

Help pull invasive purple loosestrife

SVENSEN — Spend a day at the beautiful Wolf Bay Habitat Reserve east of Astoria, and help rid the marsh of a purple menace. Invasive purple loosestrife grows along the lower Columbia and spreads easily, threatening to overwhelm the diverse wetland ecology of this area and crowding out native plants such as cattail and wapato, which feed native wildlife.

North Coast Land Conservancy will host a hands-on stewardship day at Wolf Bay Habitat Reserve from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 20.

Volunteers will pull up the invasive weed. It's not hard; the roots separate easily from the saturated soil in the bay. Volunteers will lay the pulled weeds on the unused railroad tracks that border the bay, where they dry out and decompose without causing further harm.

Wear rubber boots and gloves; NCLC will provide tools. Bring your own drinking water and lunch. There are no toilets or potable water on site. If you'd like to help, contact NCLC Stewardship Director Melissa Reich at 503-738-9126 or melissar@nclctrust.org, for details and directions.

The Wolf Bay loosestrife



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Purple loosestrife, called "the purple menace" by the North Coast Land Conservancy, is an invasive weed.

pull is the first day of a two-day partnership with The Nature Conservancy to attack purple loosestrife growing along the lower Columbia. On Sunday, volunteers will be weeding The Nature Conservancy's nearby Blind Slough by canoe and kayak.

Those wishing to participate Sunday as well must begin with an orientation from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday following the loosestrife pull at Wolf Bay. To register for The Nature Conservancy's work party at Blind Slough, visit tinyurl.com/tnpurple

It's all about the beach with the Haystack Rock Awareness Program

Kid-focused event on tap, followed by summer potluck, tsunami walk

CANNON BEACH — The Haystack Rock Awareness Program will host two events open to the public on Saturday, Aug. 20.

First, the focus is on kids — and kids at heart — at a Discover Haystack Rock educational event from 9 to 11 a.m. The summer program will offer a fun-filled kids day, focusing on connecting young visitors with the animals that live at and around Haystack Rock.

HRAP Education Coordinator Lisa Habecker will discuss some of the many nesting seabirds that inhabit the rock before leading a murre egg painting activity. Enjoy light snacks, beverages and a talk followed by a guided tour of the tide pools.

Meet at the HRAP truck on the beach in front of Haystack Rock. This event is free and open to the public. All ages are welcome. Advanced registration is encouraged, as space is limited. Call HRAP Program Coordinator Melissa Keyser at 503-436-8060 or email hrap@ci.cannon-beach.or.us

Then, see and hear what a full-rip 9.0 earthquake and resulting tsunami are like. A multimedia presentation will be featured at HRAP's summer potluck at Cannon Beach City Hall. Arrive and enjoy food at 1 p.m., then, at 1:30 p.m., hear Scott West recount his experience in Otsuchi, Japan on March 11, 2011.

West, a U.S. Navy veteran and retired federal agent from Edmonds, Washington, works around the globe on conservation issues. Today



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he provides environmental consulting services and speaks about tsunamis. In 2011, he and a small crew were at the water's edge in the port city of Otsuchi trying to stop the slaughter of Dall's porpoises.

The epicenter of the Tohoku subduction zone rupture was just off the coast. Woefully unprepared for such an event, West's crew of six managed to survive the earthquake and tsunami, which claimed the lives of over 15,000 people. They were able to film some of the events.

West will show his film and answer questions at the potluck.

The Oregon Coast last saw a major tsunami in 1700. Seismologists have said a 9.0 or greater magnitude earthquake is overdue in the Cascadia Subduction Zone, a fault that stretches from Northern Vancouver Island to Cape Mendocino, California. About 15 million people live in the subduction zone.

Following the potluck and presentation, HRAP



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After HRAP's summer potluck and tsunami evacuation walk, staff will be on the beach at 6 p.m. to talk about the tide pools.

staff will lead a tsunami evacuation walk, following the route from Haystack Rock to one of the assembly areas. They will head to Haystack Rock at 3:30 p.m. and walk to the assembly area at 4:15 p.m.

There will be an option to visit the tide pools after the event. HRAP staff will be on the beach from 6 to 8 p.m.; low tide is at 8:58 p.m.

The potluck, presentation and walk event is free and open to interested parties. City hall is located at 163 E. Gower St. Space is limited, and RSVP is required.

Email hrapvolunteer@ci.cannon-beach.or.us or call 503-436-8095.

The Haystack Rock Awareness Program is a stewardship program with the city of Cannon Beach whose mission is to protect, through education, the intertidal and seabird life of the Oregon Islands National Wildlife Refuge and Marine Garden at Haystack Rock. Since its modest beginnings in 1985, HRAP has educated and inspired over 900,000 adults and children to learn about the natural resources at Haystack Rock.

The 13th Annual
Cannon Beach Cottage & Garden Tour

THREE-DAY EVENT
SEPTEMBER 9TH - 11TH, 2016

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH

6:00 p.m. Kicks off with a concert by Kelsey Mousley and the Next Right Thing and food by Newman's at 988 and Sea Level Coffee and Bakery. **Tickets \$12**

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH

12:00 p.m. Luncheon & Lecture at Tolovana Inn with Libby Holah of Holah Design **Tickets \$25**

1:00 - 5:00 p.m. Home & Garden Tour of Tolovana **Tickets \$30**

6:00 p.m. Maggie & the Cats Concert & Reception (Fall Raffle Takes place at this time (included in home and garden ticket price))

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH

11:00 a.m. Garden Tea & presentation by author and naturalist Sherian Wright on beekeeping for the average gardener **Tickets \$20**

Weekend packages are \$60
Advance ticket purchases recommended

For tickets call 503-436-9301 or visit www.cbhistory.org


