

Curator says: Support local arts organizations

Behind the scenes at the Portland Art Museum

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CANNON BEACH — Understanding the Northwest arts scene is a lifetime study. Few are more at the center than Bonnie Laing-Malcolmson.

In 2010, she became the Portland Art Museum's curator of Northwest art, where she was responsible for curating and building the museum's collection of regional art from the late 19th century to the present. She presented exhibitions and a biennial group show by artists in Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington state and Wyoming.

"Everything I did really prepared me for working with artists in the Northwest," she said.

The Cannon Beach Arts Association's "Artists Talk" series kicked off this month with a talk from Laing-Malcolmson. The recently retired arts professional answered questions from audience members about curating shows, unique museums and her background.

Laing-Malcolmson grew up in Seattle among Northwest art, taking art classes and frequenting the Seattle Art Museum and galleries. After learning that she could study with artists she admired at the Pacific Northwest College of Art, formerly located at the Portland Art Museum, she enrolled and began studying sculpture and painting in 1970.

"It was really interesting going to school and learning about the insider art scene in Portland," she said. "It was an interesting time being a woman going to art school because it was still pretty sexist."

After leaving school, Laing-Malcolmson spent time on the Oregon Coast. Back in Portland, she formed a house-painting business with other artists. Then she wound up back at the Pacific Northwest College of Art, this time as director of academic affairs and admissions.

"That was my first arts administration job, and I really enjoyed it," she said.



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Bonnie Laing-Malcolmson, former curator of Northwest art at the Portland Art Museum, discussed her work and answered questions at the Cannon Beach Arts Association's Creative Coast Project Space.

Later, she obtained her master's degree in art from Montana State University and spent time getting to know regional artists. She gained experience as executive director of the Beall Park Art Center, executive director of Paris Gibson Square Museum of Art, and president of the Oregon College of Art & Craft.

"I knew quite a bit about the collection because I started as a student in 1970s and was an administrator after," she said. "I'd seen a lot of the work that the museum owned until 1987."

The first thing she did at the job was go through the stacks of artwork to take stock of what the museum had in storage. During her time as curator, she worked to put the entire Northwest collection online.

Laing-Malcolmson also promoted regional artists through curating the Contemporary Northwest Art Awards. To learn about different artists, she would have arts administrators, gallery owners, collectors, critics and others in the Northwest list the top contemporary artists in the region. She chose art, wrote about it and helped educate people through docent and education lectures.

"The wonderful thing about all the museums and galleries

I've worked in is that everyone works there for a reason," she said. "From the guards to those sweeping the floor, they're there because they love art or they are artists. You're privileged to work with people who are working for a passion. That's one of the charms of working in the art world."

At the Portland Art Museum, artists who get a show tend to be well-established, with major shows and gallery representation under their belt, she said.

In response to a question about how she balances her right and left brain, Laing-Malcolmson said that art, like chess, is about thinking spatially and planning.

Asked to name some of her favorite regional museums, Laing-Malcolmson recommended the Missoula Art Museum, Tacoma Art Museum, Hallie Ford Museum of Art in Salem, Yellowstone Art Museum and Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art in Eugene.

Laing-Malcolmson also discussed art auctions, donations from private collections and financial difficulties faced by galleries.

"Support your local arts organizations," she said. "It's very important."

State and local GMO bans declared legal

Federal law doesn't preempt prohibitions

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Federal law does not preempt state or local governments from banning genetically engineered crops that have been deregulated by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals has reversed an earlier ruling that held Maui County in Hawaii was prohibited from banning commercialized genetically modified organisms in 2014 because the ordinance was preempted by federal rules for biotechnology.

Because the USDA lacks jurisdiction over biotech crops once they're deregulated, there is no conflict between local regulations and federal rules and laws, the 9th Circuit said last week.

Prohibiting states and local governments from regulating crops that were once considered plant pests would have a "backwards effect" because they can still regulate conventional crops that raise fewer concerns, the 9th Circuit held.

"Such a holding would have far-reaching practical

effects. Because a large percentage of commercial crops grown in the United States are GE crops, states and counties across the nation would be prevented from regulating an enormous swath of agriculture. We do not believe that Congress so intended," the ruling said.

Even so, state and local GMO bans cannot apply to biotech crops that remain regulated by USDA, since the agency retains jurisdiction over them until they're commercialized, the 9th Circuit said.

While the 9th Circuit ruled in favor of biotech critics on federal preemption, Maui County's GMO ban remains overturned under its recent ruling. The appellate court found that the ordinance was still preempted by Hawaii's comprehensive state laws and rules that deal with the same subject matter of potentially harmful plants.

"By banning commercialized GE plants, the ordinance impermissibly intrudes into this area of exclusive state regulation and thus is beyond the county's authority" under Hawaii law, the 9th Circuit said.

The 9th Circuit's opinion is significant for nine Western states under its jurisdiction because counties in Oregon, Washington state and California have GMO bans.

If the appellate court had

found that federal law preempts local biotech regulations, those ordinances would have been affected.

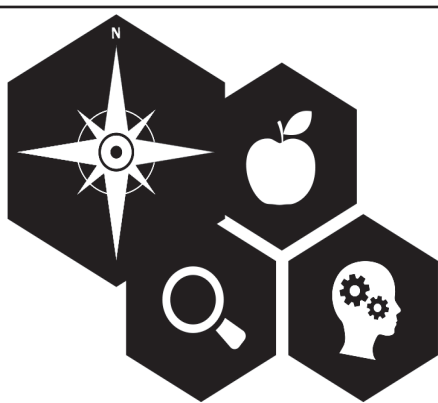
"It's a relief. Certainly, this is not a worst-case scenario," said Paul Achitoff, an attorney for the Earthjustice law firm that represented biotech critics in the case.

Even so, Achitoff said he's disappointed the 9th Circuit ruled that state law preempts the Maui ordinance, which he characterized as "a loss for Hawaii's people."

Local ordinances are necessary in Hawaii, where biotech breeding takes place, because state regulations predate GMOs and are essentially a "vacuum," he said. "The state has not been protecting people in that respect."

The Monsanto Co., a biotech developer that sued to overturn the law, said it's proud to be part of the farming community in Hawaii, where it has 1,000 employees, and understands that it has a "responsibility to farm sustainably and to work collaboratively," according to an emailed statement.

"We're listening and we've heard the concerns some people have about GMOs and today's farming practices. Our commitment to ongoing dialogue with our neighbors doesn't stop today," the statement said.



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WEDNESDAY EVENING												NOVEMBER 30	
A	L	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
2	KATU	(2) KATU News at 6		Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	The Goldbergs (N)	Speechless (N)	Modern Family (N)	Black-ish (N)	Designated Survivor "The Results" (N)		KATU News at 11	(3:5) Jimmy Kimmel
3	KOMO	(4) KOMO 4 News		Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy!	The Goldbergs (N)	Speechless (N)	Modern Family (N)	Black-ish (N)	Designated Survivor "The Results" (N)		KOMO 4 News	(3:5) Jimmy Kimmel
4	KING	(5) NBC Nightly News	KING 5 News	KING 5 News	Evening	Christmas in Rockefeller Center (N)	Dolly Parton's Christmas of Many Colors: Circle of Love Jennifer Nettles. (P)	Dolly Parton's Christmas of Many Colors: Circle of Love Jennifer Nettles. (P)				KING 5 News	(3:5) Tonight Show
6	KOIN	(6) KOIN Local 6 at 6	CBS Evening News	Extra	Ent. Tonight	Survivor: Millennials vs. Gen X (N)	Criminal Minds "Mirror Image" (N)	Code Black "Sleight of Hand" (N)				KOIN 6 News @ 11	(3:5) S. Colbert
7	KIRO	(7) KIRO 7 News	CBS Evening News	The Insider	Ent. Tonight	Survivor: Millennials vs. Gen X (N)	Criminal Minds "Mirror Image" (N)	Code Black "Sleight of Hand" (N)				KIRO News	(3:5) S. Colbert
8	KGW	(8) KGW News at 6:00 p.m.		Live at 7	Inside Edition	Christmas in Rockefeller Center (N)	Dolly Parton's Christmas of Many Colors: Circle of Love Jennifer Nettles. (P)	Dolly Parton's Christmas of Many Colors: Circle of Love Jennifer Nettles. (P)				KGW News at 11	(3:5) Tonight Show
9	KRCW	(3) Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Modern Family	Modern Family	Arrow "Invasion" Pt. 3 of 4 (N)	Frequency "Interference" (N)	KGW News at 10	Two and a Half			Two and a Half	Met Your Mother
10	KOPB	(10) Journeys in Japan	Nightly Business	PBS NewsHour		Nature "Giraffes: Africa's Gentle Giants"	American Experience "Tesla"						Age Reversed
12	KPTV	(12) 6 O'Clock News		Family Feud	Family Feud	Lethal "Can I Get a Witness?" (N)	Empire "What We May Be" (N)	10 O'Clock News				11 O'Clock News	2 Broke Girls
13	KPDx	(13) Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	FOX 12's 8 O'Clock News on PDX-TV	FOX 12's 9 O'Clock News on PDX-TV	The Simpsons	Family Guy			American Dad	Cleveland Show
14	KCPQ	(14) Modern Family	Modern Family	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Lethal "Can I Get a Witness?" (N)	Empire "What We May Be" (N)	Q13 News at 10				Q13 News	The Simpsons
20	TBS	(20) Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory			Conan (N)	
22	KZJQ	(22) Two and a Half	Two and a Half	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Modern Family	Modern Family	Q13 News at 9	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory		Friends	Friends
29	ESPN	(29) (1:15) NCAA Basketball ACC/Big-10 Challenge North Carolina at Indiana (L)				(1:15) SportsCenter		SportsCenter				SportsCenter	
30	ESPN2	(30) (1:15) NCAA Basketball ACC/Big-10 Challenge Ohio State vs. Virginia (L)				(1:15) College Basketball Live (L)		30 for 30 "Survive and Advance"				SportsCenter	NFL Live
31	NICK	(31) Henry Danger	Henry Danger	Paradise Run	Thunder "Thundermans: Banished!"	The Thundermans	Full House	Full House 1/2	Full House 2/2	Full House		Friends "The Last One" Pt. 1 of 2	
32	DISN	(32) Bunk'd	Bunk'd	The Great Christmas Light Fight (N)	Cloud 9 (2014, Family) Luke Benward, Dove Cameron.	(4:40) Cali Style	(:05) The Lodge	(:05) Stuck Middle				Liv and Maddie	Friends Whenever
34	FAM	(34) The Middle	The Middle	★ Jingle All the Way '96, Com) Sinbad, Phil Hartman, Arnold Schwarzenegger.	★ ★ National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation '89) Chevy Chase.							The 700 Club	
35	FMC	(35) (5:50) About Last Night '14, Com) Kevin Hart, Michael Ealy. (4:45) About Last Night (2014, Comedy) Kevin Hart, Regina Hall, Michael Ealy. (3:35) FXM Presents						★ ★ Knight and Day (2010, Action) Tom Cruise, Cameron Diaz.					
36	LIFE	(36) Little W. Dallas "Dallas, Not Austin"	Little Women: Dallas "Trading Spaces"	Women Dallas "Right to Refuse" (N)	Little Weddings "It's My Business" (N)	Little Weddings "It's My Business" (N)	Little W. "Friday Night Fights" (N)	Remini: Scientology "Disconnection"				NCAA Basketball Drake vs. DePaul	
38	ROOT	(38) NCAA Basketball Abilene Christian University vs. New Mexico (L)		In Depth (N)	Poker Night	Poker Heartland Tour	WPT Poker Bounty Scramble	NCAA Basketball Drake vs. DePaul					
39	F51	(39) UFC Tonight (N)		TUF 24 "Last Champion Standing" (N)	TUF Talk (N)	Garbage Time (N)	Fox Sports Live	TMZ Sports (N)				TUF Talk	Garbage Time
43	SPIKE	(43) Movie	★★★★ The Shawshank Redemption (1994, Drama) Morgan Freeman, James Whitmore, Tim Robbins.					★★★★ The Shawshank Redemption '94) Morgan Freeman, Tim Robbins.					
44	COM	(44) (5:0) South Park	(20) South Park	(20) South Park	(5:5) South Park	"Duche and a Danish" (2:25) South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park (N)	L.C. Heights (N)	The Daily Show (N) @midnight (N)	
45	HIST	(45) Vikings "Death All Round"	Vikings "The Last Ship"	Vikings "The Last Ship"	Vikings "Recap Special" (N)		Vikings "The Outsider"	Real Vikings "Age of Invasion"				(:05) Vikings "The Outsider"	
46	A&E	(46) First 48 "Love Kills/Chasing Shadows"	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck D./ Duck D. "Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty (N)	Going Si-ral	Wahlburgers (N)	(:35) Duck Dynasty	(:05) Duck Dynasty	(:35) Duck Dynasty	(:05) Duck Dynasty	(:35) Duck Dynasty
47	TLC	(47) OutDaughtered "A Quint in Crisis"	My 600-lb Life "Pauline's Story"	My 600-lb Life "Paula's Story"	My 600-lb Life: Transformed "Christina" (N)		To Be Announced	My 600-lb Life "Christina"				My 600-lb Life "Christina"	
48	DISC	(48) Alaskan Bushcraft "Appliances"	Alaskan Bushcraft "Shelter"	Alaskan Bushcraft "Transportation"	Alaskan Bushcraft "Power" (N)	Croc Gold "An Ounce an Hour" (N)	Alaskan Bush People "Raised Wild"					Alaskan Bush People "Raised Wild"	
49	NGEO	(49) State Troop. "Crystal Meth Compound"	Bones "Fire in the Ice"	★★★★ Pineapple Express '08, Comedy) James Franco, Danny McBride, Seth Rogen. (1:15) ★★ Ocean's Twelve '04) Catherine Zeta-Jones, Brad Pitt, George Clooney.								Dangerously "Collapse of the Oceans"	
50	TNT	(50) Bones		★★★★ Pineapple Express '08, Comedy) James Franco, Danny McBride, Seth Rogen. (1:15) ★★ Ocean's Twelve '04) Catherine Zeta-Jones, Brad Pitt, George Clooney.								Zeta-Jones, Brad Pitt, George Clooney.	
51	AMC	(51) Movie	★★★ Enchanted (2007, Adventure) Amy Adams, Patrick Dempsey, Julie Andrews.				★ ★ Monster-in-Law (2005, Comedy) Jane Fonda, Michael Vartan, Jennifer Lopez.	Law&Order: SVU "Nationwide Manhunt"	Incorporated "Vertical Mobility" (P) (N)	(:05) Modern Fam	(:35) Modern Fam		
52	USA	(52) Law&Order: SVU "Depravity Standard"	Law&Order: SVU "Cattifishing Teacher"	Law&Order: SVU "Townhouse Incident"	Law&Order: SVU "Nationwide Manhunt"	Incorporated "Vertical Mobility" (P) (N)							
53	FOOD	(53) Kids Baking Champion "Stuffed Puffs"	Kids Baking "Celebration Cakes"	Kids Sweets "Santa Express" (P) (N)	Cooks vs. Co "French Fries Freestyle" (N)	Cooks vs. Cons "Pizza Pizzazz"	Holiday Baking "Hearth and Home"						
54	HGTV	(54) Property Brothers	Property Brothers	Property Brothers	Property Brothers	Property Brothers	Property Brothers	Property Brothers				Property "Brothers Helping Brothers"	
55	FX	(55) (5:00) ★★ The Wolverine (2013, Action) Will Yun Lee, Tao Okamoto, Hugh Jackman.		★★★★ Star Trek: Into Darkness (2013, Sci-Fi) Zachary Quinto, Zoe Saldana, Chris Pine.								Star Trek: Into Darkness Chris Pine.	
57	CNN	(57) Anderson Cooper 360	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon	Anderson Cooper 360	Anderson Cooper 360	Anderson Cooper 360				CNN Tonight With Don Lemon	
58	FNC	(58) The Kelly File With Megyn Kelly	Hannity	The O'Reilly Factor								On the Record	
61	CNBC	(61) Jay Leno's Garage "Music and Cars"	Jay Leno's Garage (N)	Leno Garage "Original and Unrestored"	Leno Garage "Original and Unrestored"	Jay Leno's Garage "Supercars"	Jay Leno "Old School vs. New School"	Paid Program	Paid Program			Paid Program	Paid Program
63	BRAV	(63) Atlanta "House of Shade and Dust"	Atlanta "Housewife House Wars"	Atlanta "Ghosts of Boyfriends Past"	Atlanta "Another Spin around the Block"	Don't Be Tardy (N)	Don't Be Tardy...	WatchWhat (N)	Housewives Atl.			WatchWhat (N)	Housewives Atl.
64	TCM	(64) (8:00) Best Boy '79, Doc) Philly Wohl.	Sherman's March This Union general created a legacy of terror.			★★★★ Koyaanisqatsi (1983, Documentary)						Sans Soleil '83)	
65	SYFY	(65) (4:30) ★★ 2012 (2009, Action) Amanda Peet, Thandie Newton, John Cusack.		★★ Jurassic Park III (2001, Sci-Fi) William H. Macy, Téa Leoni, Sam Neill.		Incorporated "Vertical Mobility" (P) (N)	(:05) Magicians "Unauthorized Magic"					(:05) Magicians "Unauthorized Magic"	
69	RFD	(69) Cowboy TV	Noble Outfitters	JHS Rodeo Tour	Equestrian Nation	RW Horsemanship	Rural Eve. News	Racer's Edge	WesternSport	Cowboy TV	Noble Outfitters	Product Showcase	

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