

12 DAYS OF EARTH DAY: APRIL 11-22

All events are free and open to the public. Donations asked for Cannon Beach Shreds (April 19) to offset costs.

APRIL 11

- 8:45 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. Haystack Rock Awareness Program (HRAP) on the beach
- 9 to 11 a.m. Bird walk at Ecola Creek Forest Reserve, with Barbara Linnett and Susan Peterson

APRIL 12

- 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. HRAP on the beach
- 1 to 2 p.m. Tree planting near south entrance to Cannon Beach, with CB Public Works and CB Academy students

APRIL 13

- 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Microplastic removal at Whale Park, organized by Sea Turtles Forever
- 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Snowy Plover training at CB City Hall (163 E. Gower Ave.) with Audubon Society and HRAP volunteers, organized by Sea Turtles Forever
- 11:15 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. HRAP Puffin Welcome at Haystack Rock

APRIL 14

- 12:30 to 6:30 p.m., HRAP on the beach
- 2 to 3 p.m. Hands Across the Sand at Haystack Rock, organized by CB Yoga Arts

APRIL 15

- 12:45 to 7:45 p.m. HRAP on the beach
- 7 p.m. Talk: "Birds in Your Backyard" at CB Library (131 N. Hemlock St.), with Barbara Linnett

APRIL 16

- 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Ivy pull behind CB Academy (3781 S. Hemlock St.)
- 1:45 to 7:45 p.m. HRAP on the beach
- 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Tree planting with Scout Troop, at public restroom (195 N. Spruce St.), with CB Public Works

APRIL 17

- 6:45 to 8:45 a.m., 2:30 to 7:45 p.m. HRAP on the beach
- 7 to 8 p.m. Talk: Era Horton of American Cetacean Society on

differences in tooth and baleen whales; 25 species of the Oregon Coast; threats to cetaceans worldwide; and whale watching in Oregon, at CB Chamber of Commerce (207 N. Spruce St.)

APRIL 18

- 6:45 to 10 a.m., 3:45 to 7:45 p.m., HRAP on the beach
- 9 to 11 a.m. CB Parks and Community Services Meeting, CB City Hall (163 E. Gower Ave.)

APRIL 19

- 6:30 to 11 a.m., 4:15 to 7:45 p.m., HRAP and marine debris survey
- 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cannon Beach Shreds — paper, that is — at midtown parking lot
- 6 to 8 p.m. Gaylord Nelson Community Potluck w/ speaker Joe Balden: "Trees and Their Benefit to the Community," Cannon Beach Community Hall (207 N. Spruce St.)

APRIL 20

- 6:30 to 11:45 a.m. HRAP on the beach
- 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Black Oyster training, CB City Hall (163 E. Gower Ave.), with Audubon Society
- 11 to 11:15 a.m. Earth Day Parade, a community/pets walking parade, from Antler and Third streets to Hemlock Street near Coaster Theater Playhouse
- 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Earth Day Street Fair, at Second Street between Hemlock and Spruce streets

- 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Red-wing Blackbird Awareness, at Little Pompey Wetland, with naturalist Neal Maine

APRIL 21

- 9 to 10 a.m. Nudi Bunny Safari at Haystack Rock
- 6:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. HRAP on the beach

APRIL 22

- 6:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. HRAP on the beach
- 4 to 5 p.m. Talk: "Retuning Sea Otters, Repairing the Coast" with Bob Bailey, at Cannon Beach History Center (1387 S. Spruce St.)

Schedule is also available on the City of Cannon Beach website.



Eric Bengel photos

Jesse Jones (right) shows Heath Foott, of Portland, how to plant a young Sitka spruce tree during Cannon Beach's street fair in 2014.

Both he and Knop said that the 12-day event could not have happened without the city of Cannon Beach's support. "They support us very much, and the Public Works staff goes above and beyond to help us with all the different activities," Knop said. "The entire city staff is a wonderful group of people, and they support us in any way that they can."

When U.S. Bank told the committee they couldn't accommodate the street fair in their parking lot this year, they considered moving the fair even farther away from foot traffic. Johnson suggested they have the fair on a street instead. So the city is closing a minor street on 2nd Street between Hemlock and Spruce Street.

"We decided to bring it forward, not move it backward," said Cannon Beach City Manager



Naturalist Neal Maine, center, receives the Lifetime Environmental Achievement Award in 2014 from 12 Days of Earth Day chairwoman, Barb Knop (left), and his friend Ed Johnson (right), the inspiration behind Cannon Beach's Earth Day celebration.

Bruce St. Denis. "Environmental stewardship is a core value of the city, and the fact that folks are

looking at Earth Day and extending it out for additional events and additional opportunities for

awareness makes it very important to the city of Cannon Beach and who we are."

Johnson said that St. Denis has been instrumental in helping the committee through logistical challenges. "Even when Bruce doesn't have to attend meetings, he's there to help us," Johnson said. "These things would not have happened without him."

St. Denis has been the Cannon Beach city manager for a year and said he feels fortunate to be a part of a city that takes environmentalism seriously.

Knop said that, though it is difficult to organize a 12-day event, she works with a great group of people, and what they create makes it all worth it.

"The goal is to celebrate the Earth and make people aware that there are many things we can do to protect the Earth," she said. 