



COURTESY TILLAMOOK ASSOCIATION FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

Back row, from left: Kevin Josi, Kari Fleisher, Scott Malmquist. Front row, from left: Trish Bush, Robyn Eley

## Acting on the ‘Edge’

TILLAMOOK — “The Edge of Darkness” sounds like a pretty ominous title for a play, until you find out it’s a psychological thriller written by the talented Brian Clemens.

Directed by Steele Fleisher, this can’t-miss production opens the evening of Friday, Jan. 12, and runs through Saturday, Jan. 27, at the Tillamook Association for the Performing Arts’ Barn Community Playhouse (1204 Ivy St.).

This dark, sinister thriller is set in the early days of the 1900s with a daughter

who has amnesia and a fear of knives and silver bells ... but why? Who is the mysterious handyman? What secrets are the parents hiding? And why does the young woman sleepwalk ... while speaking fluent Russian?

From an expert in the art of thriller writing with more than 50 years of screenwriting experience, the show is excellent entertainment for January’s dark winter nights.

“The Edge of Darkness” opens with a Gala Celebration.

Friday and Saturday shows start at 7 p.m., Sunday shows at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$15 per person and available at Diamond Art Jewelers (503-842-7940).

For more information, email [info@tillamooktheater.com](mailto:info@tillamooktheater.com) or find them on Facebook.

Celebrating more than 35 years in Tillamook, TAPA is a nonprofit community theater dedicated to providing high-quality performing arts experiences through entertainment, education and community participation.

## Tree pruning workshop held Jan. 13

NEHALEM — The Lower Nehalem Community Trust will host a tree pruning workshop at the Alder Creek Farm Community Garden 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Jan. 13. This event is free and open to anyone 10 and older.

January is the perfect time to get your trees and shrubs ready for a season of producing the fruits and berries of summer.

Local arborist David Sipp of Ecologic Trees will teach this workshop on how to properly prune your fruit trees for the best health and more fruiting. Sipp brings a wealth of advice on the best way to prune both young trees and mature heritage, or overgrown fruit trees to maximize their production.

Join the Lower Nehalem Community Trust’s group of community gardeners as we learn together using proper tools and techniques for this annual garden care. The orchard at Alder Creek Farm has just about every fruit and berry imaginable and our orchardists and garden leaders will be demonstrating how to prune blueberries, cane berries and more.

Bring your gloves and favorite pruner (we have loaner tools and gloves, too, if you need them) and join the group as we learn about pruning for maximum fruiting benefit. Alder Creek



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A former dairy farm located west of Nehalem, Alder Creek Farm hosts the Lower Nehalem Community Trust’s Coastal Food Ecology Center and most of the trust’s education projects.

Farm is located between Nehalem and Manzanita off U.S. Highway 101. Turn on Underhill Lane and follow the gravel road to the farm at 35955 Underhill Lane.

The Trust’s Community Garden Program grows food for the North County Food Bank, Senior Lunch Program, and the Community Garden members. The year 2018 will be the 13th season of growing, and the Community Garden is

accepting new members who want to learn how to garden and share in the bounty with fellow gardeners. Garden startup is set for Saturday, Feb. 24.

To learn more about the pruning workshop or Community Garden program, pick up a brochure at the farm, visit [nehalemtrust.org/alder-creek-farm/community-garden/](http://nehalemtrust.org/alder-creek-farm/community-garden/) or call the Lower Nehalem Community Trust at 503-368-3203.

## ‘Wander’ author signing books during Art Walk

ASTORIA — As part of Astoria’s Second Saturday Art Walk, author Lori Tobias will be signing copies of her novel “Wander” 5 to 8 p.m. Jan. 13, at Kit’s Apothecary (1168 Commercial St., Ste. 204).

“Wander” is the 2017 Nancy Pearl Book Award winner in the literary category and a finalist in the

International Book Awards contest in new fiction.

Set in the 1980s in the rural community of Bidarkee Bay, Alaska (a fictional area the size of a small state with a population of barely 20,000), “Wander” is the story of Patrice “Pete” Nash, a young broadcast reporter who finds herself facing

the winter alone after her husband, Nate, accepts a job on “the slope.”

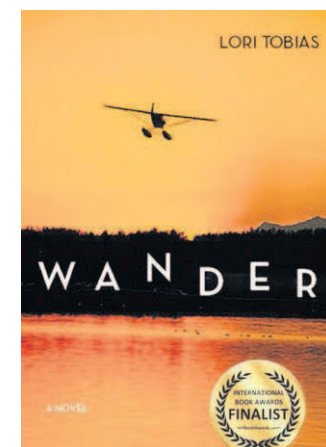
As Pete pursues the next big breaking news story, she strikes up a friendship with the new guy in town, the Ivy League-educated Ren, who recites poetry and lives in the family-owned vacant inn. Their friendship offers a glimpse of a different kind

of life — one that seems to Pete to offer everything that marriage to the country-raised Nate does not.

But unbeknown to Pete, Ren has come to Alaska for his own dark reason — to end his life. By the time, Nate returns home, their lives have been irrevocably changed. One man is dead, two others missing and a

third forever lost to them.

Tobias worked as a columnist and feature writer for the Rocky Mountain News, and covered the Oregon Coast as a staff writer for The Oregonian. She is a recipient of an Oregon Literary Fellowship and lives on the Oregon Coast with her husband, Chan, and shelter rescue, Mugsy.



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