

Cannon Beach to hold new event

The Cannon Beach Photo Review, a new weekend-long event that will debut October 12-14, is attracting well known experts in the field who will offer an opportunity for professional and serious amateur photographers to have their work critiqued. The event is currently enrolling participants at cannonbeachphotoreview.com. The registration deadline is September 17.

Highlighting the event will be the "Portfolio Reviews", where each participant will sit down with editors, museum curators, advertising photography directors and magazine publishers in 20-minute sessions. This is a wonderful opportunity for participating photographers to establish professional contacts in the field that could possibly lead to job assignments in advertising, or directly from well-known magazines as well as potential gallery or museum exhibits.

Among the reviewers are Brooks Jensen, publisher of LensWork Magazine; Katie Taft, a curator from Denver, Colorado; Barry Fitzsimmons, most recently photo editor of the Seattle Times; Nickie Bour-nias, creative director for tourism publications at MEDI-America; Laura Moya, director of Photolucida; Hamidah Glasgow, executive director of The Center for Fine Art Photography; Blue Mitchell, founding director of Diffusion: Unconven-

tional Photography; Jim Leisy, board president of the Portland Art Museum's Photography Council, and Marni Beardsley, director of production for Wieden+Kennedy.

Most photo reviews include hundreds of participants. In contrast, the Cannon Beach Photo Review will offer an intimate venue providing more opportunities for networking because it is limited to 48 participants.

Event organizer, Don Frank, is a professional photographer who thought that Cannon Beach would be the perfect venue for a photo review, "I can't imagine a more perfect setting...from the remarkable scenery to the welcoming atmosphere of the town...no other place can offer these participants a greater experience. The reviewers that we've invited all totally agree."

In addition to the Portfolio Reviews, photographers and reviewers will be part of a group exhibition at the Cannon Beach Gallery during the month of October. The weekend will kick off with a Friday night Artists' Reception in which photographers can view each other's work and meet the reviewers.

For more information about the event go to the website at cannonbeachphotoreview.com or follow the CBPR on Facebook.

Power of the People

By W. Marc Farmer, General Manager,
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An Historic Event

In the 67 year history of West Oregon Electric Cooperative, the month of August 2012 saw an historic event take place. The city of Vernonia was

switched over to the new Vernonia Substation built on Co-op owned property called the pole yard property. The site is well above the flood plain and will ensure the safe, long term solution to an ongoing problem and increase the longevity and reliability of our system.

The new substation was energized earlier in the month, tested, and inspected. The new transmission and feeder lines were also tested and inspected. Once everything was given the green light in the early morning hours on the 30th day of August, the WOEC Line Crews successfully switched load on the East Feeder serving part of Vernonia. Everything went like clockwork – thanks to many hours of planning and works by the Operations Department, Line Crews, Contract Engineers and Crews, and Staff.

We would also like to again express our gratitude to Senator Ron Wyden, former Senator Gordon Smith, and former Representative David Wu for their support in obtaining a \$475,000 Federal Earmark used to pay for the substation transformers.

In other news, the Co-op held two member meetings to discuss a proposed rate increase made necessary by the costs of the January

snowstorm event and the need to replace funds to maintain year-around tree trimming. The meetings also provided a forum for members to interact and ask questions of the board and staff. The board will take all of the comments and suggestions into consideration as they make their decision at the September 18th board meeting.

In my Annual Meeting Report in the August Ruralite there were some highlights that bear repeating here. The highlights include the completion of our new headquarters facility, beginning construction of the new Vernonia substation, and refinancing most of our RUS loans that will save the Co-op over \$650,000 in interest for the remaining terms of the loans. We continue to see reductions in line losses and outages, due in large part to our tree trimming efforts, pole inspection, restoration and replacement program, and undergrounding projects. This last year we replaced the underground line to Pumpkin Ridge, which has greatly reduced outages in that area.

We are also preparing internally in our software and systems to have the capability in second quarter of next year to allow members to pay their electric bills electronically. We have included a Twitter account in our website and anticipate more features to better serve our members going forward. Each of you were also sent in the mail a Touchstone Connections Card that when used by our members can save hundreds, even thousands of dollars with discounts on prescriptions, tires, food, chiropractic, vision, and many other products and services. Contact Sarah Rossi at our office for more information on this exciting, cost saving program provided by the Co-op.

ODFW seeks Salmon/Trout volunteer

SALEM, Ore. — The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) is seeking qualified candidates to represent the North Coast district on the Salmon and Trout Enhancement Program (STEP) Advisory Committee.

Oregonians that are involved with local fishing or STEP groups, have previous experience working with volunteers and/or in community service, or are involved in natural resource or angling education are encouraged to apply. Candidates must be able to travel at least four times per year. The ideal candidate will be a resident of the area extending from Cannon Beach north to Warrenton, and up the Columbia River to Westport including the communities of

Cannon Beach, Seaside, Warrenton, Astoria and Vernonia.

The major stream basins in this area include the Klaskanine, Youngs, Lewis and Clark, Necanicum, and Nehalem rivers.

The successful candidate will serve a four-year term, with the possibility of re-appointment for a total term of eight years.

STEP was created by the Oregon Legislature in 1981 to provide a way for volunteers to participate in the restoration of native stocks of salmon, steelhead and trout.

The committee is comprised of 13 members representing all regions of Oregon.

Members are appointed by the Governor and meet quarterly in various communities

throughout the state to conduct STEP business and advise ODFW and the Fish and Wildlife Commission on issues regarding STEP. Committee members are volunteers; however, business-related expenses are reimbursed.

This recruitment will remain open until filled, though candidates are encouraged to apply by September 7.

For more information about STEP and directions to application materials, go to <http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/STEP> or contact Kevin Herkamp, ODFW Salmon and Trout Enhancement Program Coordinator, at 503-947-6232, or kevin.herkamp@state.or.us. Application materials also can be found at <http://governor.oregon.gov/Gov/boards.shtml>.



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