

More anglers sought for Alsea River

More anglers are needed to fish Alsea River and participate in the wild winter steelhead broodstock collection project. Collecting broodstock every year from December through May helps Alsea Hatchery officials in the production of eggs and juveniles for future generations of steelhead.

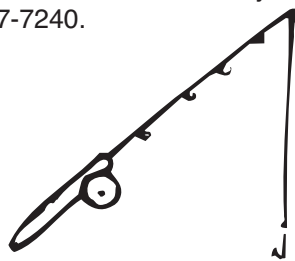
"This is an important project because it creates a wild broodstock," said Alsea Hatchery Manager Matt Frank. "Both wild and hatchery broodstock help spread out the peak of the run so anglers can enjoy good fishing for a longer period of time."

Volunteers must be registered, or fishing with a registered angler, to participate in the project. Individuals can register with Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife at the Alsea Hatchery or Newport district offices, and will be required to sign a "Conditions of Volunteer Service" form for the State of Oregon.

Only unmarked fish will be collected. Anglers should transport collected fish in PVC fish holding tubes (fish should be placed headfirst into holding tubes) or re-circulating transport totes (supplied by the hatcheries) to a pickup site.

Participants need to contact the Alsea Hatchery at 541-487-7240 immediately following their drop off.

It is highly recommended that individuals refrain from overplaying or excessively fatiguing the fish and use cotton or wool gloves to handle fish. For more information call Matt Frank at Alsea Hatchery 541-487-7240.



Feb. 2 is National Wear Red Day

Everyone (men too!) can support the fight against heart disease in women by wearing red on February 2, National Wear Red Day. It's a simple, powerful way to raise awareness of heart disease and stroke.

By joining together with thousands of women, companies and organizations, and cities across America, you'll help the American Heart Association support ongoing research and education about women and heart disease.

National Wear Red Day has its own dress code. Wear your favorite red clothes or accessory — a red blouse, a red dress

pin, a fabulous red handbag — put on red lipstick, or sport a red tie and red socks. Go red in your own fashion to show your support for women and the fight against heart disease.

Too few people realize that heart disease is the No. 1 killer of women (and men), but the good news is that heart disease largely can be prevented. Spreading the Go Red For Women message, Love Your Heart raises awareness of heart disease and empowers women to reduce their risk.

Contact your local American Heart Association, call 1-888-MY HEART.

Artwork of astronaut Captain Alan Bean now showing in Seaside

The artwork of renowned astronaut/artist Captain Alan Bean will be presented at Ernst & Ernst Collectors Gallery, 15 Broadway, Seaside, from January 25 through February 19. This will be one of the stops in a country-wide traveling show of Bean's artwork.

A dozen men have walked on the moon, but only one artist. Alan Bean is an astronaut, an explorer, a moonwalker and an artist. "I have been fortunate enough to see sights no other artist has ever seen," said Captain Bean. "It was after I'd been to the moon that I

found out I was given a gift with my art. And now I feel like I have the opportunity to tell one of the greatest stories of humankind through my art. Space is our frontier and its exploration may be our generation's greatest contribution to human history."

The art of Captain Alan Bean is published exclusively by The Greenwich Workshop of Seymour, Connecticut, and is available only through authorized dealers. Greenwich Workshop is the leading publisher of limited edition fine art in North America.

Bean, Apollo XII astronaut, commander of Skylab II and artist, was born in 1932 in Wheeler, Texas. In 1950, he was selected for an NROTC scholarship at the University of Texas at Austin. He was commissioned an ensign in the U.S. Navy in 1955.

Holder of eleven world records in space and astronautics, as well as numerous national and international honors, Captain Bean has had a most distinguished peacetime career. His awards include two NASA distinguished service medals, the Yuri Gagarin Gold Medal and the Robert J. Collier Trophy. As part of the Apollo XII crew, he became the fourth of only twelve men ever to walk on the moon. As the spacecraft

commander of Skylab Mission II, he set a world record: 24,400,000 miles traveled during the 59-day flight. He has also launched himself successfully into a new career as an artist.

When he wasn't flying, Bean always enjoyed painting as a hobby. Attending night classes at St. Mary's College in Maryland in 1962, he experimented with landscapes. During train-

ing and between missions as a test pilot and astronaut, he continued with private art lessons. On space voyages, his artist's eye and talent enabled him to document impressions of the moon and space to be preserved later on canvas. His art reflects the aeronautical engineer's attention to detail, the astronaut's respect for the unknown, and the unabashed appreciation of a skilled painter.

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or were hilarious in their attempts to auction items for charity that the mayor had donated. In addition to entertainment, attendees enjoyed blackjack or roulette, or watched a silent movie. The food was coordinated by Josette Mitchell and catered by Leonetti's. Prime rib, chicken in mushroom sauce and the penné pasta received rave reviews from the diners.

Under the direction of Paula Hanson, the decorations were breathtaking and tasteful. Hanson's crew included Orissa Burghard, Rosemary Curtis, Ron Henderman and Linda Patterson. Over 4000 white twinkle lights, bundles of curly willow, and huge posters of the 1920s were used, while eight-foot-tall silhouettes danced on the walls.

The event was not only a lot of fun for those in attendance, but will benefit all Vernonians as well, with \$2,000 that will benefit local children and families.

The Mayor's Charity New Year's Ball began in 2007 to raise funds to strengthen families and improve outcomes for children and youth. The council recognizes that healthy, happy children, youth and families improve the livability of a community. To accomplish this, the mayor collaborates with other groups to promote family and youth friendly projects.

The skateboard park has been a dream for area youth since 1999 and the mayor will donate \$500.00 to help realize this new park. Hands on Art began with children and now serves the entire community with exposure to the arts. \$500 will be donated to Hands on Art. The Learning Center is a community center that is affordable, inclusive and available to anyone. The mayor has delegated \$1000 to the center.

Mayor Harrison expressed a special thank you to all the volunteers who donated time, desserts, artistic talents, money and spirit to make this event successful.



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