

Twelve Days of Earth Day, art contest kicks off in Cannon Beach

CANNON BEACH — Numerous Twelve Days of Earth Day events will take place Tuesday, April 11 through Saturday, April 22 in Cannon Beach.

The eighth-annual celebration offers numerous environmentally focused opportunities for community members and visitors.

Participants can celebrate the return of the tufted puffins to Haystack Rock, learning about these birds from Haystack Rock Awareness Program staff and volunteers.

Other events include a community Potluck on

Friday, April 21, Friends of Haystack Rock talk at 7 p.m. Wednesday, tree plantings, guided tours, a "Pets and People" Walking Parade and a Street Fair where numerous different environmental groups will share ideas.

For the full schedule of events visit www.TwelvedaysofEarthDay.com.

The second-annual Twelve Days of Earth Day Marine Debris Art Contest takes place during the celebration. Participants who love beachcombing, creativity and stewardship are encouraged to participate.

The theme this year is "It's a Small World." Art should be less than 2-by-2 feet in size.

Participants are invited to collect beach debris (plastic, shoes, hats, towels; any trash that washes up on our beaches) and use it to make art. All materials must be debris that are collected off the beach. Bring creations to the Cannon Beach Chamber Community Hall between 3 p.m. and 4 p.m. on Friday, April 21.

The winner will be announced at the potluck and will receive the Steve McLeod award.



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Genevieve "Gigi" Gardner, 5, breaks out the binoculars to see tufted puffins nesting on Haystack Rock. The "Welcome Back Tufted Puffins" event was held last year during the Twelve Days of Earth Day celebration.

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