

Who were the first Americans?

ASTORIA — The Maritime Archaeological Society will hold its annual membership meeting at the Barbey Maritime Center 9 a.m. Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 10 and 11. The Center is part of the Columbia River Maritime Museum in Astoria.

The meeting begins with presentations covering the work the Society has conducted over the past year. This includes

an update on last summer's search for the Beeswax Wreck, the Shipwreck Survey Project and the Big Anchor Project.

The talks and keynote address will last until noon and are free to the public. Refreshments will be provided.

This year's keynote speaker is Loren G. Davis, professor



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Dr. Loren G. Davis

of anthropology at Oregon State University. In his talk, "The Ongoing Search for the First Americans: Perspectives from Western North America," Davis will discuss ongoing and future research efforts to discover and study first Americans sites in Oregon's offshore waters and in the Baja California peninsula.

Evidence indicates that humans were present in the Americas by at least 14,500 years ago and most likely migrated from northeast Asia during the last glacial period. The timing and route of entry into the Americas is not clearly understood. However, efforts to discover, excavate and interpret early archaeological evidence of the first Americans continue to reveal important information about this exciting chapter of human history.

After the meeting, members will enjoy a special tour of the Lightship Columbia, a National Historic Landmark at the Columbia River Maritime Museum. Sunday, Feb. 11, will be dedicated to member training courses. Basic training will begin with an intro to maritime archaeology, including laws and regulations, and will be followed by more advanced hands-on volunteer survey training in the afternoon.

The tour and training sessions are free for MAS members. For more information, visit maritimearchaeological.org or email info@maritimearchaeological.org.



COURTESY NORTH COAST LAND CONSERVANCY

Melissa Reich could use some help in the tool shed at North Coast Land Conservancy's Circle Creek Conservation Center.

Give land conservancy's tool collection some love

SEASIDE — Volunteers are invited to join the North Coast Land Conservancy staff for an indoor stewardship day 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 14, to give the organization's tool collection some TLC.

The little shed at Circle Creek Conservation Center in Seaside is full of tools the staff and volunteers use all year long, as well as tools leftover from the property's farming days that haven't been touched for a decade or more.

Staff could use help sorting and identifying

the tools in the shed so they know which ones to keep, which need repair and which aren't needed at all. Some tools such as hazel hoes, Pulaskis and loppers need to be sharpened and oiled. Others need minor repairs.

Volunteers familiar with farm equipment and power tools are especially welcome to help staff understand what they have and potentially help with minor repairs. Unskilled volunteers can help by sorting, organizing, cleaning and sharpening.

Email Stewardship Director Melissa Reich at melissar@nclctrust.org with questions or to let her know you're coming. Circle Creek Conservation Center is located at the end of Rippet Road in Seaside. Look for the Rippet Road sign on the west side of U.S. Highway 101, 0.7 miles north of the junction with U.S. Route 26. Follow the road west and north a short distance, passing a gravel quarry on your left, to where the road ends between two barns.

Learn of waves, tides, currents at Salty Talk

ILWACO, WASH. — What's the difference between sneaker waves, rogue waves, long-shore drifts and rip currents?

Come find out at a Salty Talk presentation with Aaron Webster, interpretation specialist with Washington State Parks, whose lecture, "Waves, Tides, and Currents," explores the distinct river and ocean maritime systems that make this area unique. The event will be held 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 15.

Webster is recognized throughout the Pacific Northwest for his interpretive programs. His presentations foster a better

understanding of the natural forces at work on the coast.

Salty Talk presentations are held upstairs in the Salt Hotel & Pub (147 Howerton Ave.) on the Ilwaco waterfront.

The event is free to the public. Come early or stay late if you want grab dinner or a beverage. Seating is limited; there are no reservations.

Salty Talks represent a partnership among the Salt Pub & Hotel, Columbia Pacific Heritage Museum and Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission, with support from Friends of Columbia River Gateway.



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Aaron Webster, interpretation specialist with Washington State Parks