

Historic fountain 'belongs in the public'

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East Second Avenue, is not doing justice to the fountain or to Harley Sroufe's legacy, the public art committee decided.

"Hardly anybody notices it's there," Grassick said. "Especially if there's a car parked next to it, you don't even see it."

Moreover, the "fountain" part of the Sroufe memorial fountain hasn't worked for some time. The city may rehab it "with frost-proof plumbing ... so that it doesn't freeze in the winter-time," former Mayor Mike Morgan said. The city may hire a contractor to do the repairs, he added.

Once the design review board approves the site plan for the library, the public works crew will move the fountain to the library's southwest corner on city-owned property adjacent to the sidewalk and hook it up to water and sewer services, Grassick said. The city will continue to maintain it, according to the agreement between the city and the library.

The project, to be funded from the public art committee budget, is likely to cost between \$3,000 and \$5,000, he said.

Morgan hopes the project will be finished by April before the tourist season begins.

"It's going to be great because there really is no water fountain along Hemlock anywhere," Morgan said.

Functional art

Harley Sroufe saw the need for a city park back when few people felt Cannon Beach even needed one, his middle son, Gerald Sroufe, said. After all, "we had a whole beach, right?"

In those days, the area was swampland that was eventually filled in with sand, Peter Sroufe said, adding that, nowadays, the city wouldn't be allowed to do that to a natural resource.

It is poignant that the fountain will end up at the Cannon Beach Library of all places: Harley Sroufe's wife, Margaret Sroufe, volunteered there for many years, Gerald Sroufe said.

What's more, her daughter-in-law, Maureen Dooley-Sroufe



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The city of Cannon Beach plans to relocate the Harley Sroufe memorial fountain from behind the Cannon Beach Chamber of Commerce to the Cannon Beach Library. It was dedicated shortly after Sroufe died in 1964.

(Gerald's wife), is now the co-owner of Cannon Beach Book Company, across the street from the library.

Beth Holland, an organic landscaper (and Morgan's wife), is expected to design the new library garden that will surround the fountain, potentially as a pro bono assignment, Morgan said.

This latest project of the public art committee — an informal city committee composed of local artists, gallery owners, members of the parks and community services committee and other locals — is another example of its focus on functional art, Morgan said. The committee completed its last project, the renovation of the Whale Park gazebo, last July.

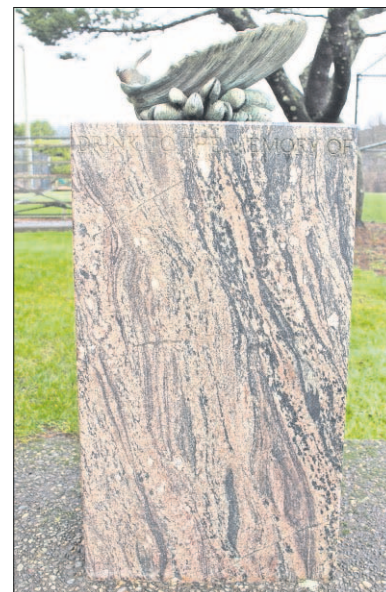
Paying respects

Wrapped around the fountain's trunk are the words: "Drink to the memory of Harley

As part of the relocation process, the Harley Sroufe memorial fountain will be repaired so that it will function as a drinking fountain once again. It will be moved to the Cannon Beach Library in one piece, Public Works Director Dan Grassick said.



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Sroufe. A toast from his friends. 1964."

"There's not that many people left around here that knew my dad," Gerald Sroufe said. In its new location, more people

will be able to see his father's memorial and pay their respects to his life and work, he said.

"It belongs in the public," Peter Sroufe said. "It belongs in an area that can be seen."

The full inscription that wraps around the Harley Sroufe memorial fountain reads: "Drink to the memory of Harley Sroufe. A toast from his friends. 1964." After repairs, it will serve as a drinking fountain once again.

Liberty Theater begins yearlong party

A yearlong celebration of the Liberty Theater's 90th birthday and the 10th anniversary of its grand reopening begins Jan. 24 in the theater.

The day begins with a free open house from 1 to 3 p.m. with birthday cake, tours and some surprises.

At 5:15 p.m. a celebration dinner will be served in the McTavish Room. Seating is limited to 150; table seating for groups is available.

The dinner ticket also includes a concert of storytelling, classical and contemporary music.

The 7 p.m. performance is "The Road to Carnegie Hall," featuring tenor Ken Lavigne.

Lavigne has, for the past nine years, performed on many world stages, including New York's Carnegie Hall. He has worked with producer David Fos-

ter, performed for Prince Charles and has released his fifth solo CD, entitled "Showtime." Visit kenlavigne.com to hear him sing.

Tickets to the combined dinner and concert are \$90 and are being sold only

through the Liberty box office. Tickets to the concert only are \$25 and also are available at the Liberty box office. Call 503-325-5922, ext. 55 or Tickets-west.com 1-800-992-8499. For more information, visit www.liberty-theater.org

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