



COURTESY NANCY HOLMES

Ove Rasmussen at a Repair Cafe event.

Fixin' to cut down on waste? Repair Cafe can help

ASTORIA — The next Repair Cafe takes place 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, July 25, at a new location: 1010 Duane St. Organizers will set up a sidewalk sign to help people find the place.

Repair Cafe is a community of people who can repair, sew, sharpen and give expert advice on pretty much anything under the sun that is broken, torn, dull or in need of repair — for free!

Bring us your items to be fixed or just come to watch and learn. We work on bicycles, clothing, scissors, garden tools, furniture, household appliances or something that just needs to be glued. (No gas engines.)

Help us with our goal to keep 2,000 pounds of broken items from entering our local landfill. We have scales to weigh your items and will keep a running tally for each month's efforts to reach that goal.

Questions about an item you'd like to bring? Call 503-307-0834. Find Repair Cafe on Facebook at [facebook.com/repairastoria](https://www.facebook.com/repairastoria)

Was Tilly really so terrible?

SEASIDE — The Friends of the Seaside Library will host Deborah Baldwin, author of "Tillamook Rock Lighthouse," at 7 p.m., Thursday, July 26. The event will take place in the Community Room, and there will be book sales and signings.

Built in 1880, the lighthouse has one of the most notorious reputations of any on the U.S. Pacific Coast. Fierce storms regularly catapulted huge boulders through the lantern, with waves that broke over its 136-foot height, earning it the nickname "Terrible Tilly."

It has been described as a pint-sized Alcatraz, and many keepers could not stand its confinement. However, there were some who actually enjoyed it and even came to love it. A

rare glimpse of the more pleasant side of daily life on "the Rock" is shown in Baldwin's book through newly rediscovered historic photographs taken by the keepers who faithfully served there.

This important visual legacy serves to temper the horrific view of Terrible Tilly and provides a new perspective: Perhaps an assignment to Tillamook Rock Lighthouse was not wholly terrible after all.

Baldwin serves as historian and a staff writer for Lighthouse Digest Magazine, which celebrated its 25th year of publication in 2017.

The Seaside Public Library is located at 1131 Broadway St. For more information, call 503-738-6742 or visit us at seasidelibrary.org.

NEAL MAINE PHOTO

Tillamook Rock Lighthouse from Ecola Point.



Ride the waves of history

MANZANITA — The Nehalem Valley Historical Society presents "The History of Surfing," 3 p.m. Saturday, July 21.

Discover more about surfing on the beautiful North Coast with Dan Matthews, a surfer, shaper and educator.

The presentation takes place at the Pine Grove Community Center, 225 Laneda Ave. Admission is free. Sponsors for this event are San Dune Pub and Bahama Mama's in Manzanita.

Matthews began surfing on the Oregon Coast in 1964. By 1967 he had shaped and glassed his first surfboard. In 1968, he started Tillamook Head Surfboards on a small farm in the Nehalem Valley with three other surfers and, by 1970, the shop had moved to Seaside.

Matthews still shapes boards today. During the program, he will show pictures, photos and talk about surfing on the North Coast from its beginnings in the 1960s and 1970s.

Note: July 21 is "Surfer's Saturday" in Manzanita, and the Ultronz are playing at the San Dune Pub that evening.

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