

## Help monitor black oystercatchers

Training for citizen science project to be held May 6 in Cannon Beach

CANNON BEACH — Are you curious about black oystercatchers or want to watch the birds in action? You can take part in a citizen science project to help better understand how this bird species uses rocky intertidal habitats in or near the network of Oregon's marine reserves and protected areas.

The Audubon Society of Portland and partners will hold a free training about black oystercatcher monitoring at 6:30 p.m. Friday, May 6 at Cannon Beach City Hall, located at 163 E. Gower St. The event is open to the public, and light beverages and snacks will be provided.

For this project, the Audubon Society of Portland



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The black oystercatcher is a black shorebird, with a long, bright red bill and pink legs. It has a bright yellow iris and a red eye-ring.

is working in partnership with the Haystack Rock Awareness Program, Friends of Cape Falcon Marine Reserve, Oregon Marine Reserve Partnership, U.S. Geological Survey, and U.S. Fish and Wildlife.

The May 6 training will prepare volunteers for the bird survey project. The project requires at least two abundance surveys from May 12 to 29 in any rocky intertidal habitat along the coast, including

in Oregon's five marine reserves. For volunteers who would like to monitor nests, they should perform at least two nest checks per month for the rest of the season until August.

The project requires patience and a love for birds. Some scopes will be available for use. Volunteers should have their own binoculars. The program can work with volunteers to make the project fit their schedules.

If this sounds interesting, contact Joe Liebezeit at [jliebezeit@audubonportland.org](mailto:jliebezeit@audubonportland.org) and Amelia O'Connor at [ameliajoconnor@gmail.com](mailto:ameliajoconnor@gmail.com)

For more information, visit [audubonportland.org/issues/citizen-science](http://audubonportland.org/issues/citizen-science)

For questions regarding the training, contact Haystack Rock Awareness Program Coordinator Melissa Keyser at 503-436-8060 or email [hrap@ci.cannon-beach.or.us](mailto:hrap@ci.cannon-beach.or.us)

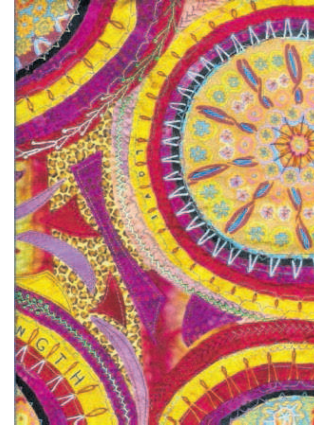
## Quilt and fiber artists wanted

Hoffman Center to hold summer Quilt and Fiber Show

MANZANITA — Quilters and fiber artisans from Manzanita, Nehalem and surrounding areas are invited to submit their works for an August show at the Hoffman Center for the Arts. The show will be collaboration between the center and Creative Fabrics in Wheeler.

Interested artists are asked to provide a photo and size dimensions for their entry. Works can be sold during the show.

The deadline for entry registration is June 30, with a limit of two pieces per person. The items will need to be delivered Aug. 2 or 3.



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Quilters are invited to submit works for a summer art show in Manzanita.

Registration forms are available at Creative Fabrics or can be downloaded at [hoffmanblog.org](http://hoffmanblog.org). Complete

ed forms and images of the artworks should be submitted at Creative Fabrics.

All wall hangings and quilts will need to be ready for hanging. Small quilts and wall hangings (no larger than 24 inches) can be hung with Velcro strips. Larger quilts should have a 4-inch sleeve sewn to the back. Larger wall pieces should have a way to hang on a wall. Tables will be available for displaying dimensional art.

The works will be on display at the center the weekends of Aug. 5 to 7 and Aug. 12 to 14.

Questions about the Quilt and Fiber Show can be referred to Doris Bash at 503-368-5900 or [dorish@quiltingwithdoris.com](mailto:dorish@quiltingwithdoris.com)

## Volunteer to get rid of Scotch broom

Help weed this invasive species with Ecola Creek Watershed Council

CANNON BEACH — Volunteers are gearing up for the annual Cannon Beach Broombuster event to weed out invasive Scotch broom plants 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 7.

Members of the public are invited to join the Ecola Creek Watershed Council and other local groups in pulling or cutting Scotch broom plants before their seeds mature. Saws, loppers and gloves will be provided, or bring your own.

Originally introduced from Europe as an ornamental plant and for erosion control, Scotch broom is an aggressive invasive species that forms dense stands that displace native plants and provide poor wildlife habitat. Many people are allergic to its pollen.

Several local groups, including the North Coast Land Conservancy and North Coast



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Volunteers remove Scotch broom at a Broombuster event in 2014. A work party is scheduled in Cannon Beach on May 7.

Watershed Association, hold volunteer work parties every year in May to remove Scotch broom from public and private land. This year, the Ecola Creek Watershed Council will focus on parkland next to the Ecola Creek estuary — along Les Shirley Park and NeCus' Park in Cannon Beach.

The Ecola Creek Watershed Council is a local stakeholder group that works to protect and restore wildlife habitat in the Ecola Creek watershed in Cannon Beach and Arch Cape. It is part of the nonprofit North Coast Watershed Associa-

tion, which also manages the Nicolai-Wickiup, Skipanon and Youngs Bay Watershed Councils.

All volunteers are welcome. Meet at Les Shirley Park on East Fifth Street, off Laurel Street at the north end of Cannon Beach. Volunteers should wear work clothes and waterproof shoes and bring raingear and a re-usable water bottle.

For more information, contact Brooke Stanley at 503-468-0408 or [northcoastwatershedcouncils@gmail.com](mailto:northcoastwatershedcouncils@gmail.com)

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