

Prune your plants ahead of spring

ILWACO, Wash. — Master Gardeners offers a spring pruning workshop 10 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 23, at the Columbia Pacific Heritage Museum with presenters Kelly Rupp and Hugh Barrett.

Spring is coming, but it's not here yet. This is the time to get out in the garden and examine your dormant plants and trees. What kinds of pruning will ensure their health and optimize their beauty?

Master Gardeners will share specific techniques for pruning ornamental plants, shrubs, fruit trees and caning berries. There will be plants and demonstrations of pruning meth-



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Master Gardeners can teach you how to keep your plants looking their best.

ods, hands-on opportunities to practice your pruning methods and hand-outs to guide you in keep-

ing your plants looking their best.

The museum is at 115 S.E. Lake St.

Oregon's stream protection laws examined

ASTORIA — CREATE is sponsoring a free Ecology Speaker Series at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 21, at Clatsop Community College's Columbia Hall, Room 219.

The series welcomes Chuck Willer, director of the Coast Range Association, who will present "Wall Street Forests & the Climate Crisis: Putting People

Before Profits." He will discuss how the Green New Deal applies to Clatsop County's high-density carbon forests.

Following Willer's presentation will be Mary Scurlock, a policy and technical consultant for the Oregon Stream Protection Coalition who will address "Private Forests, Pub-

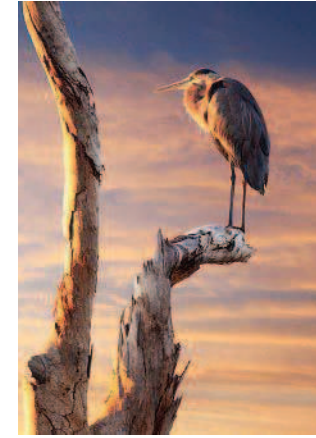
lic Water: Why Oregon's Stream Protection Laws are Failing."

Scurlock will share her thoughts on how and why Oregon's Board of Forestry and Environmental Quality Commission are failing to protect the public's interest in clean water and wildlife on state and private forestlands.

Join the Great Backyard Bird Count

LEWIS & CLARK — From Friday, Feb. 15, through Monday, Feb. 18, visitors to Lewis and Clark National Historical Park, Fort Clatsop can join in the 22nd annual Great Backyard Bird Count by recording bird observations in the park and making plans to count birds in their own backyards. Binoculars will be available for loan within the park.

To participate in this citizen science opportunity, anyone in the world can count birds at any location on one or more days of the count and enter their sightings at gbbc.birdcount.org. The information gath-



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A heron.

ered by tens of thousands of individuals helps track changes in bird populations on a massive scale.

The Bird Count is a joint project of the Cornell Lab of Ornithology and the National Audubon Society with partner Bird Studies Canada.

Along with the actual bird counting activities, Lewis and Clark has planned four days of bird-related opportunities.

For more information on the worldwide bird count event or to submit bird counts from your home, visit gbbc.birdcount.org. For more information about the park, call 503-861-2471 or check out nps.gov/lewi or Lewis and Clark National Historical Park on Facebook.

Get to know the birds of Astoria

LEWIS AND CLARK — Lewis and Clark National Historical Park, Fort Clatsop's next In Their Footsteps free speaker series event, "Five Common Birds of Astoria" with Barbara Linnett, takes place 1 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 17.

This presentation is part of the worldwide Great Backyard Bird Count activities in the park held Friday through Monday, Feb. 15 through 18.

Enjoy an hour of indoor birding; no binoculars, hats or boots needed. This talk focuses on five favorite Clatsop County birds. Linnett will discuss identification, behavior, migration patterns, breeding and nesting, feeding needs, and how and where to spot them in the area.

Linnett, a bird enthusiast and wildlife volunteer, is a retired nurse who volunteered for the Wildlife Center of the North Coast near Asto-

ria for eight years.

In Their Footsteps is a monthly Sunday forum sponsored by the Lewis & Clark National Park Association and the park. These programs are held in the Netul River Room of Fort Clatsop's visitor center, free of charge.

For more information, call the park at 503-861-2471, visit nps.gov/lewi or check out Lewis and Clark National Historical Park on Facebook.

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