

Oyster Crackers launch CD at two concerts

LONG BEACH — Members of the Oyster Crackers musical group will launch their new CD at 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at the Peninsula Performing Arts Center, 504 Pacific Ave. N.

Seating will be limited. Email events@peninsulaartscenter.org to reserve a ticket. The band's new CD, "Homegrown Pearls," features 14 original compositions. Rita Smith, Christl Mack and Bette Lu Krause, all from Long Beach, are the Oyster Crackers.

They perform Americana and Celtic music, plus their own compositions. The trio has sung in church choirs and with the Bayside Singers. They will be joined for these two shows by cellist Phyllis Taylor.



A male Wilson's warbler.

Learn about birds' songs

David Lukas, bird expert and author, will lecture about bird songs for Lewis and Clark National Historical Park's monthly "Nature Matters" lecture series at 7 p.m. Thursday.

Lukas has written several books and articles about birds. His latest book, "Language Making Nature," explores how humans can create new words for talking about the natural world. During his lecture, he will discuss how birds produce their songs and calls; how birds use vocalization in different settings; and how humans study bird songs.

The event will be hosted online at facebook.com/FortGeorgeBrewery/.

Journalist to recall coastal assignments

CANNON BEACH — Cannon Beach Library will host former regional reporter Lori Tobias at 2 p.m. Saturday at facebook.com/cannonbeachlibrary and on Zoom (visit cannonbeachlibrary.org for login information).

Tobias will discuss her memoir "Storm Beat," which chronicles her experience of reporting on the Oregon Coast for The Oregonian. While employed by the newspaper, Tobias was responsible for reporting on the entire coast — about 363 miles in total. She was the only reporter assigned to cover the coast.

Tobias has worked as a journalist for more than 25 years. She currently freelances and is a columnist for Oregon Arts Watch.

Lecture to focus on regional fires

NEHALEM — Lower Nehalem Watershed Council will host a lecture at 7 p.m. Thursday at lnwc.nehalem.org

Dan Donato will host the lecture, titled "Revisiting the Labor Day Fires of 2020: Were they really unprecedented?" Donato will discuss the 2020 fire season, in which approximately 1.07 million acres were burned in Oregon.

Donato is a longtime fire researcher. During his career, he has produced at least 70 scientific publications, mostly focused on forest ecology and disturbance.

The meeting is part of the council's online speaker series.

Master gardeners host plant sale

Clatsop County Master Gardener Association's spring plant sale is being held via clatsop-mastergardeners.org through May 20. Plants will be available for pick-up on May 22.

All of the plants are organic and were selected by the association based on suitability to the Pacific Northwest and the local coastal region.

Plant pick-up will run from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. May 22 at 92668 Fern Hill Road in Astoria. Gardeners will be available to deliver orders curbside, in line with COVID-19 guidelines.



Johnny Franco

Sou'wester schedules Saturday show

SEAVIEW — The Sou'wester Historic Lodge will host Portland musician Johnny Franco for a concert from 8 to 9:30 p.m. on Saturday at the lodge, 3728 J Place.

The show will be appropriate for all ages and is free to watch. Masks and social distancing will be required.

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