

Learn about the birds ...

SEASIDE — The Necanicum Watershed Council invites the community to celebrate all things bird at the 13th annual Necanicum Bird Discovery Day, on Saturday, April 13, at the Bob Chisholm Community Center — an event timed to take advantage of the spring migratory birds as they pass through Seaside on the Pacific Flyway.

Join the council and friends at 8 a.m. at the Bob Chisholm Community Center, 1225 Avenue A, for a morning walk and to learn how to identify many of our feathered migratory friends. Sign-ups through the Eventbrite link on their website are encouraged.

Bring the family to the Community Center after 10 a.m. to build and take home your own bird house, make a fish print or decorate your own reusable bag. Stop by and visit booths from various partners, including Sunset Empire Parks and Recreation, Cape Falcon Marine Reserve, Seaside Aquarium, and Haystack Rock Awareness Program while browsing a



File photo

Randall Henderson helps his niece, Laney Urness, put together a birdhouse at a previous Necanicum Bird Discovery Day in Seaside.

selection of raffle prizes.

Josh Saranpaa, the executive director of the Wildlife Center of the North Coast, will give a presentation about why wildlife rehabilitation is important, and how you can help.

Barbara Linnett, a local bird enthusiast, will lead a presentation and discussion on hummingbirds at 10:30 a.m.

In addition, if the animal

is willing, there will be a live bird for the audience to meet and learn about.

Bird Day is the Watershed Council's only fundraising event; 100% of the proceeds from the raffle go toward education and outreach programs, including the osprey webcam in Broadway Park.

To learn more about the council, visit necanicum-watershed.org.

Knock out knotweed on the Necanicum River

North Coast Land Conservancy seeks volunteers for one more assault on invasive Japanese knotweed that had spread widely in its Necanicum Forest Habitat Reserve east of Seaside. Join them for this stewardship day 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, April 17.

Knotweed is a robust weed, native to Eurasia, that has invaded riverside forests on Oregon's North Coast. It was widely planted in logging camps and along headwater streams in the 1900s. Floods transported root masses downstream, creating huge infestations on many Oregon rivers, including the



North Coast Land Conservancy Volunteers are dwarfed by Japanese knotweed growing at Necanicum Forest Habitat Reserve.

Necanicum. The Land Conservancy has been working to rid Necanicum Forest Habitat Reserve of knotweed for several years. One more big push by volunteers will help the organization get a handle on

this invader.

Please email Stewardship Director Melissa Reich at melissar@nclctrust.org or call her at 503-738-9126 if you plan to attend; she will provide directions to the site and additional details. Wear gloves and work boots. NCLC will supply the necessary tools. Bring water and snacks or a lunch. There is no potable water at the site, and no toilets. Dogs are not allowed on any NCLC properties.

For more details and a link to information about controlling knotweed on your own property, visit NCLCtrust.org.

... and the bees

ASTORIA — Did you know Oregon has more than 500 different species of bees? Learn about some of the state's more familiar and strange bees, and statewide efforts to seek them out, at Nature Matters.

The free presentation — 7 p.m. Thursday, April 11, at Fort George Brewery's Lovell Showroom — features Oregon's Pollinator Health Specialist Andony Melathopoulos. Doors open at 6 p.m. to purchase dinner or beverages before the event.

Melathopoulos is an assistant professor in pollinator health extension in the department of horticulture at Oregon State University, which was the first



Lewis and Clark National Historical Park

A bee.

such position in the U.S.

Nature Matters, a conversation about the intersection of nature and culture, takes place on the second Thursday of each month, October through May. For more information, call the park at 503-861-2471 or check out nps.gov/lewi or Lewis and Clark National Historical Park on Facebook or Instagram.

The venue is at 1483 Duane St.

Salty Talks honors Gordon Huggins

ILWACO, Wash. — Salty Talks presents "A Tribute to Gordon Huggins, U.S. Coast Guard 'Triumph,'" at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 18.

Friends and colleagues will recount the story of Huggins, who passed away in March. He was on board the USCG lifeboat Triumph on Jan. 12, 1961, when tragedy struck. Five crew members and two fishermen, Bert and Stanley Burgman of Ilwaco, were lost on the Columbia River Bar. Huggins, a young engineer looking for experience, was below deck.

His account of capsizing and washing ashore near the North Head Lighthouse is worth hearing.

Salty Talk presentations are free and held upstairs in the Salt Hotel & Pub, 147 Howerton Ave., on the Ilwaco waterfront. Come early or stay late if you want to grab dinner or beverages. Seating is limited. No reservations will be taken.

For more information,

contact Stephen Wood at 360-642-3029 or stephen.wood@parks.wa.gov, or Julian Orr at 360-642-7258 or thepub@salt-hotel.com.

Salty Talks are held in partnership with the pub, Columbia Pacific Heritage Museum, and Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission, with support from Friends of Columbia River Gateway.

A look back at mills, lumber camps

MANZANITA — Coast residents and visitors are invited to enjoy "Early Twentieth Century Timber Workers: Songs and Stories," a free presentation by Steven Beda, assistant professor of history at the University of Oregon. The event takes place at 3 p.m. Saturday, April 13, at the Historic Pine Grove Community House, 225 Laneda Ave.

Hear stories and enjoy photographs of North Coast lumber camps and mills during the early decades of the 20th century.

Musicians Scott Butler and Mark Loring of the duo Audio Tattoo will perform songs of Oregon workers' life in the woods and mills. James Cook, Oregon vice president of the Pacific Northwest Labor History Association, will introduce the event.

This lecture series is sponsored by NVHS membership, the City of Manzanita and the Old Wheeler Hotel. For more information on the series and the historical society exhibit and archives, visit nehalemvalleyhistory.org or email info@nehalemvalleyhistory.org.



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