

# Unique things about the Seaside Public Library

## BETWEEN THE COVERS

ESTHER MOBERG



You might not know that the Seaside Public Library has a number of very unique things about both our building and things within our library. While there are only a few libraries designed by Richard Truri in Oregon, we also have our own unique specialties that you may or may not know about. During this time of year when it’s pouring down rain, what better place to be than in the library either selecting books to take home or sitting and reading in front of the library’s cozy fireplace. Next time you are here in the Seaside Library, take a good look around and see if you can find the following. Tucked away in the back of the library, see if you can find Elbert Groot’s seamen’s chest. One of the main reasons we have our library

building today is because Mr. Groot donated a very large amount of money to have our library built. Thanks to him, the Friends of the Library, Mary Peterson, the former library bookstore manager, Reita Fackerell, our past Mayor Don Larson, and so many other community members, we were able to successfully fundraise and build a new library building 10 years ago. Mr. Groot always credited libraries for most of his self-taught knowledge and success in life and he gave back in a very big way to this library later on in his life. I never got to know him, but according to former library director Reita Fackerell, he was a very frugal man who liked to eat ramen noodles while standing up, plain without the seasoning packet. The library has a small quilt in our permanent fiber art collection. We actually have a lot of lap quilts in the children’s area but there is also one in the adult area too. Hanging on one of our back walls, find our little wall hanging quilt crafted by our former mayor’s wife, Lois Larson. We have many wonderful quilters in our commu-



Seaside Library Mayor Don Larson, Paula Clark, Kathleen Link and Reita Fackerell at the library’s 2008 ribbon-cutting.

nity. Thanks to our volunteer art committee, and especially Nancy Berry, every year we have a wonderful fiber art show on display, typically around December or in the winter time. While this show is often a quilt display, this year we have chosen to focus on crocheted and knitted socks. If you are interested in helping with our display and have a sock or two to

share, please contact the Library for more details about when to drop of your socks for the display. The Seaside Public Library also has a weather vane inside the library. You read that right, the weather vane is inside, not outside. We sure don’t anticipate a windstorm inside, but just in case, see if you can find our library weather vane. It has a great blue

heron on top. It was originally put outside on top of the library building on the steeple, but the first big storm after it was put up it fell down. We had to take it down and it has lived inside the library ever since. The Seaside Public Library also has a puppet theater in our children’s room. Given in memory of a sweet little girl, Ashlynn Anderson, who passed away at a very young age, the puppet theater delights children every single day in the library. Near the puppet theater, you can also find a boat that children can read in. Donated by Mrs. Johnson, a local elementary school teacher, she gave us the boat so more kids could enjoy reading in it. We have revamped the boat to fit in the children’s area, and entire families can often be seen sitting in the boat together reading. These are just a few of the fun and unique things you can find and enjoy at the library but there are many others as well. Come to the library for yourself to discover what other special things make our library unique just to Seaside.

# Remembering the first hunting outing with my dad

## ‘THE BOB’

DARREN GOOCH



Fall is one of my favorite times of the year and it is also one of the busiest. October marks the start of hunting season, something I have looked forward to every year since I was a little kid. I remember my first outing with my dad when I was eight- or nine-years-old and how fun it was to be out in the woods walking around with him. Over the years I have heard many folks say things like, “I

can’t believe you go out there and hunt Bambi like that.” Believe me when I say that was the nicest thing I have heard said about hunting. I think it is important to understand that hunting is not always “catching.” If I based my decision to spend money on gas and food, drive 200 miles over to central Oregon and hike 10 miles a day, my success rate simply would not justify my investment. So there has to be more to it, right? First of all, I think it is important to understand that as a kid, I was not gifted with an athletic mind or build. My dad’s attempts at cultivating a little league player really didn’t pan out for him. However, for what I lacked in athleticism, I more than made up for with a keen eye and a stealthy

gait. I could hit a bullseye at 150 yards just about every time. Over the past 40 years, I have been my dad’s fishing and hunting buddy. It is the level on which we both connect, our common ground if you will and we are bound by all of those memories we share. I never get enough of the stories about my grandparents and the funny things that happened on hunting trips when my dad was a boy. I have probably learned more about my family on these trips than any other time during the year. In the fall of 2013 we said our final goodbyes to my grandpa who was almost always with us on our trips. He passed away peacefully due to pneumonia after coming home from elk hunting that year. The following fall,

we burned his boots in the campfire in honor of him and I looked over to see just a single tear in my dad’s eye. No one said a word for a very long moment, we just watched as his boots became ash. This year, we welcomed a new hunter to camp, my two-year-old grandson. Watching him run around the camp kicking pine cones and chasing after chipmunks reminded me a lot of his mom when she was his age. My daughter called me about three weeks before the start of the season to tell me she had already started packing. Was somebody a little excited for deer season? I definitely think so! All three of my kids have hunted with us since they were little and even though they are spread out with families of their own, they still

come home for that special time together each year. This brings me around to my point. I often come home empty-handed, to the point that my wife says she isn’t letting me go next year and would rather invest in a grass-fed side of beef. But the experiences I do come home with can never be replaced. It is much the same way I feel about our folks here at the center and their daily social experiences. When I watch them having lunch and sharing their memories with one another it takes me back to all of those times I have sat around the campfire sharing moments with the ones I love. Every month, The BOB will bring you information on current events and items of interest here at the center. See you next month!

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Setting record straight at Gearhart school

Please accept this as a formal rebuttal to certain issues found within your Oct. 23 article on the Gearhart elementary school “Sale presents tough road to hoe.” Please note that I am only one of many founders of the Pac Way Group. Many in Gearhart have led in the effort in forming the group for the purpose of an open forum promoting untargeted political discourse regarding Gearhart politics. First, as to the school properties, let’s not forget the school district was trying to sell a major school bond that initially failed. Second, one of the school representatives admitted they were not that familiar with the condition of the Gearhart facilities which in itself gives further hope for the school. Third, and most importantly, City Administrator Chad Sweet again makes a snap and incorrect assumption

tion the community would be so ignorant as to seek a new fire facility in a flood zone. To be clear residents have discussed the school as a much more economical repurposed city center and the cost savings of the center compared to a new fire complex could be easily allocated to a substantial refurbishment of the existing fire station which, depending on the outside agency model used, has a high probability of surviving tsunami related water encroachment. Sweet’s statement purposely miss states the community’s well communicated alternatives. Sweet’s ongoing bias favoring his planned fire complex has rendered him a cynical opportunist for his interests at the expense of potentially better options for all of Gearhart. Many on social media are very aware that Sweet has a conflict as he also serves on the fire department and coupled with his continual miss statements regarding

ing oppositional views lead many to the conclusion, right or wrong, the City Council promotes and may even be encouraging this dishonesty. Jack Zimmerman Gearhart

### More access to addiction services needed

Regarding the opioid conference article by Eve Marx, (“From the front lines of the opioid crisis,”) Signal, Oct. 25, the addict goes through several distinct processes. The first is usually detox, the act of stopping or minimizing use of substances. Addiction therapy follows, where you learn about addiction and recovery, and how to live a better life. Then you pass on to living a life in recovery, finding the way to live each day without intoxication. The groups that attended this conference help with the first two phases, but typically the third phase is the lon-

gest lasting and I don’t see anyone representing groups like 12-step or other peer-led recovery. We should have better contact with those groups in order to minimize relapse/recidivism. We also need to have affordable access to the health groups that did attend the workshop. The lower-income working folks just simply don’t get affordable addiction coverage if they have health insurance. They either deal with it themselves or get help from their peers in recovery groups. Imagine having appendicitis and going to your friend down the street who got treatment for it last year, and asking that lay person to help you get better because they know how to do it. Sponsors and mentors want to do the best thing, but they don’t have the training. Relapse will continue to be common until we can improve the life long care for addicts. Roger Oakes Seaside

## Community Calendar

### Friday, Nov. 1

**Bill Hayes**  
5-7 p.m., contemporary, folk and Americana; Cheri’s Cafe, 239 N. Hemlock, Cannon Beach.

**Wes Wahrmond**  
6-9 p.m., classical guitar, classical guitar, jazz and original tunes, The Bistro, 271 N. Hemlock, Cannon Beach.

### Saturday, Nov. 2

**Learn to Play Ukulele**  
9:45 a.m., learn how to play the ukulele with instructor Kathy Ryan; conference room; Bob Chisholm Community Center, 1225 Avenue A; sunsetempire.com.

**Dancing in the Rain**  
9:45 a.m., Stormy Weather Arts Festival, pick out a new outfit at this runway show; Coaster Theatre Playhouse, 108 N. Hemlock, Cannon Beach.

**Art Reception**  
2-5 p.m., work by Kitty Paino; Trail’s End Art Gallery, 656 A St., Gearhart; 503-717-9548.

**Seaside Art Walk**  
5-7 p.m., the Gilbert District, held the first Saturday of every month inside shops, dining establishments and galleries in and around Broadway Street and Holladay Drive in Seaside.

### Celebrate the Squid

7 p.m., Seventh edition of the North Coast Squid, presented by the Manzanita Writers Series at the Hoffman Center for the Arts, 594 Laneda Ave., Manzanita.

**Marv and Rindy Ross, with Jon Koonce**  
7:30 p.m., the founding members of Quarterflash join forces with one of Portland’s original indie roots rockers and other special guests; Coaster Theatre Playhouse; 108 N. Hemlock, Cannon Beach

**Brews, Blues and Barbecue**  
11 a.m.-2 p.m., Stormy Weather Arts Festival; Sample local craft beers and barbecue lunch; Delta Blues from Steve Chesborough; Cannon Beach Community Hall, 207 N. Spruce.

**Free Sunday Supper**  
Doors open 3 p.m.; dinner at 4, all welcome; Our Lady of Victory Church, 120 Oceanway, Seaside.

**Monday, Nov. 4**  
**Coffee, crafts and conversation**  
10 a.m., Bob Chisholm Community Center, 1225 Avenue A, Seaside.

### Bingo!

12:30 p.m., Bob Chisholm Community Center, 1225 Avenue A, Seaside.

**Senior Movie**  
1 p.m., movie title posted weekly at Bob Chisholm Community Center; 1225 Avenue A.

**Tuesday, Nov. 5**  
**Drop-In Pickleball**  
10 a.m., Pickleball equipment is available for check-out at other times by calling 503-738-3311, ext. 100. Seaside Youth Center at 1140 Broadway in Seaside.

**Taco Tuesday**  
5-7:30 p.m., American Legion Post 99, 1315 Broadway Street Seaside.

**Wednesday, Nov. 6**  
**Good Morning Seaside**  
8 a.m., Weekly coffee and networking; Seaside Chamber of Commerce; contact for details, www.seasidechamber.com.

**Awana Youth Group**  
6-8 p.m., age 3 to sixth-graders, North Coast Family Fellowship, 2245 N. Wahan-na, Seaside; 503-738-7453.

**Open Gym Basetball**  
7:45-9:30 p.m., enjoy a pickup game;

both residents and nonresidents; Broadway Middle School gym, 1120 Broadway.

**Thursday, Nov. 7**  
**SDDA Breakfast**  
8:30 a.m., Pig ‘N Pancake, 323 Broadway, Seaside, 503-717-1914, www.seaside-downtown.com. Weekly speakers, discussions and a no-host breakfast.

**Senior Movie**  
1 p.m., movie title posted weekly at Bob Chisholm Community Center; 1225 Avenue A.

**Poet Floyd Skloot**  
7 p.m., presented by the Manzanita Writer’s Series; Hoffman Center for the Arts, 594 Laneda Ave., Manzanita.

**The Junebugs**  
8 p.m., Live music, The Times Theatre & Public House, 133 Broadway, Seaside.

**Friday, Nov. 8**  
**Calvary Episcopal Holiday Bazaar**  
4-6 p.m., holiday items support church and community programs; dessert and beverages served; Calvary Episcopal Church; 503 N Holladay Drive.

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