

At the Library CARLA O'REILLY

March will be filled with several events at the library

Even though it's still February, some of our days have been positively spring-like lately — bulbs up, trees budding and fresh breezes stirring.

It's the time of year we perk up and begin making plans for the new season, and we at the library are no exception! Since spring break for Oregon is March 21 through 29 and for Washington March 28 through April 5, we will be hosting a special event for children on Saturday, March 28 featuring "Balloons by Dean."

Dean Deonier, who lives in the Astoria area, will put on a balloon-twisting and shaping demonstration at 1 p.m. in our children's room at the library. Both local and visiting children are invited to this fun event.

For adults, our library membership meeting is scheduled for 10 a.m. March 4. Our own Colleen Purrier, an antique and rare book expert, will be

the speaker. Her topic will be, "The Life of an eBay Book."

As books are donated to the library, the book-pricing committee sets aside any of them that have possible value. Colleen then researches and prices them for resale on eBay. She will describe what goes into this worthwhile endeavor while we enjoy a light brunch.

Haystack lecture

On Wednesday, March 11, Alan Rammer will be the featured speaker for The World of Haystack Rock Lecture Series. Rammer, a retired marine educator for the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, worked for 32 years in outreach and education. In recent years, he has been a popular speaker for schools and other organizations. The topic of his lecture in Cannon Beach will be "Educating Diverse Audiences about Marine Ecosystems." His



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lecture will be from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the library.

Molly Gloss

Author Molly Gloss will speak at the "Northwest Author Series" at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 14, also at the library. Gloss is best known for her historical and science fiction novels. She grew up in rural Oregon and began writing seriously when she became a mother. She has also taught writing and literature of the American West at Portland State University. Her latest book is *Falling from Horses*,



SUBMITTED PHOTO

The children's room in the Cannon Beach Library will be the scene of a special event March 28 when Dean Deonier twists and shapes balloons during his program, "Balloons by Dean."

and she will be joining us from the Portland area, where she now resides.

Cannon Beach Reads

Cannon Beach Reads participants will meet at 7 p.m. March 18. They have been reading *The Sixth Extinction: An Unnatural History*,

by Elizabeth Kolbert. Over the last half-billion years on Earth, there have been five mass extinctions, when the diversity of life suddenly and dramatically contracted. Scientists are now focusing on the predicted sixth extinction, initiated by humans, who have altered life

on our planet in a way no species ever has before. The book was one of the New York Times Book Reviews 10 best books of the year. The discussion, while possibly disturbing, should be of great interest. New members will be warmly welcomed, as always!

Boac's Bird Notes SUSAN BOAC

Cooper's hawk sits down to dinner in a local backyard

During the Great Backyard Bird Count, held every President's Day weekend, I was in the comfort of my lovely home scanning, listening and recording every bird around.

I left the room for just a couple of minutes, and when I came back, the cooper's hawk was crouched in the garden under the fir with feathers floating around her. To say the least, I was disappointed to have missed this excitement. On later examination, I determined the bird had eaten a Eurasian collared dove, the medium-sized bird that coopers prefer.

Several weeks ago I noticed a cooper's hawk hanging out in my neighbor's large alder tree. When I no-

ticed a lack of birds at my feeders, I look around for the coopers. Sadly, I think she sees my backyard as a bit of a smorgasbord: Cooper's hawks dine on medium-sized birds and small mammals.

I was also honored to watch and listen to a pair of coopers whoop it up in a spruce behind the Seaside Library. They were making sounds consistent to mating rituals, but they remained on opposite sides of a tree. It was wonderful, and I watched until my neck gave out.

Peregrine falcons

I have also been enjoying a pair of peregrine falcons who frequent my backyard



SUSAN BOAC

as well. Last year, there was an alarming number of starving small hawks and falcons at the Wildlife Center of the North Coast. Seeing many small raptors around this year makes me think that the balance between a large number of eagles, that were eating a lot of the prey of

smaller raptors, is starting to even out.

Reminder: Coming up in April, the North Oregon Coast Birdathon, a one-day birding event in conjunction with 12 Days of Earth Day, will raise funds for The Wildlife Center of the North Coast. Join us for birding or help by sponsoring a participant. More info is on our Facebook page and www.twelvedaysofearthday.com.

After spending many hours with her avid birder parents, Susan has taken up birding as a passion, to the mixed emotions of her husband, Scott. The Boacs reside on the Neavanna Creek in Seaside where their backyard is a birder's paradise.



SUSAN BOAC PHOTO

A cooper's hawk in Susan Boac's backyard.

OBITUARIES



Alfred Lee Estabrook

Aug. 25, 1919 — Jan. 30, 2015



Alfred Lee Estabrook, 95, of Astoria, died Friday, Jan. 30, 2015, in Astoria. He was born Aug. 25, 1919, in Portland, to Alfred Earnest and Alice Mae Ziegler Estabrook. He graduated from Grant High School. He served three years in the Army during World War II.

On Feb. 15, 1946, he married Mary Louise Warner in Portland. They celebrated 64 anniversaries until her passing. His career was in advertising typography as part owner of Schlegel Typesetting Company from 1947 until his first retirement in 1976. He was active as a board member and president of multiple service organizations for the mentally disabled, for typesetting groups and community groups. He also served as an elder in several churches.

He established Haystack Gardens in Cannon Beach, building the garden center, greenhouse and gardens to provide landscaping, a nursery-garden store, plant

maintenance and FTD florist services to the community from 1977 to 1987. The pink flowering cherry trees, flower gardens and hanging baskets throughout Cannon Beach are his living legacy. The walkways he built around the gardens at Haystack Gardens are open to the public to this day.

Lee and Mary then retired to Terwilliger Plaza in Portland for 15 years before moving to Astoria. He lived his final years at Clatsop Retirement Village, where he hosted many family gatherings and celebrations over the years.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary and daughter, Elizabeth. He is survived by daughters, Marjorie Cashion and Laura Lou Wood (Cliff), and son, Douglas Lee Estabrook; 10 grandchildren: Karen Kayekjian (Robert), Shirene Iesalniaks (John), Melinda Lane (Adam), Daniel Estabrook (Lyn), David Estabrook, Jona-



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than Estabrook (Elizabeth), Jeremy Estabrook (Anna), Nadine Wood, Allison Nieman (Darren) and Melanie Wood; 12 great-grandchildren: Benjamin, Anastasia, Arielle, Jordan, Karina, Emily, Sophia, Samuel Lee, Isabella, Annabelle, Elliott Lee and Russell; and two stepgrandchildren: Mara and Kirstin.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 28 at Lewis and Clark Bible Church, with a luncheon to follow.

Mary Ann Owen

Feb. 21, 1936 — Dec. 15, 2014

Mary Ann Owen died Dec. 15 from a stroke. She was 78 years old.

Born in 1936 to William and Susan Owens of St. Louis, Mo., she was the oldest of nine children.

She married Jim Owen in 1957. The newlyweds moved to Maryland, Colorado, California and Oregon. Her spirit for adventure included lunching with Harry and Bess Truman, learning to ski in the Colorado Rockies and building homes in Colorado and Oregon.

She was a community force who didn't wait for permission. She turned

away a snowplow that threatened to plow the neighborhood hill. She was a den mother for a decade. She joined a community tennis program, led the program herself for eight years and went on to become one of the top players at her tennis club.

Her husband died in 2012. She is survived by her sons John, Bill, Bob and Paul; daughters-in-law Tonja, Angela, Deb and Wendy; and grandchildren Nick, William and Penelope. She lived unapologetically, and by so doing showed others how to live well.



MARY ANN OWEN

In lieu of flowers please make donations to the Alzheimer's Association or Cannon Beach Arts Association.

DEATHS

Barbara Ruth Beyers

Feb. 16, 2015

BEYERS, Barbara Ruth, 87, of Seaside, formerly of Cannon Beach, died in Astoria. A memorial will be announced at a later date.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Food pantry thanks you

To the editor,
The Cannon Beach Food Pantry's new home is at the Cannon Beach Elementary School Library, located at the very south end of Spruce Street.

Many thanks to so many!

Thanks to the Seaside School District Board for leasing the location, the city of Cannon Beach and the Oregon Food

Bank. To those who did the remodel: Cannon Beach Construction, Ray Neibuhr Plumbing and Cannon Beach Electric. And thanks to Anderson Painting, Sherwin-Williams Paint, Cobble and Blend, the American Legion and Jessie Bateman.

Then came the "Big Move" to the new location and, again, thanks to Coaster Construction, Sleepy Monk, the city's public works department, the Cannon Beach Police Department, Cannon Beach Fire and Res-

cue, many locals, second-home owners and visitors. They helped move refrigerators, freezers, shelves and many thousands of pounds of food. The pantry was totally in place and ready for business in four hours. What an incredible feat!

The pantry volunteers are very grateful for the many generous financial and in-kind donations from loyal supporters of the pantry who have helped us continue our mission: to feed hungry people.

Now we know it does "take a village to refit and move a pantry."

Most sincerely,
Molly Edison
Cannon Beach Food Pantry Manager
Cannon Beach

Gun not appropriate

To the editor,
On Feb. 14, Valentine's Day, I watched a young man weave his way through the throng of parents pushing strollers, kids licking melting ice cream cones

and tail wagging dogs still wet from a romp on the beach. Everybody was happy and having a good time, even this man. What caught my eye was the loaded .45 caliber semiautomatic pistol on his hip. OK, I don't know if there was actually a bullet in the chamber, but the magazine was in the grip, and, to me, that means it was loaded.

As a Marine who carried the same weapon in Viet Nam, I know how deadly these pistols are.

I question the stability of a person who feels they must be armed to walk the streets of our town. Instead of feeling secure in the presence of such a weapon, I wanted to get myself and my family far away from him.

There are places where guns are appropriate. Cannon Beach is not one of them. Instead of protecting, they endanger and that's not what we're about.

Gary Wallace
Kent, Wash.