

Local author's first book signing rescheduled after being snowed out

Last month's snowstorm scuttled a lot of plans and routines. For local resident McKenzie Peters, it meant putting off a book-signing event following the release of her first publication, *Persephone in Oregon: A Photographic Journey Through Time*. However, the book is available on Amazon as of today, with the official book signing now taking place April 19 at Bookmine.

This is Peters' first book and is coauthored by another local writer and photographer, Bob Zybach. Peters and Zybach have worked together on a number of forestry- and history-related research projects over the past several years, but this is their first collaboration on a book of fiction.

Persephone's story is closely based on Greek mythology and begins with her arrival in primeval Oregon from the sea, blue-haired and naked in the late afternoon of a New Moon. Here, she finds an Eden-like country of great ferns and grasses, waterfalls, rivers= and giant forest trees — but no flowers, no animals, no people.

The book features 45 fine-art photographs that follow

Persephone through the seasons as she travels across Oregon on Lunar and Solar time tables, visiting and staying in strange and beautiful locations known to very few people ever — and rarely indicating any human presence to this time.

Peters has modeled part-time since her teenage years, but this is her first nude modeling. The experience of taking photographs over the course of an entire year in locations all over Oregon is something Peters described as "exhilarating," while the actual writing was a "good challenge."

Despite the delay in formal release and book signing, *Persephone in Oregon* is now available on Amazon for \$65. A Kindle e-book version of the book has also been released over the past year as a six-part serial for \$5 per episode. Full-size individual illustrations from the book can be purchased online as PDF files and are available at the Bookmine as prints or fine-art photographs.

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PHOTO BY BOB ZYBACH

McKenzie Peters with her new book, *Persephone in Oregon*

Rainy Eyes to perform in Cottage Grove March 23

Folk music artist Rainy Eyes prepares to hit the road this month with a five-date tour of the Pacific Northwest, including a stop in Cottage Grove this weekend. The spring tour comes ahead of the May release of her debut album, "Moon in the Mirror," which was co-produced by Eli West and features Grammy-award winner Peter Rowan on one of their two co-writes on the album.

The Rainy Eyes northwest spring tour begins at the Triple Door Lounge in Seattle, Washington, and ends at Sam Bond's Garage in Eugene, Ore., where she will open for fellow folk artist Penny Opry. Rainy Eyes will be playing a repertoire of originals and traditional tunes on guitar and banjo. Her music is steeped in the folk tradition, featuring elements of rock, bluegrass and

roots music.

She'll perform at the Axe & Fiddle on Saturday, March 23, at TIME?

Rainy Eyes has opened for Willie Watson (Old Crow Medicine Show, Dave Rawlings Machine), Peter Rowan (Bill Monroe, Old and In The Way), Hubby Jenkins (Carolina Chocolate Drops) Jackie Greene (Black Crows), Ramblin' Jack Elliot, Jon Cleary, Patterson Hood (Drive-By Truckers) and has played prominent stages like UC Berkeley Redwood Concert Series, Sweetwater in the Sun, Sweetwater Music Hall, Henry Miller Library, Napa Opera House, Blue Note Napa, Ashkenaz, Far West Fest, and SXSW.

For more information, visit <http://www.rainyeyesmusic.com>

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