

OCMM annual 'Festival of Trees' in person, online this year

The 8th Annual Festival of Trees, for the benefit of the Oregon Coast Military Museum (OCMM), will feature an online silent auction and an online live streaming auction this year.

The specially designed and decorated trees will be viewable both online and in person. The trees will be displayed both at local businesses and at the museum.

The festival this year consists of more than 50 decorated trees with various themes from traditional to fun and quirky.

A few of the themes

are: "God Bless America," "America The Beautiful," "Champagne Blush in Winter," "Victorian Christmas," "Winter Wonderland," "2020 Upside Down" (where the tree is actually hung upside down), "Nightmare Before Christmas," "Man Cave" (if you like beer, come over here), "Sugar Plum Dreams," "Dunes Lives Matter," "Red, Green and Silver Scree," and Three Rivers.

Since the festival is online, the reach has been expanded. Board Member Krystal Hopper, a resident of Coos Bay, has

found sponsors for six trees in the Coos Bay-North Bend area.

The dates of the Festival of Trees auction and displays are as follows:

- Silent Auction and Displays: Today, Nov. 14-28.
- Live Streaming: Saturday, Nov. 28, from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

You can find the trees and auction by going to: www.OregonCoastMilitaryMuseum.com.

The Live Streaming Auction will only auction off the live trees on Nov. 28 at 5 p.m.

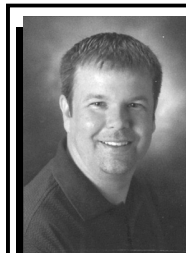
A Festival of Trees

Location Map will be available on the museum website and at local businesses where the trees are displayed.

Alpha sponsors for the event include TR Hunter, Best for Hearing, Spruce Point Assisted Living and Cross Road Assembly.

The Festival of Trees is by far the largest charity event for the museum.

For additional information see the museum home page at: www.OregonCoastMilitaryMuseum.com



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Cape Perpetua fall 2020 Speaker Series continues

Enjoy a variety of free educational presentations hosted by the Cape Perpetua Collaborative. Guest speaker presentations will be held each Saturday at 10 a.m., through Dec. 19 (excluding holidays).

Fall presentations will include a special focus on climate change, Black Oystercatchers, lichens, Fivemile-Bell Landscape Restoration and gray whale migration.

All events are free and held virtually on Zoom this season.

The full series schedule can be viewed here. The scheduled webinars in the series include:

- Nov. 21: *Oregon's Black Oystercatchers and Rocky Habitats: Revealing its Mysteries to Help Protect a Species of Conservation Concern*

The Black Oystercatcher is a unique shorebird of conservation concern that depends on rocky shoreline habitats.

During this presentation, Joe Liebezeit will share about this bird's unique life history, conservation challenges, and results of the multi-year monitoring effort.

Since 2015, Portland Audubon, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, and coastal partners have been monitoring this species along Oregon's Coast with the help of a team of community scientists.

Learn about how this work is being used to advance conservation of oystercatchers and Oregon's rocky habitats and how you can be involved!

Registration: <https://tinyurl.com/oregon-black-oystercatcher>

- Dec. 5: *Lichens and Lichen Bioindication Science*

During this presentation, Doug Glavich will give a brief introduction to lichens, survey some Coast Range lichen species, and explore some bioindication projects — large scale air quality mapping, heavy metal tracing, and climate zone indication.

Registration: <https://tinyurl.com/lichens-bioindication>

- Dec. 12: *Fivemile-Bell Landscape Restoration Project*

Fivemile-Bell Landscape Restoration

Project is a large-scale, multi-party endeavor on USFS land, involving the Forest Service — Siuslaw Institute — Siuslaw Watershed Council — Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Siuslaw, and Lower Umpqua Indians — and others.

Johnny Sundstrom and Paul Burns will present on the restoration efforts of Fivemile-Bell.

Burns is the Fivemile-Bell Project Manager, Siuslaw National Forest. Sundstrom is the NEPA Project Contractor-Coordinator, Siuslaw Institute

Registration: <https://tinyurl.com/fivemile-bell-restoration>

- Dec. 19: *Witness and Amazing Journey of Survival, from the Arctic to Baja and Back*

The gray whale is known to make one of the longest migration trips of any known mammal.

They breed and nurse their calves in the lagoons of Baja, Mexico during the winter and feed in Alaska and the Arctic during the summer.

Joy Primrose, found-

er and President of the American Cetacean Society-Oregon Chapter will share about gray whales and their incredible migration journey.

Primrose is founder and president of the American Cetacean Society-Oregon Chapter.

Registration: <https://tinyurl.com/arctic-to-baja-and-back>

Cape Perpetua exemplifies a unique place where land and sea intersect to produce productive coastal rainforests and ocean upwelling that fuels a productive food web.

Working collaboratively and coordinating conservation efforts in this region will help make efficient use to leverage available resources and accelerate the pace at which Oregonians are made aware of, appreciate, understand and support the natural and cultural values of this region.

Located on the central coast of Oregon, the Cape Perpetua area includes the Cape Perpetua Marine Reserve and Marine Protected Area, numerous state parks; Audubon's Ten

Mile Creek Sanctuary; US Forest Service areas (including the Siuslaw National Forest; Cape Perpetua Scenic Area; and the Rock Creek and Cummins Creek Wilderness Areas), a globally significant important bird area for the ESA listed Marbled Murrelet; the Oregon Islands National Wildlife Refuge; Oregon's Ocean Shore State Recreation Area; and numerous other sites and natural and cultural resources that provide habitats for migratory and resident seabirds, marine mammals, and native fish and wildlife as well as places for people to recreate.

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