FILE PHOTO

Oregon Gov. Tom McCall stands in front of Cannon Beach's Surfsand Motel, ca. 1967.

History & Hops salutes Beach Bill

SEASIDE — In honor of the Oregon Beach Bill's 50th anniversary, the next installment of the Seaside Museum's History & Hops series is "For the Love of our Beaches," to be held 6 p.m. Thursday, May 25, at Seaside Brewing Company (851 Broadway St.).

Presented by Elaine Murdy-Trucke, a Seaside native and executive director of the Cannon Beach History Center & Museum, the discussion will cover the circumstances and history that led to Oregon Governor Tom McCall's influential trip to Cannon Beach and the ensuing legislation that has kept the Oregon Coast public.

"When first introduced, the bill faced steep opposition," the Seaside Museum wrote in a release. "Ultimately Oregonians fought for their beloved beaches. And so it is that today, 50 years later, this beach is yours and mine and everyone's, to treasure and protect, forever."

History & Hops events are held on the last Thursday of each month, September through May.

The Seaside Museum & Historical Society (570 Necanicum Dr.) is a nonprofit whose mission is to "collect, preserve and interpret materials illustrative of the history of Seaside and the surrounding area."

For more information, visit seasidemuseum.org.

Seaside Aquarium celebrates 80th birthday

SEASIDE — The Seaside Aquarium, the oldest privately owned aquarium on the West Coast, is marking its 80th anniversary.

From 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday, May 25, aquarium admissions will be rolled back to the original 1937 prices: Adults pay 15 cents, children 10 cents, and seal food will cost $2 per tray. The currency will also be a 1930s throwback: The aquarium is taking cash only for the day.

All proceeds from that day's admissions and seal food will be donated to the Friends of Haystack Rock and the Wildlife Center of the North Coast. Both organizations will have representatives and displays set up inside the aquarium.

"To celebrate our anniversary, Seaside Aquarium would like to give back to those who have supported us thought the years," aquarium staff wrote in an email.

The aquarium's daily operations rely completely on admissions and gift shop sales.

When it was founded, the organization's primary goal was entertainment. "The dark interior was meant to create the feeling of swimming through an ocean cave at a time when respiration-aided diving was virtually unknown," aquarium staff wrote.

In the last several years, the aquarium's focus has shifted to include education and community involvement.

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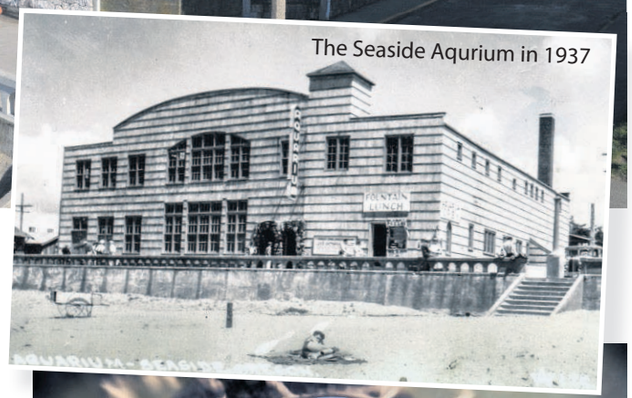
The Seaside Aquarium



The Seaside Aqurium in 1937

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Seaside Museum celebrates International Museum Day

SEASIDE — The Seaside Museum will observe International Museum Day by offering free admission Saturday, May 20. In addition, the museum will hold an open house that day from 1 to 3 p.m.

This year's theme for International Museum Day is "Museums and contested histories: Saying the unspeakable in museums," the International Council of Museums announced.

The theme focuses on how museums benefit society by becoming hubs for "promoting peaceful relationships," according to press materials.

"It also highlights how the acceptance of a contested history is the first step in envisioning a shared future under the banner of reconciliation," the museum noted in a release.

The goal of this year's International Museum Day is to explore ways of understanding "the incomprehensible aspects of the contested histories inherent to the human race. It also encourages museums to play an active role in peacefully addressing traumatic histories through mediation and multiple points of view."

The Seaside Museum (570 Necanicum Dr.) is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and noon to 3 p.m. Sunday. More information can be found at www.seasidemuseum.org.