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Becky Tonkin lends her sewing skills at the Repair Cafe to fix a customer's pair of jeans.

Need a fixer? Head to Repair Cafe

ASTORIA — Repair Cafe will once again convene in the Lovell Showroom to fix items — anything one person can carry in — 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 28.

These free monthly repair events bring people with broken stuff together with people who know how to fix it. Our “fixers” can repair, or give expert advice on most items:

clothing, computers, furniture, power tools, household appliances and bicycles — and you can observe and learn a bit about how it's done.

Help us with our goal to keep 2,000 lbs. of broken items from entering our local landfill by fixing your broken stuff.

The Lovell Showroom of Fort George Brewery is locat-

ed at the corner of Duane and 14th streets in Astoria. The Taproom will be open for beer and food purchases during the Repair Cafe.

Feel free to contact us in advance if you have questions about an item for repair at 503-307-0834 or daryl-welch@mac.com. Check us out on our Facebook page at “Repair Astoria.”

Journalist speaks of love affair with plants

MANZANITA — The Nehalem Bay Garden Club will have a very special meeting 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 27, at Calvary Bible Church (560 Laneda Ave.) in Manzanita. The speaker will be Ketzell Levine, giving a talk titled “Love, Loss and Loathing: My Decades-Old Affair with Plants.”

Levine, a lifelong journalist who started in upstate New York, worked at the BBC in London and spent most of her career with

National Public Radio. She joined the network in 1977 and was part of the team that created Morning Edition. During her years there she worked as an arts producer, sports reporter and senior correspondent for Morning Edition. She was also NPR's plant expert, the “Doyenne of Dirt,” and appeared regularly for almost a decade on Weekend Edition with Scott Simon.

Levine has also written for Sunset, Martha Stewart

Living and Horticulture magazines. She is the author of “Plant This: Best Bets for Year-Round Gardens,” a compilation of her work as a columnist for The Oregonian. Ketzell will have her book available for signing.

The meeting entrance is on the lower level of the church and is ADA-accessible. There is plenty of parking, including handicapped spaces. Light refreshments will be served. You don't need to be a member to enjoy this free program.

Bee there for Master Gardeners talk

SEASIDE — The Clatsop County Master Gardener Association presents “Mason Bees and other Pollinators,” a free talk 6 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 28, at 7 Dees Garden Center (84794 U.S. Highway 101 S.) in Seaside.

Mason bees are a native pollinator that thrive in our coastal climate. They begin pollinating earlier than honeybees, stay closer to their home and are one of the few pollinators that work in the rain.

Come learn about these valuable pollinators and how you can house, enjoy and make them useful in your garden. Home gardeners can be a solution to increasing concerns about the decline of pollinators. Mason bee supplies will be available.

Presented by John Benson, past president of the Nehalem Bay Garden Club and lifelong gardener, the event is part of the association's 2018 Speakers Series.



COURTESY OF CROWN BEES

A Mason bee on an apple blossom

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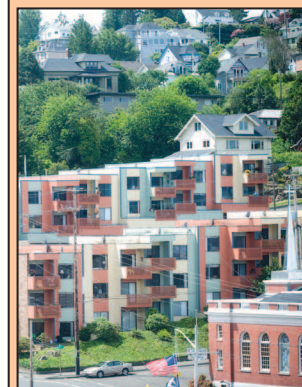
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