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HISTORICAL CRIME NOVEL READING SET FOR MANZANITA

MANZANITA — The Manzanita Writers' Series will present author Kim Taylor Blakemore at 4 p.m. on Saturday.

Blakemore will read from her newest book, "The Companion," at the Hoffman Center for the Arts, 594 Laneda Avenue. Admission is \$7 per person.

Set in New Hampshire in 1855, Blakemore's novel tells the story of a woman accused of a double-murder. The woman, named Lucy, is the only

person who knows the truth about the murders.

Blakemore is the author of historical novels "Bowery Girl" and "Cissy Funk." She's earned several awards for her novels.

Before Blakemore's presentation, she'll teach a writing workshop on characters. The workshop will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Registration costs \$50 per person. Online registration is available at hoffmanarts.org.

Speaker to discuss electricity versus carbon

ASTORIA — Clatsop Community College will soon host a presentation on sustainability.

The talk will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 20, in the college's Columbia Hall, room 219.

The presentation will feature Joe Wachunas, who works for Solar Oregon, an organization that educates about and advocates for clean energy. Wachunas also works for

the organization Forth, which provides tools for people interested in electric, shared and smart vehicles.

Wachunas will discuss electric power and ways to decrease carbon use. He'll also talk about how he lives in a nearly "net zero home" and uses electric energy.

The presentation is part of the college's monthly speaker series which focuses on sustainable energy.

Author to discuss Oregon's land conservation history

SEASIDE — The Friends of the Seaside Library will host author Marcy Houle at 1 p.m. on Saturday.

The event will be held at the Seaside Public Library, 1131 Broadway.

Houle is the author behind "A Generous Nature: Lives Transformed by Oregon." The book profiles 21 conservationists and activists who've worked to preserve Oregon's natural lands.

Houle, a fifth-generation Oregonian, spent over a decade interviewing the different people fea-

tured in the book. One of the book's featured profiles is of Neal Maine, a local conservationist. Maine will participate in the event.

In the book, Houle also focuses on a variety of locations and laws relevant to conservation.

Houle is also the author of "Wings for My Flight," "One City's Wilderness" and "The Prairie Keepers." Houle's work has also been featured in the New York Times, Reader's Digest and Nature Conservancy Magazine.



Marcy Houle

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