

Neal Maine’s

ART OF THE MIGRATORY BIRD

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For Seaside Signal

Photographer Neal Maine wants you to reconsider the boundaries of your backyard. He wants you to think bigger, much bigger. In fact, Maine would have you look at the entire globe as your backyard, at least when it comes to birds. I met with Maine at the Seaside Public Library where his exhibit, “Celebrating 100 Years of the Migratory Bird Act of 1918,” is on display through Feb. 26.

The exhibit features over a dozen photographs of migratory coastal birds in celebration of the 100 year anniversary of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act. Maine came prepared with facts and figures about the importance of the treaty, as well as an interesting historical perspective. For instance, did you know that prior to the conservation movement in the early 1900s, the first Christmas Bird Count was a shooting contest? Or that there was over one million dollars in feathers on the Titanic when it sank, making bird feathers the single most valuable cargo on the ship?

Rapid expansion of human settlements, wetlands loss, rifle advances and the fashion industry devastated song bird and waterfowl populations. The treaty, initially between Canada and the United States, prevented



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all of his advocacy work with the North Coast Land Conservancy, he eschews the term environmentalism, preferring natural history instead. “Natural history doesn’t have baggage, it seems calmer and more people are comfortable with it.” And he doesn’t want people to think about him when they come to see the images at the library. Rather he wants the viewer to consider the impact of our cultural artifacts on the planet.

“We’re always in these conflicts,” citing sea lions and salmon, or dams as examples. His hope is that people will come to see the exhibit because they want to better understand the significance of these birds in the community.

For Maine, photography is not just an art form, the real experience is being present to take the photo. “Once we’ve taken a photograph, it’s over, it’s less than the experience.”

The photo is secondary, Maine insists that he’d “be out in nature anyway.”

This exhibit is a way to reinforce connectivity.

After all, “if a bird can fly around the globe, the world is pretty small.” And even though it’s a small world, our own backyard has over 350 identified bird species, both resident and migrant, all reliant on the treaty for protection.

poaching and the wanton destruction of birds for profit. In the following decades several other countries signed the treaty.

Federal agencies had long standing precedent to interpret the treaty in such a way that even accidental killing and harm, also known as incidental take, of migratory birds and their habitat was prohibited. But a December 2017 memorandum of understanding reinterpreted this now century old treaty to apply only to activities that purposefully kill birds, an action that has led to a lawsuit



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of eight states including Oregon and ultimately, this local photography exhibit.

The artwork itself is classic Maine, who,

port the work of the North Coast Land Conservancy, an organization Maine was principal in establishing. Maine’s dedication to the coast is clear in each shot and he captures not only the movement and plumage of a bird, but its character as well. But for all of his experience capturing these elusive creatures on film, Maine doesn’t consider himself to be a rare birder, “A robin is just as valuable as a rare duck.”

Photography is a an opportunity for Maine, a community pillar for several decades, to act as an engaged citizen. But for

Coast HappeningsCalendar YOUR GUIDE TO MUSIC, ART, COMMUNITY AND CULTURAL EVENTS ON THE NORTH COAST

Friday, Feb. 22

Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike

7:30 p.m., Coaster Theatre Playhouse, 108 North Hemlock St., Cannon Beach; coastertheatre.com, 503-436-1242.

Maggie & the Katz

6:30 p.m., Sweet Basil’s Café, 271 Hemlock St., Cannon Beach, 503-436-1539, www.cafesweetbasils.com, no cover, 21+. Maggie & the Katz play blues, soul and rhythm-n-blues.

Saturday, Feb. 23

Mixed-media painting

Cannon Beach Arts Association, mixed media painting with recycled beach plastic, with Pooka Rice; cannon-beacharts.org; 971-361-9308.

Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike

7:30 p.m., Coaster Theatre Playhouse, 108 North Hemlock St., Cannon Beach; coastertheatre.com, 503-436-1242.

Monday, Feb. 25

Burgers & Jam

6:30 p.m., American Legion, 1216 Hemlock St., Cannon Beach, 503-436-2973. The Legion offers burgers and music on Monday nights.

Wednesday, Feb. 27

Wednesday morning meeting

8 a.m., Hosted by the Cannon Beach Chamber of Commerce, Pizza A’ Fetta, upstairs, 231 N. Hemlock.

Art of Aging/Dying series

3 p.m., featuring author Sally

Savor Cannon Beach returns March 7-10



Beth Wise

Guests enjoy a pour at the 2018 event.

Tisdale, Hoffman Center, 594 Laneda Ave., Manzanita.

Thistle and Rose

5-7:30 p.m., folk/Americana; The Bistro, 263 N. Hemlock, Cannon Beach; 503-436-2661.

Thursday, Feb. 28

History and Hops

6 p.m., Author Jim Aalberg, “The Company Towns of Clatsop County,” Seaside Brewing, 851 Broadway, Seaside.

Sugar Thistles

5:30-7:30 p.m., folk/pop duo; The Bistro, 263 N. Hemlock, Cannon Beach; 503-436-2661.

Floating Glass Balls

7-9 p.m., Bill’s Tavern, folk, blues and “beachgrass,” 188 N. Hemlock. Cannon Beach; 503-436-2202.

Friday, March 1

Writers Read

Cannon Beach Library, Writers to describe life on the North Coast; 131 N. Hemlock St.; 503-436-1391.

Bill Hayes

5-7 p.m., Cheri’s Cafe, guitar; 239 N. Hemlock, Cannon Beach, 503-436-1129.

Wes Wahrmund

6-9 p.m., The Bistro, guitar, 263 N. Hemlock, Cannon Beach; 503-436-2661

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Texas Hold ‘em

7 p.m., American Legion, 1216

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The spring brings many great things to the Oregon coast, including the return of Savor Cannon Beach. If you haven’t heard of the Savor event, some keywords include wine, food and good cause. This year’s Savor Cannon Beach is happening March 7-10 at the Tolovana Hall.

The weekend long fundraiser for Clatsop

Animal Assistance has a lot of repeat participants. And who blames them for coming back year after year? The entire community shows up and it’s a great deal for people looking to try new regional wines. And this year there are some world renowned wineries participating including A to Z Wine-works, J. Scott Cellars, and Cannon Beach’s home grown Puffin Wines.

Advanced tickets are available.

Hemlock St., Cannon Beach, 503-436-2973, 21+

Saturday, March 2

Emergency orientation and drill

1 p.m., Calvary Bible Church, 560 Laneda Ave., Manzanita;

Oyster Feed

5 p.m., American Legion, 1216 Hemlock St., Cannon Beach,

503-436-2973, cannonbeach-post168.org, \$17. American Legion offers an oyster feed and fish dinner, sides and take out available.

5-7 p.m., Cheri’s Cafe, guitar; 239 N. Hemlock, Cannon Beach, 503-436-1129.

Whale Spirit Drum Circle

7-8 p.m., all welcome to gather and drum together; no drum-

ming experience is necessary. Check www.WhaleSpirit.com to confirm location each month. Bob Chisholm Community Center, 1225 Avenue A, Seaside.

Wes Wahrmund

6-9 p.m., The Bistro, guitar, 263 N. Hemlock, Cannon Beach; 503-436-2661.

Umphy

7 p.m., Live music, Public Coast Brewing Co., 264 E Third St, Cannon Beach. For more information, visit publiccoastbrewing.com; 503-436-0285.

Correo Aereo

7 p.m., Live music, Hoffman Center, 594 Laneda Ave., Manzanita.

Sunday, March 3

Seed exchange

1 p.m., White Clover Grange, 36585 OR-53, Nehalem.

Monday, March 4

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IT MAY SEEM LIKE YOU FAILED ON YOUR RELAPSING MS TREATMENT.

If other treatments have failed you, learn about another option. Hear experts discuss an infusion treatment for relapsing MS.

EVENT TITLE:
Could LEMTRADA be right for you?

WHERE:
Baked Alaska
1 12th Street #1
Astoria, Oregon 97103

WHEN:
March 2nd, 2019 at 11:30am

SPEAKER(S):
Leah Gaedeke
Portland, Oregon

Please RSVP so we can reserve your seat. Use event code PEP-10966 Visit RMStreatmentevent.com or call 1.877.895.1136

This special event is for people with relapsing MS and their Care Partners to learn about an infusion treatment option. You'll also hear from an RMS patient.
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Mar 8 • Savor CB Wine & Art Walk

Mar 9 • Savor CB Wine Walk

Mar 10 • Duckhorn Wines

Mar 16 • Puffin & Friends!

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