

Plastic: Artwork takes new forms in Cannon Beach

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The participants worked with fragments of old beach toys, pieces of rope, and twisted bits of plastic from indistinguishable sources that were collected from the Pacific shore. Regardless of skill level, each person ended up with a piece of multi-dimensional artwork that can now be “a storytelling device,” Rice said.

Because ocean plastics are known to concentrate toxic pollutants — which is an additional danger to marine ecosystems — she goes through a multistep cleaning method to help detoxify the plastic before it is extensively handled. Even still, she encouraged participants to wash their hands after crafting with the debris and before consuming food. When the art pieces are in schools or other areas frequented by children, she said, they are encased in plant-based resin to ensure the kids “aren’t exposed to anything.”

The art association is working to take similar environmental art workshops into the area schools with the help of working artists in the community.

“It is really important to me that art is getting to students,” Sokol said.

Rice agreed, adding, “There’s not a lot of art left in schools. Bringing it in along with science is awesome.”

The next workshop in the series is “How Does Your Garden Grow: Beach Plastic Floral Assemblage,” with artist Mary Bess Gloria, on Saturday, March 23. For more information or to register for any upcoming workshop, visit cannonbeacharts.org or call 971-361-9308.



ABOVE Lisa Nofield (left) and Jenna Patterson get crafty with trash at the Mixed Media Painting with Recycled Beach Plastic workshop on Feb. 22. The workshop was part of an environmental art series organized by the Cannon Beach Arts Association and Haystack Rock Awareness Program. **LEFT** Workshop participants got to practice incorporating marine debris into artwork. Katherine Lacaze

Plan: Will it be a touch-up or fresh start?

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He was, however, supportive of updating the current comprehensive plan, a process that will be initiated by St. Denis and presented to the council in April.

St. Denis will identify items within the city’s current comprehensive plan, present his findings back to the council around April, and start taking action for a plan update in the fall, which will include ample time for public input.

At their December retreat, the council identified 13 priorities for discussion, led by workforce housing options, improving infrastructure and sustainability. A fore-



Bruce St. Denis

dune management plan also stood near the top of the list, with discussions planned after the completion of the budget.

The city’s Budget Committee will hold a preliminary meeting on March 27, with the process officially starting in May.

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- Emergency Management
- Old Elementary School
- Events
- Downtown Improvements
- Housing
- Strategic Plan
- Arts and Entertainment
- Fore-dune Management
- Update Comprehensive Plan
- City Hall/Police Station
- Rates and a Rate Model Decision
- Budget

Hiring: Penrod is one of 23 candidates

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She said she hopes to join the district’s efforts to raise student achievement, help students grow socially and emotionally, and become part of the community. “That’s who I am and that’s a district I want to be a part of.”

The selection committee, consisting of three members of the board, will provide a recommendation to the board for the March 19 board meeting.

“We’ll do a review of all the information,” Roley said. “We’ve already visited schools, we’ve already checked references. This will be one more piece or several more pieces of information to see what the district and staff have to share.”



Susan Penrod is introduced by superintendent Sheila Roley on Monday, March 4.



Paul Dueber accepts the Volunteer of the Year Award at the Cannon Beach Chamber of Commerce banquet.

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a big part of what we do — we want to make sure it gets done well.”

The Tom Drumheller Excellence in Leadership award, named after the hotelier who died in 2017, went to Cannon Beach Mayor Sam Steidel.

Volunteer of the year was awarded to Paul Dueber, whose efforts on behalf of Cannon Beach and its artis-

tic ambiance was recognized by chamber members.

Annual sponsor of the year went to Brian Olson of Beachcomber Vacation Homes.

Excellence in customer service was awarded to the Driftwood, Kyle Genin and Jordan Maier. “We work hard at balancing tourists and locals, but we’ll always squeeze you locals in if you give us notice,” Genin said in accepting the honor.

The award for member of the year closed the festivities went to Pelican Brewing, accepted by Pelican General Manager Carly Dye. “Thank you for welcoming us into this great community,” Dye said. “It’s been really fun and really rewarding. We have a great membership community. I love working with everybody around. It’s been a really great pleasure and we’re honored to receive it.”

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