



Ecologist Stewart Schultz, right, during a workshop. Schultz will speak on “The Natural History of Northwest Beaches” at 6 p.m. at the Fort George Brewery and Public House in Astoria on Aug. 22 and at 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 31, at the North County Recreational District in Nehalem. The talks are free.

Beaches, explained: Leading coastal ecologist to speak in Astoria, Nehalem

Coastal ecologist Dr. Stewart Schultz will speak on “The Natural History of Northwest Beaches” at Fort George Brewery and Public House, 1483 Duane St., in Astoria on Thursday, Aug. 22, from 6-8 p.m. and at the North County Recreation District, 36155 9th St. in Nehalem, Saturday Aug. 31, from 5-6:30 p.m.

The events are free and food and drink are available for purchase at Fort George. Following the lecture in Nehalem, Schultz will lead a beach walk on Manzanita Beach starting at 7 p.m.

Schultz is the author of “The Northwest Coast: A Natural History” and a leading expert on the coastal ecology of the Pacific Northwest. He will describe the life found on the shore and within the sands at his lectures.

This event is sponsored by the Coast-Watch program of the Oregon Shores Conservation Coalition.

Schultz has wide-ranging experience in studying the Oregon coast, making him a knowledgeable guide to the shoreline environment. He is a native Oregonian who grew up playing on the shore near Gear-

hart and later attended Reed College. He obtained his doctorate in botany from the University of British Columbia.

Schultz worked on the Oregon coast for the Nature Conservancy, the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, gaining wide field experience before pursuing an academic career as a professor at the University of Miami, and now the University of Zadar in Croatia. During the academic year he studies marine ecology, as well as his specialty of plant evolution and genetics, but every summer he returns to the Oregon coast to teach shoreline science.

Attendees can also meet new Coast-Watch Volunteer Coordinator Jesse Jones, an Astoria resident, who will introduce Schultz and speak briefly about CoastWatch and its citizen science projects. CoastWatch volunteers monitor one-mile segments of the Oregon coast, watching for both natural changes and human impacts and serve as conservation advocates for their miles.

For more information, contact Jones at 503-989-7244 or email jesse@oregon-shores.org.

Songwriters invited to Long Beach gathering

LONG BEACH — A meeting will be held Thursday, Aug. 22, to see if there is interest in forming a Peninsula Songwriters Circle. The event is 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Peninsula Arts Center, 504 Pacific Highway N, Long Beach.

The idea has been dreamed up by Chuck Whittey, who performs at open mic events,

and Bette Lu Krause, a member of a Southwest Washington performing trio called the Oyster Crackers. Both write their own songs and hope to create a way for kindred spirits to help each other.

For details, contact Whittey at cwhittey@pacifier.com

CrosswordAnswers

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Karl Marlantes
Tuesday, August 27 at 7 pm.
He will be discussing and signing copies of his novel Deep River.