

Tour Nehalem Bay's 'emerald necklace'

MANZANITA — Join a representative of the Lower Nehalem Community Trust for a tour of our conservation lands along Nehalem Bay's scenic north edge 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 9.

This string of conservation parcels is dubbed the "emerald necklace" because it has beaded together some natural habitats to protect important wetlands, vistas, green space and waterways. The last stop on the tour is Elk Meadows, a Manzanita nature park featuring a winding trail, stands of alder trees and a sweet wetlands.

Hikers of all ages are welcome on the tour; dogs are not permitted, however. Bring binoculars for an up-close look at wildlife.

Hiking boots are recommended, as there may be

walking through wet areas. Many trails have uneven surfaces. Bring a water bottle. Note: Bathroom facilities are not available on this tour.

Meet at the end of Tohl Road in Bayside Gardens, Nehalem (parking is available on Tohl Road).

Suggested donations, collected on site, are \$5 per person over 18. Kids are admitted free.

To learn more about Lower Nehalem Community Trust efforts to conserve coastal lands, visit <http://www.nehalemtrust.org/protect-edge-lands/>

For more information about the hike, contact roxann_balmer@yahoo.com, or call 503-539-9889.

For other local walks, visit explorenaturetillamook-coast.com.



A piece by Susan Supola



A piece by Diana Poorman



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A piece by Jack Allen

Art loft hosts silk, puzzles and paintings workshops

ASTORIA — The Astoria Art Loft is presenting a series of artist workshops during the second weekend in September.

Art silk

Susan Supola, a versatile artist, will lead a workshop called "Painting on Silk," 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 9 and 10.

Supola creates vibrant art in acrylic, watercolor, dyes and mixed media. Trained as an art educator, Supola taught art in Montana and the Middle East. The class is for newbies and experienced artists. The fee is \$70 for the workshop, \$20 for all materials. Call 503-325-4442 to reserve a space.

Puzzles and painting

Jack Allen, a master painter and puzzle maker from Tigard, will teach a workshop 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 9, for Astoria's Art Walk.

Allen comes from an advertising background where his specialty was photography. He began his painting career in acrylic, and a workshop with the well-known Frank Webb

led him to watercolor.

Allen's approach to composition and design is geometric, with very precise vertical, horizontal and perpendicular lines and angles of careful proportions. He calls this approach "isometric." Allen's paintings make excellent jigsaw puzzles.

Allen's paintings and jigsaw puzzles will be on exhibit at the Art Loft through Tuesday, Sept. 19.

'First an amateur'

Ralph Waldo Emerson said that every artist was first an amateur, and Diana Poorman understands the wisdom of that statement.

Poorman, a painter of landscapes and seascapes, will teach her workshop 1 to 4 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 9.

Coming to the art field as an adult, she started with painting and later earned a graphic arts degree and worked in the corporate world as a graphic designer and art director.

In the early 1990s, Poorman discovered watercolor, which became her main medium, though she occasionally drifted into pastel and acrylic.

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