

Music in the Gardens puts on 10th annual garden tour

LONG BEACH PENINSULA, Wash. — Enjoy a summer day by touring private gardens on Washington's Long Beach Peninsula. Music in the Gardens will hold its 10th annual Long Beach Peninsula Garden Tour from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, July 16.

Seven beautiful gardens of local area residents will be on display. Each venue will provide an opportunity to talk one-on-one with the gardeners and discover their planting and growing secrets. Relax with hors d'oeuvres and refreshments as you tour the grounds while listening live music.

Gardens this year include a potted flower garden in deep Seaview, as well as a classic and traditional garden in Long Beach. Ocean Park

gardens feature a Willapa Bay estate with ponds, waterfalls, flowers, edibles, berries and chickens; a 1910 beach cottage built on a 25-foot-wide lot densely packed with ornamentals and edibles; and an artists' garden with handmade pots, bird baths and walkways. Continuing in Ocean Park is an award-winning bed and breakfast with a variety of gardens and a Klipsan Beach garden filled with a variety of plants focusing on texture, color and foliage, all passions of the owners.

Local peninsula musicians will be Barbara Bate, Brian O'Connor, The Mozart Chicks and Tom Trudell. Acustica World Music of Astoria will perform at a bay side garden. Terry Robb and The Winterlings will be com-



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The Music in the Gardens tour will celebrate its 10th annual garden tour on the Long Beach Peninsula by featuring seven local gardens on Saturday, July 16. Each garden will offer refreshments and live music for attendees to enjoy.

ing from Portland to perform in tour gardens.

Astoria artist Noel Thomas will be painting in the Long Beach garden of his brother.

Dorota Haber-Lehigh, of Seaside, will be teaching a botanical illustrations class in an Ocean Park garden.

Raffle prizes will include

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Self-guided tour, Long Beach Peninsula
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a wooden garden bench built by Dick Rodlin and a dinner for eight, hosted by Tom and Penny Treat in their home, including a tour of their garden and Penny's new studio.

Tickets are available online at watermusicfestival.com or one of the following locations:

Bay Avenue Gallery,
1406 Bay Ave., Ocean Park;

The English Nursery, Corner of Highway 101 and 103, Seaview; and the Oysterville Store, 3012 Oysterville Road, Oysterville. Tickets purchased online must be presented at one of the above-noted locations to receive your garden tour map.

Tickets are \$20 each. Children under 18 are free. Proceeds benefit the Ocean Beach School District music programs. The garden tour is a fundraiser for the Water Music Society, an organization that has been providing entertainment of high quality and variety since 1984.

For additional information, visit the Music in the Gardens Tour page on Facebook or contact Nancy Allen at 360-642-2507.

Explore the land with North Coast Land Conservancy

CLOVERDALE, CANNON BEACH and SEASIDE — More of North Coast Land Conservancy's free summer On the Land outings are coming up. Advanced registration is required for these guided walks on NCLC property.

You can take a free guided 1.5-mile loop walk on Whalen Island, an upland in the middle of Sand Lake estuary, from 10 a.m. to noon Wednesday, July 27.

Sand Lake, in southern Tillamook County, is considered Oregon's best-conserved estuary, thanks to the efforts by the state of Oregon and private land trusts including NCLC, which owns and manages 215 acres in the northeast corner of the estuary. Learn about the ecology at this bar-built estuary — one of only four on the Oregon Coast — and experience for yourself this unique and unusually undeveloped estuary.

The walk will be led by two staff members from North Coast Land Conservancy: Communications Coordinator



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Biologist and educator Mike Patterson will lead a walk into Ecola Creek Forest Reserve July 29.

(and author of "Day Hiking: Oregon Coast") Bonnie Henderson and Development Director (and former Tillamook County kayak outfitter) Lorraine Ortiz. Sand Lake is about a half-hour drive south of Tillamook or 1.5 hours south of Seaside.

NCLC is also offering two ways to experience a recovering coastal rainforest, guided by expert naturalists.

On Friday morning July 29, biologist and educator Mike Patterson will lead a

2-mile round-trip walk into Ecola Creek Forest Reserve in Cannon Beach. The land conservancy helped the city of Cannon Beach acquire what has become a 1,040-acre community forest, preserving much of the Ecola Creek watershed. With his keen eye and ear, Patterson will help you spot birds and identify and better understand the trees and other plants and animals that characterize this recovering forest.

The following Friday morning, Aug. 5, naturalist



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Naturalist and photographer Neal Maine will lead an outing Aug. 5 at Circle Creek Habitat Reserve.

Neal Maine will lead what he calls a "Seaton Watch" at Circle Creek Habitat Reserve. A Seaton Watch is an opportunity to slow down and simply observe the natural world with all your senses. The two-hour outing will follow a 0.8-mile nature trail through a Sitka spruce swamp at the edge of this 365-acre conservation area at the south end of Seaside.

Visit NCLCtrust.org/on-the-land-summer-outings for more details or to register.

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