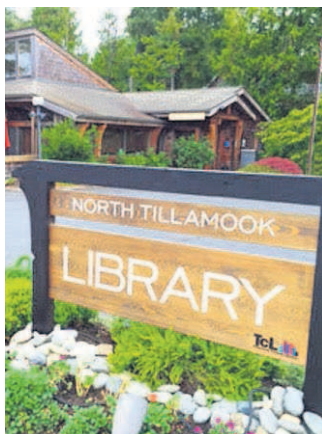


# North Tillamook Library celebrates 30 years with free event Saturday

MANZANITA — To mark the 30th anniversary of the North Tillamook Library in Manzanita, the library's Friends group is hosting a celebration Saturday, July 8, at the Hoffman Gardens adjacent to the library at 571 Laneda Avenue.

The event will include a children's story time; family music fun with Portland singer and musician Mo Phillips and the Ocean Bottom Country Blues Band, featuring Tillamook County's library director Sara Charlton; a presentation on the library's history by Patty Went; and an appearance by special guest Lauren Kessler, a noted Oregon author.

"For thirty years the North Tillamook Library has been building a community of learners by serving the communities of Wheeler, Nehalem and Manzanita, as well as the rural areas of north Tillamook County," said Madeline Olson, president of the Friends of the



Library. "Three decades ago visionary community leaders developed the plan and the funding to construct a beautiful building. All of us have benefited from that foresight, and we are eager to celebrate 30 great years, thank our friends and acknowledge the great partnership we enjoy with the Tillamook County library."

The North Tillamook Library operates with a unique public-private partnership. The Friends organization

owns and maintains the library building, while the county library supplies all library materials and the professional library staff.

Oregon author Lauren Kessler will talk about the importance of libraries in both her work and her reading life.

"A community without a library is like a body without a soul," Kessler said. "That's how important I think libraries are to communities, big and small — but especially to small, rural communities where there are fewer cultural opportunities. Books open the world to us. In rural and isolated communities, they bring the world to our doorstep."

The public is invited to attend the celebration and to consider becoming a Friend of the Library.

Friends board member Gail Young, who is coordinating the anniversary celebration, can be reached at [gailmyoung@mc.com](mailto:gailmyoung@mc.com).

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

• **11 a.m. to noon:** Story Time in the Library

• **Noon to 1 p.m.:** Family fun with Mo Phillips

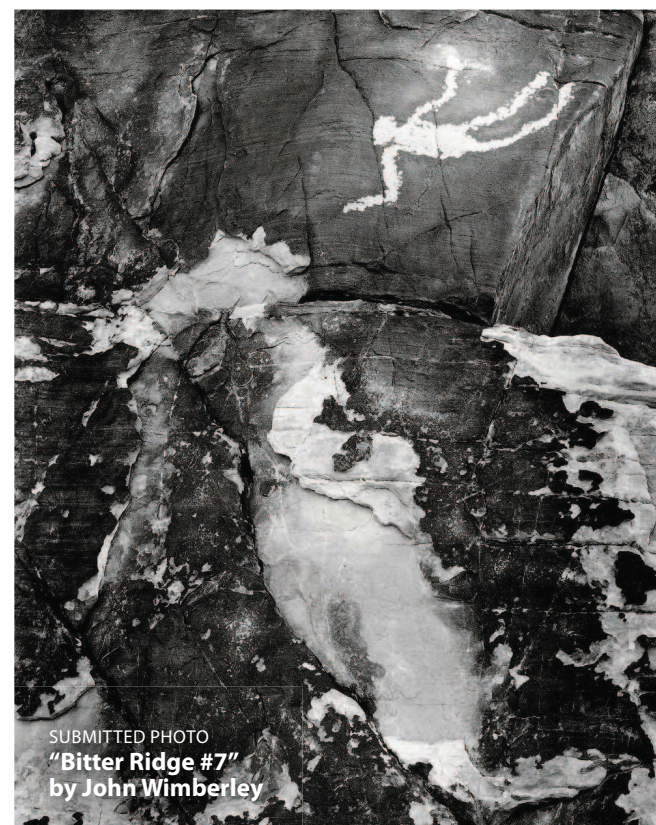
• **1 to 2 p.m.:** Music by Ocean Bottom Country Blues Band, featuring Tillamook County head librarian Sara Charlton

• **2 to 3 p.m.:** Welcome by Friends President Madeline Olson

• Friends and library history presentation by Patty Went

• "Tribute to Libraries" by Oregon author Lauren Kessler

• **3 to 4 p.m.:** Music, socializing — and cake!



SUBMITTED PHOTO  
"Bitter Ridge #7"  
by John Wimberley

## LightBox gallery marks 100th exhibit with "Preternatural" reception

ASTORIA — LightBox Photographic Gallery is commemorating its 100th exhibit with the opening reception for "A Preternatural Place: Dream and Memory in the Great Basin," a body of work by internationally renowned photographic artist John Wimberley.

This exhibit opens Saturday, July 8, with an artist reception taking place 5 to 8 p.m. An artist talk will be held prior to the opening at 4 p.m., call the gallery at 503-468-0238 for availability and reservations.

"This collection demonstrates the refined photographic process Wimberley is known for," the gallery said in a release.

The exhibition consists of photographs made during a two-decade period, from 1997 to 2017. It consists of black-and-white, gelatin-silver prints that were hand-printed by Wimberley in his tradition-

al wet darkroom.

All prints were made within the American Great Basin — that is, Nevada and slices of adjacent states, Wimberley said.

"They reveal traces of dream and memory in the land, and explore artifacts of human endeavor in the form of petroglyphs and abandoned structures," Wimberley said. "The primary focus is on stone that has been altered by human activity."

Born in Bermuda in 1945, Wimberley currently lives in Ashland, Oregon.

With more than 50 years in photography, his work has been honored with over 70 major exhibitions and extensively published and collected around the world.

"A Preternatural Place: Dream and Memory in the Great Basin" runs Saturday, July 8, through Tuesday, Sept. 5. LightBox is located at 1045 Marine Drive in Astoria.

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