

'A Convenient Situation'

History & Hops takes on Seaside's Salt Works

SEASIDE — The next History & Hops free local history lecture takes place at 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 29, at Seaside Brewing Co., located at 851 Broadway.

From currency to seasoning, salt has played a vital role in human history and survival. One of the reasons the Corps of Discovery wintered near the Pacific Ocean was that it was running out of salt.

The expedition's captains were hoping for "a convenient Situation to the Sea Coast where we Could make Salt," according to William Clark's Nov. 24, 1805, journal.

At the next History & Hops, retired National Park Service ranger Tom Wilson will discuss the importance of salt for the Lewis and Clark Expedition. He will recount which Corps members made salt, and describe how they made the salt needed for the expedition.



SUBMITTED PHOTO
Tom Wilson portraying Capt. William Clark in 2015.

Wilson will share the history of the current Salt Works site which is a memorial to the expedition's salt-making endeavors.

Wilson, a popular and engaging speaker, is also a retired elementary school teacher. He began working at Lewis and Clark National Historical Park seasonally more than 20 years ago, volunteering for several years giving talks and demonstrations. During his time with

the park, he participated in the park's living history programs and has portrayed Corps members at events such as the Salt Makers Return, Clark's Camp and Wintering Over. He has portrayed expedition members Pvt. Thomas Howard, Capt. William Clark, and salt-maker Pvt. William Bratton. As Bratton, Wilson has spent multiple weekends in character, boiling water, making salt and living on the beach.

History & Hops is a monthly series of local history discussions hosted by the Seaside Museum at Seaside Brewing Co.

The Seaside Museum and Historical Society is a non-profit educational institution with the mission to collect, preserve and interpret materials illustrative of the history of Seaside and the surrounding area.

The museum is located at 570 Necanicum Drive and is open 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Saturday. More information can be found at www.seasidemuseum.org

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The Wayfarer Restaurant - Spain Featured

One of Cannon Beach's few Ocean View restaurants is showcasing the Cuisine of Spain. Enjoy the talents of Chef Josh Archibald and his crew producing some incredible Spanish Specialty items. Call 503-436-1108. At 1190 Pacific Drive.

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Sweet Basil's - Poland Featured

John Sowa, Co-winner of Iron Chef Goes Coastal 2016 shares his Old-Country recipes with you for a traditional meal for the Holidays from Poland. Call 503-436-1539 for reservations. At 271 N. Hemlock Street.

Newman's at 988 - France Featured

Chef John Newman will roll out their French-focused Prix Fixe menu including 8 fabulous menu items sure to satisfy your special occasion cravings. Call 503-436-1151 for reservations. At 988 S. Hemlock Street.

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