

Local author to lead workshop, reading

Meet Melissa Eskue Ousley at Astoria Public Library

ASTORIA — Are you an aspiring author seeking to strengthen your writing? Then you should head to the Astoria Public Library at 4 p.m. Saturday, March 4 for Let Your Characters Drive: A Fiction Writing Workshop.

During the workshop, local author Melissa Eskue Ousley will teach you about character-driven fiction, offering writing techniques and exercises. This event is free and open to writers of all ages.

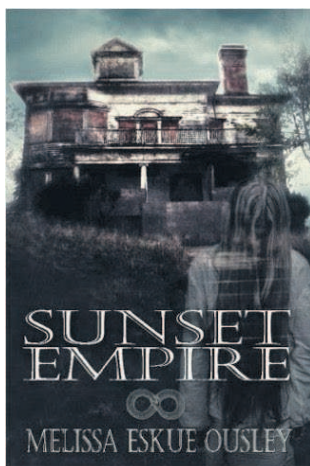
Following the workshop, at 6 p.m., Eskue Ousley will read from her new book, "Sunset Empire." The novel is a love letter to the Oregon Coast, blending local history and lore with fantasy. "Sunset Empire" showcases a number of sites readers may recognize, including Fort Stevens State Park, the Liberty Theater, Shively Park, and Astoria's infamous underground tunnels. The author will discuss how regional history and legends inspired her writing.

Eskue Ousley is an award-winning author specializing in adult and young adult fiction. Her debut book, "Sign of the Throne," won a Readers' Favorite Book Award and Eric Hoffer Book Award. Her third book, "The Sower Comes," also won an Eric Hoffer Book Award. Having received her Ph.D. in higher education from The University of Arizona, Eskue Ousley has taught psychology courses and worked within higher education on diversity issues. Her expertise in psycholo-



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Author Melissa Eskue Ousley will lead a workshop and give a book reading March 4 at Astoria Public Library.



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"Sunset Empire" by Melissa Eskue Ousley.

gy and her interest in culture and mythology heavily influence the themes and character development in her fiction. For more information, contact the author at solasbeir@gmail.com

The Astoria Public Library is located at 450 10th St. This event is part of the library's Meet the Author series. For more information, contact library staff at comments@astorialibrary, or visit www.astorialibrary.org

Seaside FIRST SATURDAY ART WALK

March
4
5 to 7 p.m.

SEASIDE — The Seaside First Saturday Art Walk, celebrating 13 years in 2017, is all about the arts. Visitors meet artists, view artist demonstrations, listen to art lectures or enjoy live performances in music. The next art walk will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Saturday, March 4 in the historic downtown Gilbert District. The event is free and open to the public.

SunRose Gallery

606 Broadway

Visit with owner/artist Cathy Tippin who creates broken china mosaics in the French tradition. Colorful and inspiring, SunRose features the spectrum of creative recycle art to fine art mosaics by local, regional and nationally known artists. SunRose also offers artful women's accessories, gifts, home decor and eclectic garden art.



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"Celtic High Cross" by Michael Muldoon at Fairweather's.

Fairweather House & Gallery

612 Broadway

Fairweather will host an opening reception for "Irish Lands," a show featuring Seaside artist Michael Muldoon and Gearhart photographer Richard Newman, who both traveled to Ireland for the first time, on separate trips, and have created signature art to document their experiences.

Muldoon, a graduate of Seaside High School, is an interpretive oil painter who loves color and strives to use it to represent dimensions of shadow, light and shapes. Painting with both a brush and a knife, he creates original oils. His artistic journey followed years of teaching, coaching, West Point Military Academy and sales. "One of my favorite things from Ireland was visiting these places and viewing these iconic pieces of history dating back eight or nine hundred years," he says.

Newman especially likes to take photos of landscapes and historical

objects. He has traveled to Europe nine times and visited 29 countries.

Photographer and naturalist Neal Maine will speak at 6 p.m. Muldoon will offer a live painting demonstration. Adult beverages, light refreshments and live music by Shirley 88 await visitors.

Beach Books

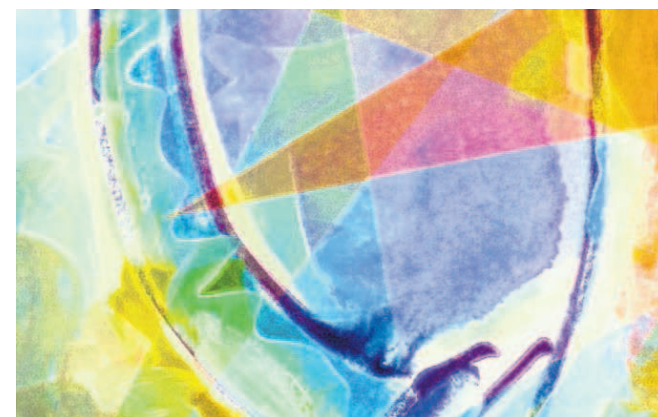
616 Broadway

Beach Books will feature work by artist Jim Zaleski, who combines the traditional art forms of painting and drawing with a computer world to produce art loaded with whimsy. Zaleski returns with an eclectic show that will include new works. He creates abstract prints full of intense, saturated colors and shimmering, atmospheric light.

In addition, Seaside author Honey



A mosaic at SunRose Gallery.



A piece of art by Jim Zaleski at Beach Books.



"Central Mountain" by Billy Lutz at T.anjuli's.

Perkel will release her newest book, "The Legend of Hattie Springfield" with a reading at 5:30 p.m. In this book set in 1904 Astoria, a man and his demons and a wife and her dreams weave a chilling tale of obsession and intrigue. A prominent banker's wife unexpectedly dies of diphtheria — or did she? Questions surrounding her death start to get unraveled by her visiting eccentric aunt, leading to uncovered secrets of desire and murder.

The Columbia River Ukulele Players will perform at 6 p.m. This group plays the ukulele while jamming with harmonica players.

T.anjuli Gallery

7 N. Holladay Drive

T.anjuli features the work of artist/philosopher Billy Lutz. His artwork focuses on what lies beneath appearances. "Central Mountain," the featured art for March, is a roof window that connects inside to outside, looking down.

Participating restaurants:

Guido and Vito's, 604 Broadway; Tora Sushi, 619 Broadway; Nonni's Bistro, 831 Broadway; Yellow Curry Thai, 20 N. Holladay Drive

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