

Celebrating 100 years of the Migratory Bird Act

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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.

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

The artwork itself is classic Maine, who, along with his grandson Michael Wing, run PacificLight Images. Their work is on display in multiple regional galleries and events, often to support the work of the



Michael Wing/PacificLight Partner



Neal Maine

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 an opportunity for Maine, a community pillar for several decades, to act as an engaged citizen. But for 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 reinforces 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. Maine's exhibit "Celebrating 100 Years of the Migratory Bird Act of 1918," will be on display at the Seaside Public Library now through Feb. 26.

When Seaside was a 'company town'

Seaside Signal

The phrase "company town," may conjure images of struggling workers held in economic slavery by some faceless corporation or overbearing manager in a remote coal mining community or Midwest factory town or Northwest lumber camp.

But, according to author Jim Aalberg, when it comes to the "company towns" of Clatsop County such images couldn't be more wrong. The history of Clatsop County can't be told without the blood, sweat and sawdust of the Oregon logger and mills.



Author Jim Aalberg

On Thursday, Feb. 28, at 6 p.m. in the Seaside Brewing Co., Seaside Museum's History and Hops presents Aalberg as he shares stories from his book, "Historical Company Towns of Clatsop County," describing how the people connected to Bradwood, Wauna and Westport remember an almost idyllic existence — one surely filled with hard work but also with a deep sense of community.

Aalberg, a retired senior executive for the Kroger Co., is an amateur historian and writer as well as a fourth-generation Oregonian and the great-great-grandson of Westport's founder, Captain John West.

History and Hops is a series of local history discussions hosted by the Seaside Museum on the last Thursday of each month, September through May, at Seaside Brewing Co., 851 Broadway.

Preserving Seaside's History since 1974, the Seaside Museum and Historical Society is a non-profit educational institution with the mission to collect, preserve and interpret materials illustrative of the history of Seaside and the surrounding area. The museum is located at 570 Necanicum Drive, Seaside and is open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; www.seasideoregonmuseum.com.

Community Calendar

Friday, Feb. 15

Arthritis Exercise

10:15 a.m., free, Bob Chisholm Center, 1225 Avenue A, Seaside, 503-738-7393.

Senior Lunch Program

11:45 a.m., Bob Chisholm Community Center, 1225 Avenue A, Seaside, 503-738-7393, www.sunsetempire.com. \$3 suggested donation, for those 60 and over; \$6.75 for those under 60.

Dance Fitness

6:30-7:30 p.m., Bob Chisholm Community Center, 1225 Avenue A, Seaside, 503-738-7393.

Saturday, Feb. 16

Play the ukulele

9:45 a.m., learn to play the ukulele, for beginners, conference room, Bob Chisholm Community Center, 1225 Avenue A, Seaside, 503-738-7393.

Jenn Visser

1 p.m., "How to Change Your Habits and Live the Life You Like," Seaside Library, 1131 Broadway; 503-738-6742.

Passport to Hope Relay

6-7:30 p.m., Relay for Life team members and survivor registration; Gearhart Bowl and Fultano's Pizza, 3518 U.S. Highway 101 North, Gearhart.

Sweet Shop Second Anniversary

5-7 p.m., featuring Bruce Thomas Smith, guitar, 567 Pacific Way, Gearhart.

Nighttime Friends Band

7 p.m., Seaside Legion Post 99, 1315 Broadway, Seaside, 503-738-5111.

Monday, Feb. 18

Open swim

1-3 p.m., Seaside Kids free open swim, Sunset Pool, 1140 Broadway, Seaside.

Tai Chi for Better Balance

1 p.m., free, Bob Chisholm Community Center, 1225 Avenue A, Seaside, 503-738-7393.

Pinochle Group

1 p.m., Bob Chisholm Center, 1225 Avenue A, Seaside, 503-738-3311, \$1 per session per person. This is a weekly, regular play card game; prizes awarded.

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Hold 'Em

7 p.m., American Legion, 1315 Broadway, Seaside, 503-738-5111.

Tuesday, Feb. 19

Quickbooks, Level 2

8:30-10:30 a.m., at South County Center Lab, 1455 N. Roosevelt Dr.; register at bizcenter.org/centers/clatsop-sbdc/our-classes or call 503-338-2402.

Tabata

6-7 p.m., high intensity interval training; Bob Chisholm Community Center, 1225 Avenue A, Seaside, 503-738-7393.

Taco Tuesday

6:30 p.m., American Legion, 1315 Broadway, Seaside, 503-738-5111.

Wednesday, Feb. 20

Preschool Storytime

10 a.m., Seaside Public Library, 1131 Broadway, Seaside; 503-738-6742

Good Morning Seaside

8 a.m., Weekly coffee and networking; Seaside Chamber of Commerce; contact for details, www.seasidechamber.com.

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Bingo!

12:30 p.m., Bob Chisholm Community Center, 1225 Avenue A, Seaside, 503-738-7393, www.sunsetempire.com. Bingo play, 10 cents per card, \$2.40 all games.

Thursday, Feb. 21

SDDA Breakfast

8:30 a.m., Pig 'N' Pancake, 323 Broadway, Seaside, 503-717-1914, www.seasidedowntown.com. Weekly speakers, discussions and a no-host breakfast.

Seaside Rotary Club

Noon, meets Thursdays, Angelina's Pizzeria, 1815 S Roosevelt Drive, Seaside. Lunch is still \$15 for non-members.

Get Fit!

6-7 p.m., balanced strength and conditioning program, Bob Chisholm Community Center, 1225 Avenue A, Seaside, 503-738-7393.

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Sunday, Feb. 24

Recovery of the Whole Self

1-4 p.m., "What Yoga Says About Addiction," Bob Chisholm Community Center, 1225 Avenue A, Seaside, 503-738-7393.

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Tuesday, Feb. 26

KMUN benefit

4:30-10 p.m., 10 percent of the night's proceeds to KMUN; Fort George Brewery, 1483 Duane St., Astoria.

Tabata

6-7 p.m., high intensity interval training; Bob Chisholm Community Center, 1225 Avenue A, Seaside, 503-738-7393.

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Wednesday, Feb. 27

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