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Library fundraiser 'Write On Seaside' brings together local authors

SEASIDE — To raise money for the Seaside Public Library, local authors will participate in a "round-robin writing extravaganza" at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 11, at the Seaside Convention Center (415 1st Ave.).

Presented by the library foundation, "Write On Seaside" is a fundraiser for radio frequency identification tags, multilingual adult materials and the library's new book-bundled backpack preschool program.

Featured authors: Diana Kirk, of Portland, author of "Licking Flames: Tales of A Half-Assed Hussy," a group of brash and adventurous essays; Melissa Eskue Ousley, local author of the young adult fantasy series "The Solas Beir Trilogy"; Brian Ratty, local author of the Dutch Clark series of historical fiction; Jim Stewart, author of "Ochoco Reach," the first in the Ironwood detective series; Deb Vanesse, local author of "Wealth Woman: Kate Carmack and the

Klondike Race for Gold"; and Nick Vasilieff, local author of the "Sammy and the San Juan Express" series of young adult novels.

David Frei, the co-host of the Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show and author of "Angel On A Leash," will serve as master of ceremonies.

The authors — who will also be available for books signings — will write against the clock to complete a quick-finish short story. Attendees will have

an opportunity to bid on becoming a character, insert a pet's name, perhaps even request a plot twist.

There will be a silent auction with gifts (including books).

Small treats will be provided, and a no-host bar. The event has a \$10.00 admission fee. Tickets can be purchased at the door or at the library.

For more information, call the Seaside Public Library at 503-738-6742 or visit www.seasidelibrary.org.

Cowlitz Coin Club celebrates 49th annual coin show

LONGVIEW, WASH. — The Cowlitz Coin Club of Longview-Kelso is holding its 49th annual coin show 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 6, at the Association of Western Pulp & Paper Workers Hall (724 15th Ave., Longview, Washington). Admission is free.

The public will have a chance to buy, sell and trade coins, currency, token and medals from Pacific Northwest dealers.

"There will be hourly drawings, along with a raffle for a half-ounce American Gold Eagle coin and five 1-ounce American Silver Eagle coins," organizers

said. "You do not need to be present to win the raffle coins."

A member of the American Numismatic Association, the Cowlitz Coin Club is a nonprofit organization that promotes numismatics (the study and collection of coins, paper currency and medals) and its activities in

the Pacific Northwest.

The Cowlitz Coin Club meets at 7 p.m. on the third Saturday of each month at the Kelso Senior Center (106 NW 8th Ave.) in Kelso, Washington.

For more information about club meetings, email cowlitzcoinclublongview@gmail.com.

College offering classes on aromatherapy

ASTORIA — Clatsop Community College is offering two classes in May about aromatherapy.

The first class, "Essential Oils: A Beginner's Guide," will be held 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, May 6, at Towler Hall.

Students will learn the history of aromatherapy, and the importance of quality and safety guidelines. The instructor will profile five essential oils, and students will learn blending techniques and how to make products for home use.

The cost is \$20, plus \$15 to the instructor for supplies. Students are asked to preregister to ensure there will be

enough supplies.

Then, from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, May 20, students who completed the first class can continue with "Essential Oils: Advanced Users Guide."

Students will delve deeper into therapeutic benefits, learn more blending techniques, profile more oils, and explore case studies and research.

Once again, the class will be held in Towler Hall, the cost is \$20, plus \$15 to the instructor for supplies, and preregistration is emphasized.

Register at www.clatsopcc.edu/schedule and search under "Course Title," or call 503-325-2402.

Bayside Singers perform encore

OCEAN PARK, WASH. — The Bayside Singers, a 40-member group, will hold a repeat performance of a spring concert 2 p.m. Saturday, May 6, Ocean Park Lutheran Church (24002 U St.).

The shows are free, but

refreshments sold during intermission pay for more music for the group.

Several of the numbers feature arrangements and composition by Director Barbara Poulshock. Barbara Bate is the accompanist for the group.

Comedian Rick Shapiro performs at KALA

ASTORIA — For one night only, Rick Shapiro — a comedian, artist, actor and author — will perform at KALA (1017 Marine Dr.) in Astoria at 8 p.m. Wednesday, May 10. \$10 cover.

Shapiro has co-starred with Louis C.K., including on the TV show "Lucky Louie," and has a role in the new film, "Timeless."

"Rick Shapiro's comedy has been compared to Lenny Bruce for its uncertainty, George Carlin for his strong politics and Andy Kaufman due to its confusion," according to press materials.

Shane Bugbee — a new media artist, personality and storyteller — will open the show.