

'Time and Terrain in the Pacific Northwest'

New year offers programs, discussions

Members of Cannon Beach Reads at their December meeting selected seven nonfiction books and five works of fiction to read during 2019 and scheduled discussion dates for these titles.

Cannon Beach Reads begins the new year on Wednesday, Jan. 16, with a discussion of "The Good Rain: Across Time and Terrain in the Pacific Northwest" by Timothy Egan — a New York Times columnist and author of eight award-winning books with links to the West — was born in Seattle, where he lives. Raised in Spokane and educated at the University of Washington. Pacific Northwest ties ooze from his beautifully crafted and carefully researched guide to our region.

Egan highlights the geology, botany, history, economics and culture of this far corner of North America and shows what has been lost and what remains intact since Europeans and East Coast Americans arrived in the 1840s. "The Good Rain" struck this reader as a superior commentary on Pacific Northwest development in the twenty-first century.

Cannon Book Reads has set the following meeting schedule for the remaining 2019 readings:

AT THE LIBRARY
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Kenneth Graham's "The Wind and the Willows," Feb. 20; J.D. Vance's "Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis," March 20; John Steinbeck's "Cannery Row," April 17; Jeff Goodell's "The Water Will Come: Rising Seas, Sinking Cities, and the Remaking of the Civilized World," May 15; Betty Smith's "A Tree Grows in Brooklyn," June 19; Madeleine Albright's "Fascism: A Warning," July 17; James Joyce's "A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man," Aug. 21; Stephen Greenblatt's "Tyrant: Shakespeare on Politics," Sept. 18; Jahren Hope's "Lab Girl," Oct. 16; Douglas Adams' "The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy," Nov. 20, and Zora Neale Hurston's "Barracoon: The Story of the Last 'Black Cargo,'" Dec. 18.

The Cannon Beach Book Company stocks copies of these books, and the library collection holds a copy of each. Cannon Beach Reads meets at the library, 131 N. Hemlock St., 7-8:30 p.m., every third Wednesday of the month. All interested in these discussions are welcome, and coffee or tea and cookies provide an additional incentive.



By R.J. Marx/Cannon Beach Gazette

Cannon Beach Library presents "Cannon Beach Reads." The series kicks off with Kenneth Graham's "The Wind and the Willows," Feb. 20.

The Northwest Author Series offers another literary experience during the third week of January when the Cannon Beach Library hosts "An Evening with Fisherpoets in Cannon Beach," 7-8:30 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 17.

Fisherpoets Jon Broderick of Cannon Beach, Dave Densmore and Rob Seitz of Astoria, Gene Leech of Chinook, Wash., and Jay Speakman from Gearhart will present their work.

Fisherpoet presentations have a reputation for warming audiences, but a winter evening in Cannon Beach may be exceedingly damp and cold so the library fireplace will be on. Arrive early for a spot near the hearth at this free event.

Friday, Jan. 18, marks the deadline for submissions to Writers Read, a library project to encourage writers to share writings—personal essays, poems or stories—on the theme of "Life on the North Coast" with an interested audience, including other writers.

Submissions, no longer than 600 words, might address the writer's connections to the North Coast, what draws the writer to stay here, or any place or experience that illustrates the writer's feelings about the North Coast.

Submissions may be emailed to info@cannonbeachlibrary.org or mailed to the Cannon Beach Library, P.O. Box 486, Cannon Beach, OR 97110. They must

be accompanied by a cover letter containing the author's name, email address and telephone number. The submitted writing itself must not identify the author.

Anyone may participate in the Writers Read project. A committee consisting of library volunteers, a bookstore employee and a local writer will read all submissions and select six to 10 to be read by their authors at a gathering in the library, 7 p.m., Friday, March 1.

Writers whose works are selected for reading will be notified after the committee considers submissions. Writers should be available for the March 1 Writers Read gathering. Erick Bengel, editor of Coast Weekend, has said he will publish excerpts from some selected Writers Read submissions on the Daily Astorian's Weekend Break feature page on March 8. For more information, contact the Cannon Beach Library, (503) 436-1391.

Sponsored by the Friends of Haystack Rock lecture series, Matt Hunter will discuss "Oregon's Razor Clam Resource: Past, Current and Future" at the library, 7-8:30 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 9.

Hunter, a shellfish biologist at the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's Marine Resources Program in Astoria, brings 26 years of experience with ODFW and valuable insight and appreciation for the natural cycle of marine fisheries to this lecture.

For this barber, it's worth the trip to Tillamook



Bob Dietsche

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He still doesn't know my name after five years of patronage. His jokes are corny and repetitious. He insists on having two radios on at the same time. Some will be turned off by the the backside of his hand mirror which invariably features the butt end of a farm animal. But it's doubtful there is a better barber in all of Oregon than Ron Steiger.

His shop in Tillamook is pin clean, and he likes to keep it that way by sweeping thoroughly after each haircut. He has a cutting tool for every occasion, each carefully laid out on

GUEST COLUMN
BOB DIETSCHKE

a cabinet as if he's prepping for surgery.

Meticulous is a good word to describe his artistry. He's the only barber I've known who carefully critiques his own work out loud and won't let you step down until he is satisfied.

Ron balks at the term hair stylist and all those fancy names like Shear Shack. He's a bar-

BEST BARBER?

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ber. The old fashion kind who closes on Mondays, doesn't take appointments and offers a shoulder massage with a vibrator after every operation.

The last time I was there, he refused to take my money because it was veterans week and all veterans were free. Who does that these days?

"It's the least I can do," Ron said.

Ron doesn't talk much, but if you want to know about the town of Tillamook, ask Ron.

I think it was the famous author Truman Capote who said something like "you can learn more about a city in beauty salons and barber shops than in most information centers. Wouldn't you agree?"

Bob Dietsche is a Manzanita resident. He is author of "Jumptown: A History Of Portland Jazz" and "Tatum's Town, the Early Years of Jazz in Toledo, Ohio."

HAPPENINGS IN BRIEF

Annual WINGS conference

Seaside's branch of the American Association of University Women will be joining the Astoria AAUW to present its 17th annual WINGS conference at Clatsop Community College on Feb. 9.

The day-long conference is free to women interested in returning to school to complete their GEDs, start or finish certificates or degrees or develop or update job skills.

Seaside AAUW is part of a more than 130-year old national organization that seeks to empower women and children.

Workshops help women meet their educational or career goals. Contact clatsopcc.edu or call 503-717-1852 for information on the conference.

Family Bingo Night scheduled

The 4-H Leaders Association is holding a Family Bingo Night fundraiser on Jan. 19. Doors will open at 6 and bingo will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Bob Chisholm Center in Seaside,

1225 Avenue A. Friends, supporters, and the public are invited to attend.

Proceeds help fund the general 4-H program. For more information, call 503-325-8573.

4-H is an OSU program that offers its programs equally to all people ages 5 to 19. For more information about 4-H membership or 4-H leadership, call 503-325-8573.

Local students make OSU honor roll

Oregon State University announced its fall honor roll.

Cannon Beach resident Annuka A. Brown, a junior majoring in human development and family science, was named to the honor roll with a 3.5 average or better.

Students on the honor roll from Seaside with a 3.5 average or better include: Dawson L. Blanchard, freshman, a major in fisheries and wildlife science; Emma R. Dutcher, sophomore, psychology; Joshua M. Strozzi, junior, computer science; Ryanne L. Sunnell, freshman, marketing; Brittany A. West, junior, forestry.

Gearhart's Jessica L. Chisholm, a freshman majoring in biology; and

Hunter L. Thompson, a sophomore pre-forest/civil engineering major, each received honors with a 3.5 average or better.

A total of 1,483 students earned straight-A (4.0). Another 4,752 earned a B-plus (3.5) or better to make the listing. Students must carry at least 12 graded hours of course work.

Housing crisis and the homeless

The Seaside brand of the American Association of University Women hosts a panel discussion on homelessness, to be held at Beach Books 10 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 19.

The panel includes Alan Evans, founder of Helping Hands Re-entry Centers; Seaside City Council member Tita Montero; and a representative of the Seaside School District. The program is free and open to the public.

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