

Museum continues lecture series

ASTORIA — The Columbia River Maritime Museum continues its eight-week Past to Present Lecture Series in February.

Guest speakers share knowledge about maritime issues, industry and history each week. The lectures take place at 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays at the museum. Admission is free for museum members and free with paid admission for non-members. The museum is located at 1792 Marine Drive.

On Tuesday, Feb. 14, Confluence Project Executive Director Colin Fogarty will present “Connecting to Place: A Confluence Story Gathering.”

Fogarty has always been drawn to the notion that we are surrounded by history. So many of the most compelling stories we tell connect the present with the past. As a student at Miami University in Ohio, that interest led to a radio documentary on the history of the Miami Tribe, relocated from Indiana to Oklahoma. At Miami, he fell in love with radio and with Stephanie Wiant. The two moved to Portland, got married and Fogarty became a radio reporter for Oregon Public Broadcasting. His stories were frequently heard on NPR and won regional and national awards. Along the way, Fogarty kept returning to the theme of history and its role in daily life. He produced stories on Columbia River rock art, Lewis and Clark, and the silencing of Celilo Falls.

In September 2008, he became regional editor of public radio’s Northwest News Network. He led a talented team of correspondents who serve 12 public radio stations in Oregon, Washington and Idaho. It’s a small organization that plays a big role in bringing compelling regional



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Colin Fogarty will speak Feb. 14 about how history surrounds us.



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Patrick Corcoran will speak Feb. 21 about coastal storms and community resilience.

coverage to public radio audiences throughout the Northwest. So it was a perfect training ground for becoming executive director of the Confluence Project in 2014. In this role, Fogarty continues to help tell compelling stories about history — not on the radio but in the landscape, through community outreach and in the digital realm.

On Feb. 21, Patrick Corcoran will give the talk “Storms and Hazards: Building Community Resilience.”

Corcoran is a coastal natural hazards specialist based at the Oregon State University Clatsop County Extension office in Astoria. His goal is to help coastal

residents and communities become more resilient to natural hazards. Corcoran engages university researchers and coastal residents in collaborative research and shared learning about the nature of coastal natural hazards; helps communities identify their vulnerability to hazards; and connects local people with data and decision support tools designed to help communities adapt to hazards. His primary areas of work are tsunami preparedness, coastal storms and shoreline change.

On Feb. 28, Scott Williams will close out the 2017 Past to Present lecture series with the talk “Lost Castaways and Mystery Shipwrecks on the Oregon Coast.”

The North Oregon Coast has more tales of lost castaways and mystery shipwrecks dating to the period before European and American exploration and settlement than the rest of the West Coast combined. These stories, recorded from Indian oral histories by the earliest settlers, tell of unknown wrecks, lost castaways, and mysterious deserters on the Oregon Coast between about 1690 and 1780 — the period before the fur and whaling trades really took off in the north Pacific.

Who were these castaways and survivors, and what ships did they come from? Come hear Williams, an archaeologist with the Maritime Archaeological Society, discuss the Bees-wax Wreck, the later wreck of Konapee, and the Neahkahnie vessel, tales of other survivors such as Cullaby and Sandy, and their descendants Soto and Ramsey. A lot more was happening on the Oregon coast during the 18th century than many people realize.

Exchange seeds at fourth annual event

NEHALEM — The fourth annual Give Seeds a Chance Seed Exchange will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11 at the White Clover Grange, located at 36585 Highway 53 about 2 miles from Highway 101 near Mohler. The event is free and open to the public.

Local gardener, permaculturist and landscape designer Maia Holliday will give a talk at 1 p.m. on “Planting for Bees and Other Pollinators.”

Adrian Canilho-Burke, from Food Roots, will bring the Tillamook Library seed exchange pop-up that includes quite a few varieties to add into the exchange. He will also have information on the Seed to Supper gardening class that will start in the beginning of March the North County Recreation District and on other Food Roots programs.

At the exchange you can

get herb, vegetable, flower and native plant seeds and information. Handouts will be available for people to take, and there will also be some books and resources on hand for browsing. All seeds are free, whether you bring some to share or not.

This year the organizers of the event encourage gardeners to commit to growing favorite flowers and vegetables and purposely saving the seeds for next year’s exchange. In this way, people can expand the variety of seeds available for sharing, increase food security and have plants that we know do well in the local area. There will be a sign-up sheet available at the seed exchange where you can say what you would like to grow for this purpose. If you can’t make the exchange and would like to participate, email barbaraandchuck@nehalem.tel.net

If you have them, bring seeds you have collected or extra commercially packaged seeds you no longer want. Place your collected seeds in small envelopes or zip-sealed baggies, and mark your seed packet with as much information as you have: plant, variety, area grown, production qualities, etc. Seeds that are several years old ideally should be tested for viability. If you are not sure if a batch of seeds is still good, take a sampling of them (10 or so) and place between two moist paper towels in a warm place to see if they germinate. If half or more sprout you’re good to go.

Give Seeds a Chance is sponsored by the White Clover Grange, Fulcrum Community Resources, Food Roots and the Nehalem Garden Club. For more information, call 503-368-6874.

Outdoor enthusiasts can experience Pacific Northwest Sportsmen’s Show

PORTLAND — Now in its 42nd year, the Pacific Northwest Sportsmen’s Show and Sport Fishing Boat Show, presented by Federal Premium Ammunition and Bushnell, returns to the Portland Expo Center on Feb. 8 to 12.

If you hunt, fish or just love to play in the great outdoors, this Northwest tradition offers a one-stop shopping and learning experience, with great values on fishing and hunting gear, clothing, camping equipment, sport fishing boats and activities for the kids.

Hundreds of local and national vendors and outdoor experts will be on hand to showcase the best in outdoor gear, tools, tips and gadgets. Enjoy free demonstrations, seminars and interactive displays, and up-to-date info for outdoor enthusiasts.

Check out the latest fishing,



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hunting and camping gear, guides and outfitters along with information on taxidermy, lodges and resorts, boats, campers and tent trailers. You’ll find ATVs, backpacking, optics, outdoor clothing, vacation packages and more.

Features include Brutus, a live Montana grizzly bear returning to the show, the Head and Horns Competition,

the Kids’ Trout Pond, outdoor survival and archery seminars, camp cooking demos including three chefs new to the show, and the Million Dollar Ammo Sale.

Admission is \$12 for adults, \$5 for kids age 6 to 16, and free for kids under 5. Two-day passes are \$18. For more information, visit www.thesportshows.com