



The remains of the Emily Reed.

Emily Reed is a wreck and historian Best will tell you why

CANNON BEACH — The Cannon Beach History Center and Museum opens the second part of “Oregon Coast Shipwrecks” at 4 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 7 with a special presentation by Oregon historian Don Best. Best’s family is from Rockaway, and he has spent a lifetime researching and understanding the history of the area and has become a known authority on the wreck of the Emily Reed. The wreck has played peek-a-boo with area residents since it ran aground on Valentine’s Day 1908.

Best first saw the wreck as an 18-month old child and then again when he was eight (with a harrowing story of digging into and exploring the innards of the buried ship), and many times thereafter. He will share the enthralling history of this ship and its mysteries, not to mention his extensive collection of pictures.

This event is free to the public. Seating for Best’s



The Emily Reed

presentation is very limited so please arrive a little early to get a seat, grab a cup of coffee or tea, and peruse the museum before the lecture starts at 4 p.m. Doors close at 4:15 p.m.

The Cannon Beach History Center and Museum is a private nonprofit located in mid-town Cannon Beach (1387 S. Spruce St.). Admission to the museum is donation based. It is open Wednesday through Monday 11 a.m.-4 p.m., and is closed on Tuesday.

The Oregon Coast Shipwrecks exhibit will be on

display through November 2019. The exhibit features artifacts, documents, photos, artwork, and history related to the Emily Reed, the Mimi, the Glenesslin, the USS Shark, and the new archaeological work related to the wreck of the Beeswax Wreck Project.

The museum is also home to a replica longhouse, tidepool exhibit and the cannon that Cannon Beach is named for.

For more information, visit www.cbhistory.org, find them on Facebook or call 503-436-9301.

HRAP is back on the beach

CANNON BEACH — The Haystack Rock Awareness Program is back for its 34th season on the beach. Having educated more than 1 million visitors and tens of thousands of students over those years, the program’s mission is to protect, through education, the intertidal and bird ecology of the Oregon Marine Garden and Oregon Islands National Wildlife Refuge at Haystack Rock.

Join the program on the beach, daily during low tide, Feb. 1 through the end of October.

Rocky Shore environmental interpreters will be on the beach to educate visitors about the tidepool and bird life found at Haystack Rock. The complete beach schedule can be found on the city of Cannon Beach website, under Haystack Rock Awareness Program (<http://www.ci.cannon-beach.or.us/HRAP>).

The completely free

public education program will change as the seasons change — with the arrival and departure of various animals, like the beloved tufted puffin in April. There will be bird scopes, aquaria stations, an interactive visitor table and many other fun and exciting educational opportunities offered throughout the season.

This year, HRAP will hold returning favorites and all-new special events. Every second Saturday, June through September, there are free, family-friendly beach crafts in front of Haystack Rock. The program’s week-long day camps for kids return during the summer months. This season’s special events will include a Nudibranch Safari on May 11 and a booty hunt on Goonies Day, June 7. In partnership with the Cannon Beach Arts Academy there will be various workshops integrating

conservation and art. All activities are weather permitting and subject to change.

HRAP welcomes volunteers of all ages! Volunteering with HRAP is a fun, family activity. Program volunteers participate in a variety of activities on the beach, behind the scenes, and making jewelry for the Trash Talk Project. There is no minimum time commitment required, which draws HRAP volunteers from all over the Pacific Northwest. Interested volunteers should contact Lisa Habecker, at habecker@ci.cannon-beach.or.us or at 503-436-8064. Teachers, instructors, or groups interested in scheduling an interactive or virtual field trip should contact Lisa as well.

If you have general questions or comments, contact Melissa Keyser, Haystack Rock Awareness Program director, at 503-436-8060 or hrap@ci.cannon-beach.or.us

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