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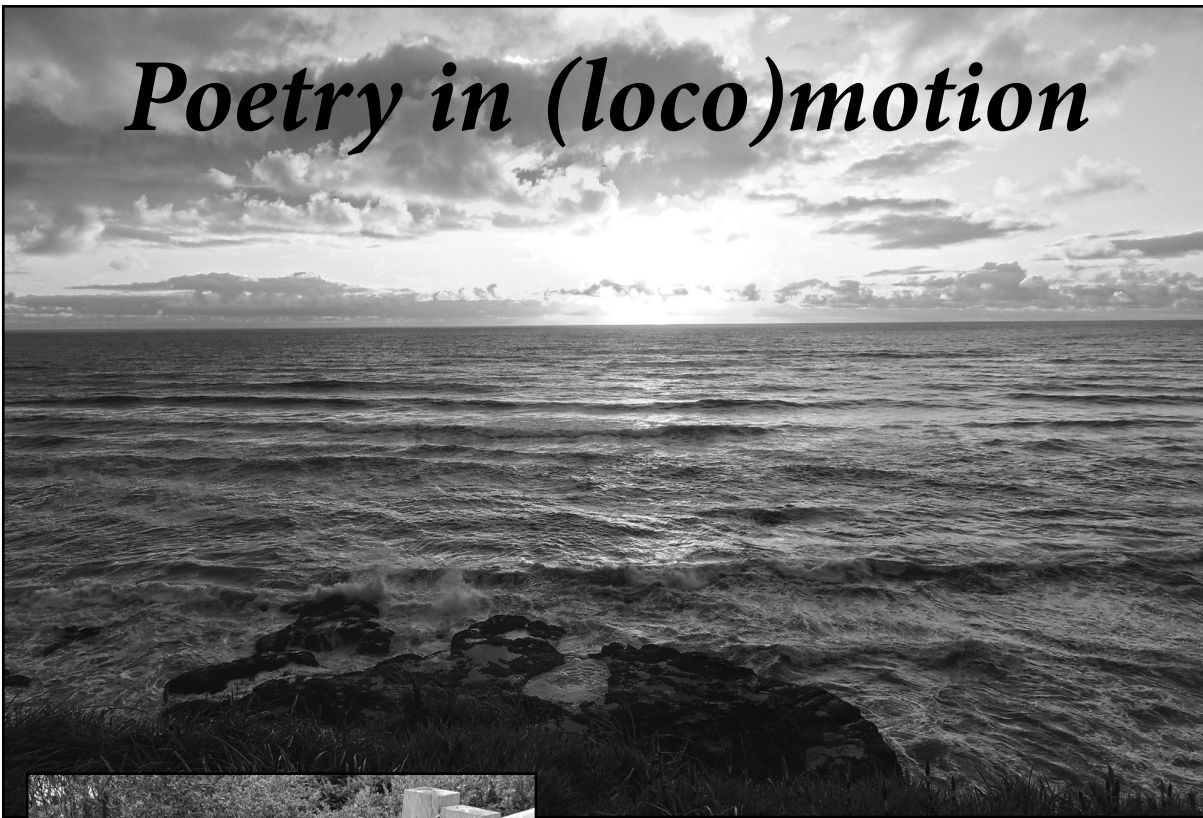
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Community News

Poetry in (loco)motion



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A long Highway 101, just visible on the guardrail, a traveler transcribed the words of Gary Snyder's "Mother Earth: Her Whales" — "The whales turn and glisten, plunge and sound and rise again / Hanging over subtly darkening deeps / Flowing like breathing planets in the sparkling whorls of living light." While people continue to be asked to stay indoors, or wear proper personal protective equipment such as face masks when they do leave home, poetry is still making its mark on the world.

Community invited to Sneddon 85th birthday 'drive by'

Plans for celebrating long-time and well-known Florence resident Blair Sneddon's 85th birthday were put on hold last month due to Covid-19 social distancing requirements. But that didn't stop the Sneddon family from coming up with an alternative.

Tom, the eldest son, suggested something that he had seen in other communities; organize as many friends and family members as possible to drive by their dad's home on 40th Street this Saturday after-

noon (April 11) to wave and offer birthday greetings.

A quick text to his three brothers and Blair's wife, Joyce, set the plan in motion.

So, this Saturday, from 1 to 2 p.m., people are invited to drive by Sneddon's home at 2055 40th Street.

His wife, Joyce Sneddon, said she would like to make it a surprise but added that she's not sure how she can make that happen.

"He's bound to figure out something when I tell him that we have to move the cars out of the driveway," she said. "If that doesn't tip him off, placing a lawn chair in the driveway and telling him to sit in it just might."

Friends from around the area have been notified, including members of Reed-

sport Christian Church where Blair and his late wife, Gerellean, attended for more than 30 years.

Members of the Sneddon extended family have been invited and the plan has been set in motion.

"We're reaching out to Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue, asking if they might put it on their reader board at the main station," said son Tom. "Dad first joined the Florence Fire Department in 1957. He rose through the ranks of the volunteer organization, being promoted to captain by the mid '70s."

Blair would have served several more years but had to resign in 1984 when he moved to Reedsport because of his job with Central Lincoln PUD.

Blair was born April 11,

1935, in Mt. Pleasant, Utah, but spent most of his youth in Baker County. He graduated from Halfway High School in 1953, married immediately and began a family that eventually came to include four sons.

The family moved to Florence in 1955, when a job opportunity arose, then in 1969 he established his own appliance repair business.

Blair went to work for Central Lincoln PUD in the early '80s and retired from the utility in 2000. Over the years, he was actively involved in many local causes and community activities in Florence and Reedsport.

"We welcome everyone who may have met Dad through any of those connections to drive by," said Tom.

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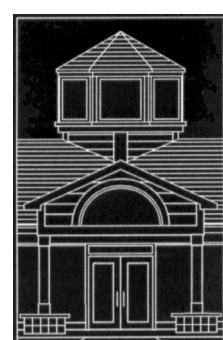
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