

# North Coast is backdrop for cards

## New deck coming this December

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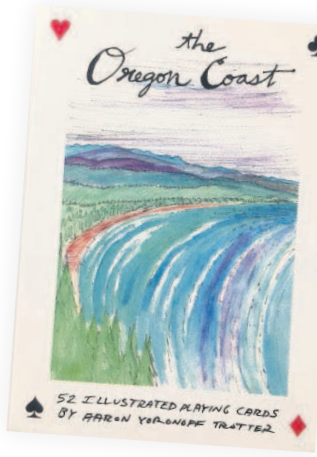
Illustrator Aaron Trotter was in Cannon Beach, often seen around town sketching his next set of illustrated playing cards focused solely on Cannon Beach. But during the festival weekend, visitors could find him talking about his newly launched deck of illustrated playing cards highlighting 52 landmarks of Oregon's North Coast — from Newport to Astoria — at Voyages, a toy, comic and game store.

His new deck features the rugged and stormy nature of Oregon's Coast, illustrating a different beach, state park, viewpoint or historic landmark.

This is Trotter's seventh year in the card business, he said, first releasing a deck of Portland landmarks in 2010 with other Portland-centric decks following. Now, he looks forward to covering more areas around Oregon and Washington.

He sketches in pen and ink on location over a succession of road trips, and has traveled extensively spending about one week to 10 days in different cities around the world, emphasizing landmarks that are relevant to both locals and tourists, he said. He has sketched more than 30 cities from Los Angeles to New York, London to Paris, Barcelona to Lisbon and Amsterdam to Tokyo.

The cards are finished in his Portland studio and digitally printed on high-gloss cardstock. Trotter remains a part of the finishing process and says he is very hands-on through to the end, including



An enlarged snapshot of the Oregon North Coast playing cards shows the cover sketched by illustrator Aaron Trotter who launched the new deck during the Stormy Weather Arts Festival at Voyages in Cannon Beach.

COURTESY AARON TROTTER

folding the boxes and making sure each is signed and numbered by him.

Smaller than the average playing deck, Trotter's cards are meant to be played, although some collectors prefer to keep them wrapped and on display. Each deck includes a descriptive card about the deck and each card is credited.

He is excited about returning to Voyages for the release of his Cannon Beach deck

around Dec. 1, just in time for Christmas, he said.

According to Sally Clifford, one of the owners of Voyages, there is a lot of excitement surrounding the new deck. "A lot of people have pre-ordered and are patiently waiting to see the cards."

Trotter also let it known that "Seaside may be in the cards" for a future deck, and said he looks forward to exploring the town.

# Artists, writers and musicians gather at Stormy Weather

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his surroundings. Ahead of the weekend's festival, he released four new watercolors, each significant and representative of the coast. Two of Hull's new pieces, "As Rain Falls" and "Shelter From The Storm," give the impression of being inside looking through a window at raindrops, Hull said.

He developed this technique a few years ago and from time to time plans it into the painting. "I applied drops of resin to the inside of the glass to look like rain on the window you are looking through."

Also on display at the Jeffrey Hull Gallery is the original painting he donated to Providence Seaside Hospital Foundation for the annual Festival of Trees. The watercolor "Reaching Out" will be auctioned as part of the event.

## Georgia Gerber

At Northwest By Northwest Gallery, featured artist Georgia Gerber gave a talk to a captive audience about the processes in creating her bronze figures. Nationally known, Gerber is one of the leading public sculptors working today. Many pieces are larger than life and installed in public spaces. Her work is expressive, endearing and approachable, which encourages public interaction.

When asked about how she started, Gerber said she used her family's ping-pong table as her workstation and used the family cat as a model for her first piece.

Once the clay sculpture has formed, Gerber readies it for bronzing. "We strive to have our pieces look in bronze as they do in clay," Gerber said.

When creating public space art, Gerber likes to work with



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Cannon Beach painter Jeffrey Hull stands in front of "Reaching Out," a new watercolor he has donated to the Festival of Trees to be auctioned off at the gala on Dec. 2.

the scale of the space, however, she said, "sometimes a client wants a life-size piece" as with a recent installation of a

golden retriever.

This winter, Gerber will work on another piece in her rabbit series titled, "The Dance."



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City manager candidates Bruce St. Denis, Kevin Greenwood and Peter Jankowski participate in a community forum as a part of the hiring process at the Surfsand Hotel in Cannon Beach.

## 'Perfect time' for a new city manager, says Schermerhorn

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St. Denis replaces Brant Kucera, who stepped down earlier this year to take the city manager position in Sisters.

Schermerhorn said St. Denis will have more than enough to do to keep busy. The City Council plans to tackle strategic planning again. And

with three seats on the City Council up for re-election, he could have new faces to work with.

There are advantages to having so many changes at once, Schermerhorn said.

"This is the perfect time for a new person to mesh in," he said. "Just listen to the citizens, and address the council with their concerns."

## Cannon Beach Academy in search of new volunteers

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"I can't do it without help," Moore said.

Like the time it takes to serve it, much of the food offered at the academy is donated, as well. Because of lack of space, the school is only able to serve foods that can be easily prepared or heated up without equipment like a stove.

With only \$900 a month budgeted for food, the academy is looking to work with community partners for food donations in the hopes of providing healthier options.

"We're serving what we can do right now, but I want to provide better," Moore said.

Cannon Beach Academy board president Kellye Dewey said it is the priority of the board to recruit more volunteers.

"I think we need to remember we are only three months in, and we're just going to keep improving as we go," Dewey said. "It's been a five year battle. It's not anything we haven't overcome before."

People interested in volunteering can check openings on the website via sign-up.com or call the business manager at 503-436-4463. Currently there are also volunteer openings for first and second grade reading, kindergarten math, janitorial cleaning and technology support.



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