

Columbia Slough Achievements Celebrated

The Columbia Slough Watershed Council will present 2001 Achievement Awards to the Port of Portland and the founder of the Columbia Slough Regatta for their work to improve the Columbia Slough in north and northeast Portland.

The awards will be presented at the Third Annual Columbia Slough Awards Celebration on Friday, Jan. 11 at 6 p.m. at the North Star Ballroom at 635 N. Killingsworth Court. The event will include dinner, live music, and presentation of the awards.

"We are really excited about all the positive things that are happening in the Columbia Slough", said Jay Mower, coordinator of the Columbia Slough Watershed Council. "So many efforts are being made day to day to improve the health of the slough, it's important to pause and acknowledge some of these outstanding people and projects."

The award honors the port's Vanport Wetlands mitigation project in north Portland as one of eight examples of efforts that have protected, enhanced and revitalized the slough watershed.

The Vanport Wetlands formerly was known as the Radio Towers area.

The Port is in the process of returning 91 acres of the old K-G-W radio transmission towers



The Vanport wetlands project returns 91 acres of the old K-G-W radio transmission towers property to its historic wetlands habitat.



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property to its historic wetlands habitat.

Flocks of birds have begun returning to the site, and after native wetland vegetation is reestablished, the Port anticipates some public use of the property for educational activities.

A leadership award will be presented to David Eatwell, the

founder of the Columbia Slough Regatta.

Eatwell passionately believes that people enjoy paddling the waterways near their homes.

Over the last seven years the Regatta has been growing in popularity, and this year boasted over 300 participants, making it one of the largest paddling events in the

Northwest.

The regatta is one of the primary ways that the Watershed Council introduces people to the Slough's recreational and natural assets. It has introduced more than 1,000 people to exploring the meandering channels of the slough.

Other leadership awards are

to Donna Hempstead, one of the original members of the Columbia Slough Watershed Council; Linda Robinson, the founder and director of the Naturescaping for Clean Rivers Program; the Open Meadow School's Corps to Restore the Urban Environment program; Center for Columbia River His-

tory; Julie Howland, coordinator for the Portland Public Schools: Helping Kids Help the Slough program; and Leslie Winter-Gorsline, the graphics whiz behind the council's watershed boundary signs, annual-Regatta T-shirts, and the eye-catching illustrations for the council's many projects.

City Hosts Annual Fix-It Fairs

The city's Office of Sustainable Development has scheduled two free neighborhood fix-it fairs to connect residents with public resources that save money, conserve resources and improve homes and neighborhoods.

The annual events will be held Saturday, Jan. 12 from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Parkrose Middle School, 11800 N.E. Shaver and Saturday, Jan. 26, from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Binnsmead Middle School, 2225 S.E. 87th Ave.

Each event will have over 40 exhibits and workshops with experts from neighborhood and City organizations that solve energy, water, recycling, yard, environmental, and home safety problems.

In addition to providing indispensable information and resources, many exhibitors offer free take-aways such as faucet aerators, garden seeds, and door sweeps.

The first 150 attendees at the "Self-Help Weatherization" workshop will receive a free weatherization materials kit.

"Having all these resources in one place is a terrific opportunity for Portland residents. The Fair is a great way to learn how to solve household problems, lower heating costs and, if households are eligible, apply for free insulation through the Block by Block program," said Dave Tooze, program manager at the City of Portland Office of Sustainable Development. For more information, call 503-823-7590.

Port Addresses Aircraft Noise

The Port of Portland has resumed a process that will invite community suggestions for managing aircraft noise as part of a study updating the five-year noise compatibility plan for Portland International Airport.

A meeting of the Noise Compatibility Study Advisory Committee is scheduled from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Feb. 19 in the Port of Portland Commission boardroom, 121 N.W. Everett. The public is invited.

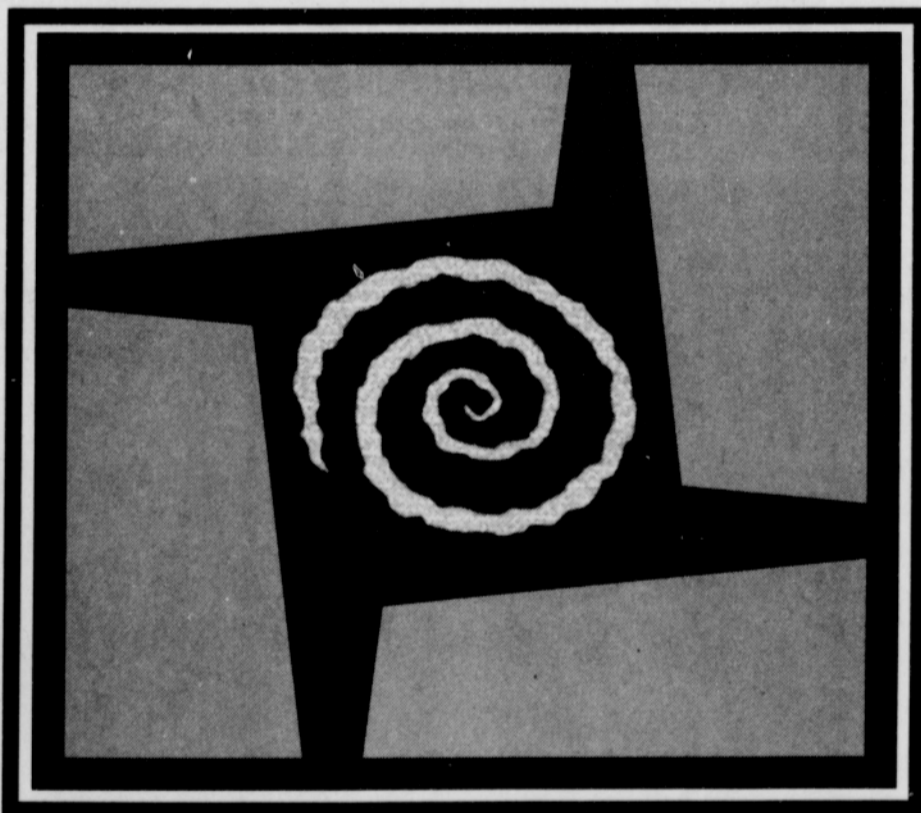
"We're committed to continuing to address the challenging issue of managing aircraft noise," said Chris Corich, PDX general manager of operations and maintenance. "We're hoping to receive a lot of ideas from our community during this study."

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