Story Time returns to Pioneer Museum Friday

Siuslaw Museum is starting its 2015 Story Time season this Friday, March 27.

The presenter for the premiere is Elaine Beers, the daughter of logging legend Tub Beers.

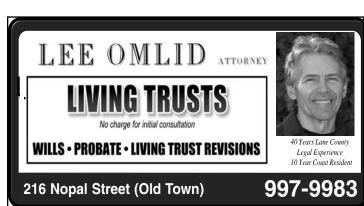
Tub, a talented logger, could sit at the levers of his 40,000pound TD-24 Alice Chalmers Caterpillar and clear out a mudslide on Highway 36 using the 12-foot-wide blade to push a truck load over the edge with one swipe, come back, turn, and do it again

Pioneer every 40 seconds.

Tub could clear a slide in two to three hours which, today, would often take an entire day. At the same time, he could be gentle enough to play beautiful music from his antique violin and fiddle.

Later in his life, Tub got into horse logging as well.

To hear the rest of the story, come for Story Time at the Siuslaw Pioneer Museum this Friday at 7 p.m., when Elaine Beers and other family members will tell more about this part of Florence's history.



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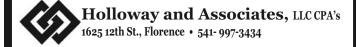


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News about the Siuslaw Public Library

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Just what is magical realism?

Genre Review by Susie Voth

Imagine walking through the woods and spying a young man about 17 drinking from a fresh water spring. Imagine trying to drink from the spring and being prevented from doing so by the young man. Imagine finding out that the young man is actually over 80 years old. Imagine what it would be like live for-

to your body, you never die. This is the premise of the book "Tuck Everlasting" by Natalie Babbitt and it is the first book of magical realism I ever read. I didn't even know the term magical realism but I loved the story of Winnie, the Tuck family and their adven-

ever; no matter what happened

In magical realism, the world in the book is much like our own but with a magical aspect to it. The term seems contradictory - how can something be magical and real at the same time?

A little bit of suspending disbelief is called for when reading this literary genre.

The term magical realism was first used in the 1940s by Cuban novelist Alejo Carpentier. He noticed the prevalence of this type of story in many Latin American novels such as "House of Spirits" by Isabel Allende and "One Hundred Years of Solitude" by Gabriel Garcia Marquez.

A well-known American author who has published many books of magical realism is Alice Hoffman. Her novel, "Practical Magic" was made into a much-loved movie. Hoffman has written several books of this genre and one that I particularly like is "Blackbird House."

Sarah Addison Allen is another of my favorite magical realism authors. A while ago I wrote a review of her newest book, "First Frost."

To search for books in this genre, just type "magical realism books" into a web search. You will get many hits and can then decide what to read.

Abraham Lincoln town meeting

What American wouldn't love to have a conversation with Abraham Lincoln? On Saturday, April 4, at noon, you can do just that.

Actor Steve Holgate brought Lincoln to life across the nation for more than 12 years. Join him for a special town hall

featuring selections from some of Lincoln's most moving speeches, complete with an opportunity for you to ask our 16th President some questions of your own.

One reviewer reports "Holgate's first-person portrayal of Abraham Lincoln was profoundly insightful, intelligent, witty and authentic. I can offer no higher recommendation than to say that meeting Mr. Lincoln brought the past into a focus that gave life and meaning to one of our nation's most important leaders in history."

This is the first in a series of programs for April honoring the life of Abraham Lincoln and the end of the Civil War 150 years ago.

Slavery in Oregon

Did you know that there used to be slaves in Oregon? Oregon author R. Gregory Nokes has researched this topic in depth and has written the book, "Breaking Chains: Slavery on Trial in the Oregon Territory," about a momentous court case in Oregon history.

He will be at the library on Tuesday, April 14, at 1 pm to discuss the history of slavery in Oregon and his book.



Annual Feed the Need food drive begins April 1

Beginning Wednesday, April 1, and for the entire two of food wherever month of April, the community is encouraged to donate nonperishable food items and/ cash donations to participating local businesses during the second annual Feed the Need food drive for Florence Food Share.

Be sure and pack a can or you go this April, so it can be dropped off at any business where you see a Food Share Barrel.

Any business that would like to participate can call 541-997-9110 to have a food barrel delivered to your place of business before April 1.

Comedy, music featured at Kenneth B this weekend

Looking for a place CD to dance and have a good laugh for spring

featuring two special Big Thing" events this weekend.

On Friday, March 27, "Soul Vibrator" will be at 6:30 p.m. playing at the gallery while

release, Stardust."

The band is most notably known for The Kenneth B Gallery the Eugene Weekly's "Next competition in the summer of 2014.

Food will be provided Eugene's funkadelic band by A Taste of Hawaii starting

The band will play from on tour for its new 7:30 to 11 p.m., and cost for this event will be \$5.

All ages permitted until 9

Then on Saturday, March nationally known comedian Susan Jones will give a performance from her "50 Shades of Gravy" tour.

Jones brings more than 20 years of comedy and radio experience to the gallery with some seriously funny adult humor girl

Larger than life, Jones uses her attitude and experiences with size acceptance and being a single mom to deliver consistently funny, crowd pleasing performances.

Doors will open at 5:30 p.m., with the show running from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

A Taste of Hawaii will offer food starting at 5

Cost for the show is \$15.

Tickets are now available online at www.kennethb gallery.com

The Kenneth B Gallery is located at 1458 First St. in Old Town Florence.

For more information or to book tickets for these events by phone, call SK Lindsey at 541-999-5875.

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