

St. Mary's Star of the Sea holds Musicfest, auction

ASTORIA — St. Mary's Star of the Sea Catholic Church will hold its fourth annual Musicfest event, featuring a silent auction and raffles, from 5 to 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 19.

The event will be held in the old school auditorium located at 1411 Grand Ave. Admission is two cans of food at the door, to be donated to a local food bank.

The event will feature live music by two local groups.

Two Crows Joy has played in the local area for several years. The band is led by Jane Duncan on fiddle, banjo, guitar and vocals

and her partner, Russ Hosley, on guitar and vocals; the rest of the group is made up of Darwin Turner on bass; and Dave Gager on drums and vocals.

Astoria musician Barbie G. will also perform acoustic folk music.

The event will also feature free food, silent auction items and a drawing. Only cash and checks will be accepted.

Sponsored by Court 151 Catholic Daughters, the event is a fundraiser with proceeds distributed among several local charitable organizations including food banks.

Author to share historical novel at Seaside library

Novel set after World War II in Southern Rhodesia

SEASIDE — The Seaside Public Library will host author Diana Polisensky for a presentation about her book "Whitewashed Jacarandas" at 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 19.

Polisensky has just returned to the U.S. from a photo safari in her native southern Africa, where she also hosted book signings of her historical novel. After her PowerPoint presentation at the library Nov. 19, she'll discuss the era of her book: the years after World War II in Southern Rhodesia, which is now called Zimbabwe.

Polisensky considers herself a recluse living in a tree house on the Central Oregon Coast, although her friends think she gets around quite a lot. She was born into a medical family and grew up in a swimming pool in Africa, in the days when colonialism



SUBMITTED PHOTO Diana Polisensky will talk about her book "Whitewashed Jacarandas" at 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 19 in Seaside.

was still respectable on the other side of the Pond. She crossed it as a young woman, ending her career in genetic engineering "behind the hedges" at Rice University.

"Whitewashed Jacarandas" is the first of a quartet of novels about a Jewish doctor and his gentile wife in the burst of development after World War II until the crisis

AUTHOR APPEARANCE

1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 19

Seaside Public Library

1131 Broadway, Seaside

Free

with Britain over the rise of African Nationalism that led to rebellion, civil war and finally the election of Robert Mugabe.

Glowing reviews for "Whitewashed Jacarandas" range from London to Israel, South Africa, Australia, New Zealand and of course on the Oregon Coast.

"A remarkably detailed tour de force," wrote Gerald Clarkson, a former reporter for Reuters. "An epic first book," said Dave Bloom, an Israeli community historian. "It's a fascinating book with

engrossing story; beautifully written," wrote Marcella Carmen, who lived in Tanganyika. Sharon Drews of Newport urges, "Every book club should read this book."

"Whitewashed Jacarandas" remained in the top five on Amazon's Hot New Releases for a whole month.

There are many contemporary books about Zimbabwe but very few about the time when life there was full of possibilities. It's a controversial novel about a country that remains controversial 70 years later.

Tea and shortbread will be served while Polisensky signs books available for sale at Seaside Public Library after the presentation and discussion of "Whitewashed Jacarandas." It is also available on interlibrary loan from Driftwood and Newport libraries and for sale at Bob's Beach Books in Lincoln City and Canyon Way Bookstore in Newport. Also from Amazon, including a Kindle version.

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Hear gritty roots country at the Sou'wester Lodge

SEAVIEW, Wash. — The Sou'wester Lodge will host a performance by Chuck Westmoreland at 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 19.

The Sou'wester Lodge is located at 3728 J Place. For more information, call 360-642-2542.

Eight years ago you would've seen Chuck Westmoreland onstage, a busted sprinkler head of awkward and endearing gyrations, gesticulations, and sweat.

Eight years ago he would've been preaching psycho-sexual pop songs with his band, The Kingdom. Singing conceptually interconnected catchy nuggets about cars, gender metamorphosis, Dog Day Afternoon and — somehow

— Johnny Unitas in a warbling falsetto caught somewhere between the pearly gates and a truck stop.

Eight years ago. Before he walked away from it all. Before marriage. Before his wife's cancer fight brought him to his knees. Before the birth of his first child chiseled away whatever remained of that almost-famous man that used to bounce around under the spotlight.

Nearly a decade later, the Portland musician returns with his self-titled solo debut, a powerful roots country album that takes his gift for character sketches and deconstructions and turns the focus squarely, and unblinkingly, on himself.



SUBMITTED PHOTO Chuck Westmoreland will perform Nov. 19 in Seaview.

Owing more to Gordon Lightfoot than Guided by Voices, Chuck Westmoreland shears away all outer influences for a singer-songwriter's lunch

pail full of bare-knuckle blood and guts. His heavy, lyric-driven songs focus on what to do with life gets tough and finding the good where you can.