings with other volunteers, if you so choose.

This the 15th year that the

all-volunteer GrassRoots Garbage Gang has been cleaning up the peninsula's beaches. Since 2001 when it all started, the effort has mushroomed, with volunteers coming from all over the state to help out at one or all three of the annual cleanups: in January, in April and on July 5.

Support for the GrassRoots Garbage Gang comes from volunteers, local businesses, the city of Long Beach, Marine Resource Committee, Washington State Department of Ecology, Washington State Parks, Willapa National Wildlife Refuge, NOAA and more.

The gang, a 501(c)(3) non-

## Beach Cleanup

9:30 a.m. Saturday, April 23

Any beach approach

Long Beach Peninsula, Wash.

[www.OurBeach.org](http://www.OurBeach.org)

profit organization, is focusing on its financial future in 2016. The gang seeks to create a cleanup fund, to sustain future beach cleanup efforts. For more information or to donate, visit [www.OurBeach.org](http://www.OurBeach.org), or contact organizer Shelly Pollock by emailing [Shelly@OurBeach.org](mailto:Shelly@OurBeach.org)



Submitted photo

Cleanup volunteers collected and loaded tons of July 4 weekend debris left behind by visitors on the Long Beach Peninsula last year, including a "burning man" fireworks installation.



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Hundreds of volunteers toiled for hours to pick up and dispose of debris left on the beach after July 4 revelries last year, which saw a huge increase in trash compared to previous years. The GrassRoots Garbage Gang puts on three beach cleanups each year; the next one is April 23.



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