



The community garden at Alder Creek Farm in full bloom.

Community garden accepting applicants

NEHALEM — Registration for Alder Creek Farm Community Garden opens Monday for at bit.ly/38Z4LEG.

Registration will be a first come, first serve basis. Registration costs \$50. Some scholarships are available to cover the fee.

The garden, a program of Lower Nehalem Community Trust, operates through cooperation of its 40+ members. Garden members commit to working at least three hours a week. Food is harvested for members, the North County Food Bank and Food Pantry.

Gardeners are expected to follow Oregon's coronavirus guidelines by social distancing and participating in pre-scheduled gardening slots.

Contact the trust with questions at 503-368-3203 or at nehalemtrust.org.

Hoffman Center hosts poetry contest

MANZANITA — Hoffman Center for the Arts is hosting a poetry contest until Jan. 31.

Participants can submit up to three poems, of 30 lines or less, on any subject. Submissions should be uploaded at hoffmanarts.org along with a \$7 entry fee.

The winning poem and poet will be awarded \$100, be featured in the Hoffman Center Website and Newsletter in April, and be published in the 2021 North Coast Squid literary journal.

Each submitter must state a clear connection to the North Oregon Coast in a biographical statement that accompanies the submission.

The winner will be notified in March. The contest is being judged by Lana Ayers, who has been publishing the Concrete Wolf Poetry Chapbook Series since 2001. In 2010, she created MoonPath Press to publish poetry collections by Pacific Northwest poets. She has authored nine collections of poetry and recently released her first novel.

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