

# COAST WEEKEND READERS' POETRY



## NORTH COAST SYMPHONIC BAND

*FROM SEA TO SHINING SEA*

*GUEST CONDUCTOR BRETT PASCHAL*

FREE ADMISSION  
7 PM, SUNDAY, JULY 3, 2022

LIBERTY THEATER  
PRELUDE AT 6:30 PM

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People enjoy the sun and views at Ecola State Park.

## 'Loss of Habitat,' by Linda Hoard

Nesting killdeer weeps its voice across the hillside,  
scuffing its feigning wings. Red-tailed hawk shadows  
young rabbit frozen beneath umbels of lace  
Mowers stubble the meadow. For practice, firefighters  
blaze the vacant house, blast it with hoses and poles  
Survey crews tape, then excavators scoop  
chunks of habitat into idling dump trucks.  
At first a killdeer stammers around the mud, later  
finds new ground for its scrap of a nest – only  
scraped earth, a few speckled pebbles in dry grass  
Its precocial young will quickly fluff about the field  
And we, too, displaced from our own jigsaw tracts, adapt

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