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SPRING ACTIVITIES GUIDE

Join salmon conservationists planting 10,000 trees

Tree planting, weed pulling and more

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The best way to battle the winter blues is to get outside and get your hands dirty.

It also happens that the best time to plant trees is in the winter.

That's why the North Olympic Salmon Coalition is hosting a series of planting parties in February and March.

"We plant in the winter so young trees and shrubs that go in the ground can spend their energy establishing root systems and prepare for spring growth," wrote Rian Plastow, NOSC Education and Outreach Associate, in an email response to questions from The Leader. "The winter time is also the wet season and so the plants have access to more water than they would in the dry months."

January has been one of the wettest winters on record. Seattle experienced a full month of rain—with no dry days in January except for New Year's Day. Cities like Olympia, Hoquiam and Forks had record-setting amounts of rain in January, according to the National Weather Service. In Olympia, the rain broke an all-time record of 29 days set in 1953.

It might seem like a gloomy winter for humans, but for trees it's perfect. Not

only that, but a greater snowpack in the Olympics means there will be full streams in the summertime.

The North Olympic Salmon Coalition has a goal of planting 10,000 stems in the ground this winter.

"All of these will be native trees and shrubs," Plastow said. "Our Americorps Washington Conservation Crew is a huge help—planting thousands of trees in Jefferson and Clallam counties with state agencies, the tribes and willing landowners."

Volunteers can join in the planting fun by going to the coalition's website and registering for one of its planting parties. Volunteers will need to dress in warm clothing and prepare to plant in muddy areas, but warm drinks are provided at each planting party. To learn more, go to nosc.org/events.

The Jefferson Land Trust is also hosting a series of stewardship work parties this spring. These work parties typically focus on removing non-native species from the Land Trust's preserved land in Jefferson County.

The first one coming up is at the Chai-yahk-Wh Preserve on Marrowstone Island on Feb. 25, where volunteers will help remove non-native blackberry, ivy, holly and spurge laurel to allow a diversity of trees, shrubs, and understory to thrive. They will plant conifers in openings below the red alder understory to help restore the conifer forest. To RSVP for a work party with the Land Trust, go to saveland.org.



Volunteers with the North Olympic Salmon Coalition planted 10,000 trees in 2019. They hope to do the same this year. *Leader file photo*

Planting season is here!

VOLUNTEER FOR EVENTS WITH NORTH OLYMPIC SALMON COALITION
 (RSVP AT NOSC.ORG)

DUNGENESS RIVER WITH JAMESTOWN S'KLALLAM TRIBE
 SATURDAY, FEB. 15 10 A.M.-1 P.M.
 WEDNESDAY, FEB. 19 10 A.M.-1 P.M.

SIEBERT CREEK WITH NORTH OLYMPIC LAND TRUST
 SATURDAY, FEB. 29 10 A.M.-1 P.M.

VOLUNTEER FOR EVENTS WITH THE JEFFERSON LAND TRUST
 (RSVP AT SAVELAND.ORG)

WORK PARTY AT THE CHAI-YAHK-WH PRESERVE
 TUESDAY, FEB. 25 10 A.M.-1 P.M.

WORK PARTY AT THE PORT TOWNSEND GATEWAY PRESERVE
 TUESDAY, MARCH 10 10 A.M.-1 P.M.

WORK PARTY AT THE UPPER SNOW CREEK FOREST PRESERVE
 TUESDAY, MARCH 24 10 A.M.-1 P.M.

Local soccer players form new league, tryouts March 8

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Tryouts for the Northern Peninsula's newest soccer league will be held on March 8 at Sequim's Albert Haller Playfields.

The new league, called the Northern Peninsula Football League, is a new semi-pro soccer club started by soccer enthusiasts from Jefferson County.

Joost Besjin, who has been involved in Jefferson County's recreational soccer teams, is leading the new team as manager.

"There's been a few pick-up soccer groups in Jefferson County over the years," he said. "I know the one in Port Townsend has been around for 30 years. But we wanted to take the next step."

So Besjin and a few other rec soccer players applied to join the Western Washington Premier League, an elite amateur men's soccer competition with teams from all over the western part of the state, including Seattle, Lacey, Bremerton and others.

"If you're an adult and you want to play at a higher level,

there are few options out there," Besjin said.

This team is an opportunity for soccer players of all ages and from across the Peninsula to flex their skills.

However, while most rec soccer teams are co-ed, the new club is only for men.

"I wanted it to be co-ed," Besjin said. "But currently the Western Washington Premier League is only a men's league."

Still, the new club is looking to fill an entire roster, including starting line-up, bench and reserve positions. There are many spots to be filled, and Besjin hopes to see a lot of people show up for tryouts.

"I really want it to be an inclusive club," Besjin said. "We wanted to make it as low-cost for players as possible."

The tryouts will be held at 1 p.m. on March 8 at the Albert Haller Playfields in Sequim. It costs \$30 to try out and another \$35 to join the team.

The league's home base will be Memorial Field in Sequim, where they will have five home games during the 2020 season, which kicks off on April 25 and goes through July 11.

The rest of the league's costs will be covered by sponsors. So far, they already have one team sponsor, Henery

Hardware, but are on the search for more. They are also doing some online fundraising with a GoFundMe page. Those who want to learn more can visit the league's website, at northernpeninsulaafc.com.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Recreational soccer isn't just for adults. Jefferson County Parks and Recreation offers spring youth soccer for kids Pre-K to sixth grade each spring.

"This is our biggest youth spring program," said Chris Macklin, director of the county's recreation programs. "We get teams from Port Hadlock, Quilcene, Port Townsend and even down in Brinnon sometimes."

In rain or shine, each division will practice their soccer skills starting April 13 and concluding at the end of May. Children on teams will have the chance to play against other rec-league teams. Games and practices will be held on Mondays and Wednesdays at 4:30 p.m. for Pre-K to second grade, and 5:30 p.m. for third through sixth grade. Registration for spring soccer ends on March 6. Go to countyrec.com for more information on how to register, or call the rec center at 360-385-2221.

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Learn to sail from experts in PT classes, programs

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There's no bad weather. Only bad gear.

So says last year's winner of the Shipwrights Regatta, Spencer Snapp, who wore his wetsuit while sailing the small vessel Zaya in the windy race.

The Shipwrights Regatta is the annual race that kicks off the sailing season in Port Townsend. Every year, despite the cold, windy and rainy February weather, the heartiest sailors and boat builders in Port Townsend form their crews and head out into the bay to race against one another.

This year, the race is set to take place on Feb. 29. It is the first of many opportunities to sharpen your sailing skills in preparation for summer.

For those who need to brush up on sailing, rigging or self-sufficiency skills, Port Townsend can be a place to learn from masters.

The Northwest Maritime Center offers classes and programs each month on navigation, tides and prepping your boat.

The classes can help mariners prepare for the summer, or people interested in marine activities. People who don't have a boat or have never sailed before are welcome.

Beyond the Maritime Center, classes from local businesses such as the Artful Sailor, who teach sail-sewing and knife-sharpening skills, and from schools such as the Northwest School of Wooden Boat Building offer opportunities to learn self-sufficiency when you're out on the water.

The following is a list of some

upcoming maritime classes in Port Townsend:

SHE TELLS SEA TALES

Get inspired to sail at the Northwest Maritime Center's annual She Tells Sea Tales event, an evening of sea stories told by female mariners.

The evening raises funds for the Girls Boat Project, a program of the NW Maritime Center for girls aged 12-18.

The Girls Boat Project students gain skills and have fun in the maritime trades, both on and off the water. They learn woodworking and boat building techniques in the fall and winter and receive longboat training in the spring.

The program is led by female role models skilled in boatbuilding, woodworking and sailing from the Northwest Maritime Center staff.

She Tells Sea Tales takes place at 6 p.m. on March 14 at the Northwest Maritime Center, 431 Water St. in Port Townsend.

RIG YOUR BOAT WORKSHOP

Brion Toss offers three days of rigging workshops, March 27-29, at his shop, Brion Toss Yacht Riggers, located at Point Hudson.

Students will learn design, sizing and layout of rigging for their own boat, basic splicing, and get hands-on experience with drills, taps, rivets, tuning gauges, deck hardware and other tools.

They will also hear a few tips and tricks on how to work aloft safely and productively.

To learn more, visit the Brion Toss Yacht Riggers website.



The sailboat Sir Isaac makes its way around the race course in Port Townsend Bay during last year's Shipwrights Regatta. Leader file photo

BLADE-SHARPENING WORKSHOP

Since every sailor and stitchmate needs a good knife and shears, The Artful Sailor will offer a workshop on blade sharpening March 7.

Port Townsend's Alex Moro, the "King of Cutlery," has been using and sharpening blades since childhood. Owner of Al's Blade Service, Moro will impart some tricks of the blade-sharpening trade for students.

To learn more, visit the Artful Sailor's website.

HAND SEWING SKILLS WORKSHOP

The Artful Sailor will offer a workshop on basic palm and needle canvas work on March 28.

Students will learn how to make a sailor's "ditty bag," using all-natural materials, such as canvas, twine and beeswax. Along the way, they will learn a variety of stitches and sewing skills that might be useful for any sail repair when out on the water.

To learn more, visit the Artful Sailor's website.

HEAVING LINE WORKSHOP

The Artful Sailor is offering a six-hour workshop on making heaving lines by hand on April 18. The class will feature hands-on making as well as instruction on throwing a heaving line. The workshop includes a light lunch, all materials and tools for making a monkey's fist heaving line, and plenty of guided instruction.

TIDES AND CURRENTS

The Northwest Maritime Center offers classes on tides and currents—an important skill for kayakers, rowers, sailors and boaters, especially when taking on difficult areas like the Admiralty Inlet and the Strait of Juan de Fuca. The class, which typically takes place from 9 a.m. to noon, will teach students about the nature of Puget Sound waters and how tides can affect daily life and water activities.

WEATHER CLASSES

The Northwest Maritime Center

offers a monthly class on weather each spring.

Taught by meteorology professor David Wilkinson, the course will have different themes each month, including learning how to use a barometer, how to keep a weather log and understanding how to navigate strong weather events.

Learning how land affects wind speed and direction over coastal and inland waters will help sailors use basic weather principles to predict winds and sea states for their next cruise.

OUTBOARD MAINTENANCE

The Northwest Maritime Center's outboard maintenance classes will help boaters get ready for the summer season.

Students will learn the basics of simple and routine small outboard-motor maintenance, including changing the oil, fuel, lubrication, electrical inspection and diagnosis of common problems.

No dates for these last three classes have been set yet, but the Northwest Maritime Center will have its 2020 program schedule on its website by the end of February.

Register now for the Shipwrights Regatta

Sailing season kicks off with this annual race, which takes place on Feb. 29. Register your boat at nwmaritime.org. Skipper's Meeting at 9:30 a.m. at the NWMC, and race starts at noon on Port Townsend Bay.

Outdoor fun, from camping to beach-walking to growing plants

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In between the periods of dark and gloomy rain, seize a chance to get out in the sun as the weather starts to warm up and the flowers begin to bloom.

Here are a few outdoor (and indoor) activities being offered around the Olympic Peninsula this spring.

BIRDING

Washington State and the Pacific Northwest are unique from other regions in that they boast year-round birding opportunities with a mild climate and a large host of year-round species.

Local birding clubs such as the Admiralty Audubon Society are always hosting bird walks and other events, such as lectures and trash clean-ups, which anyone can attend.

Join them March 3 and April 7 for the regular first Tuesday of the month walks at 9 a.m. at Point Hudson. The similar first Saturday walks at

Fort Flagler will be held at 9 a.m. on March 7 and April 4. There is also the opportunity to participate in a special walk on the Cape George section of the Larry Scott Trail Saturday April 25 at 9 a.m. Learn more at admiralty-audubon.org.

The Quimper Universalist Unitarian Fellowship will also offer a special birding opportunity in April through their Adult Learning Programs.

The field trip is led by Rod Mitchell, Dave Rugh and Dave Covert and will take birders to Bowerman Basin on April 23 to view one of the largest concentrations of shore birds in North America.

Attendees can either return to town or continue on the trip to Tokeland to stay the night at the historic hotel and travel the next morning, April 24, to the Willapa National Wildlife Refuge and the Johns River Wildlife Area for more shore bird viewing. Cost of the trip has yet to be determined. For more info contact Rod Mitchell at rodm90@

cablespeed.com or 360-344-3816.

QUUF will host several other outdoor trips in the spring including a day trip April 15 to Bloedel Garden Reserve on Bainbridge Island for a 2-mile hike and a day trip to the Dungeness Forest for a 7-mile hike.

For more info about all of QUUF's adult programs go to quuf.org.

The Port Townsend Marine Science Center will also host its yearly birding cruise to Protection Island at 1 p.m. on April 18 and 25.

Cost is \$80 per person (\$60 with a PTMSC membership) and the tour is approximately three hours.

Participants will get to go by boat to nearby Protection Island Aquatic Reserve to observe seabirds and marine life and learn about the history of the island and bird migrations.

CAMPGROUNDS OPENING

Jefferson County campgrounds in Quilcene, at Lake Leland and on Oak Bay, will open April 1 for the start of their regular season.

The upper Oak Bay campground,

at 290 Cleveland St. in Port Ludlow, has 20 available spaces costing \$25 per night with electrical hookups and \$20 per night without.

The lower Oak Bay campground, at 301 Portage Way in Port Ludlow, has nine available spaces costing \$20 per night.

The Lake Leland campground, at 165 Leland Valley Road West in Quilcene, has 22 available sites for \$18 per night. Those interested are reminded that this campsite does not have potable water so campers must bring their own.

The Quilcene campground, at 294964 US 101 in Quilcene, has nine available spaces that cost \$15 per night.

TIDE WALK

The Port Townsend Marine Science Center will hold a night time low tide beach walk Feb. 19 at 6:30 p.m. at North Beach County Park. Parking is limited so attendees are asked to carpool and bring warm clothes and a flashlight or headlamp.

CLASS LISTINGS

Classes

Kayak Building Class: May 11-17

Build your own beautiful Pygmy Kayak in this weeklong class at the Northwest Maritime Center. Our courses are set in a fun group setting and provide a great, hands-on opportunity to learn how to assemble a wooden kayak from trained professional boat builders. Over the six day course students will complete major assembly of their kayaks. At the conclusion of the class your kayak will be ready to be car-topped home, where the final construction steps and varnish application will be completed. Class size is 6 builders. Tuition: \$800 for primary student, \$200 for student helpers. For more information & to Register Contact Pygmy Boats: 360-385-6143 www.pygmyboats.com

189194 2/12

Jefferson Co. Library

Friday, March 13, 2:00 to 3:00 pm - TimeSlips™: Creative Storytelling for People with Memory Loss TimeSlips™ is a creative storytelling method that opens storytelling to everyone by replacing the pressure to remember with the freedom to imagine. Although it is fun for anyone, it was originally designed as a way for people with cognitive impairment and their care partners to share in creative expressions together. Through improvisational storytelling facilitated by Cristina Manzoni, a TimeSlips™ Certified Facilitator, and Randi Winter, participants are empowered to participate, access their imagination, and connect with others. Co-sponsored by East Jefferson County Memory Cafe.

189359 2/12

Friday, March 13, 6:30 to 8:00 pm - JCL in Chiacum: Traveling Trivia on Tap at Finnriver Cider This event will be held at Finnriver Cider, 124 Center Rd. Chiacum. Flaunt your knowledge of books, movies, pop culture, and current events. New book and movie titles

each month! This month's contest has questions from the book Lab Girl by Hope Jahren and the movie Hidden Figures (2017), available on DVD. Bring a team of friends or come solo and we'll find a team for you.

189360 2/12

Friday, March 6, 2:30 to 4:30 pm - First Fridays Virtual Reality Experience the wonders of Virtual Reality (VR) with the support of trained staff. VR uses a computer, headset, and sensors to immerse you directly into a three-dimensional, computer-generated world. Your head, hands, and body movements are tracked to let you interact with what you see via the headset. Swim in the sea, play games, make friends with a robot, or relax with a short virtual movie. Each month we will focus on a new VR app. Visit jclibrary.librarymarket.com/events/ for details about each session.

189356 2/12

Friday, May 1, 12:00 pm - 7:00 pm - Shape Your Future - Census 2020 Party This event will be held at the Quilcene Community Center, 294952 US-101, Quilcene Make history! 2020 is the first year the census can be completed online. Join us to complete the online census. We'll have cake, coffee, and computers. 2020 census numbers will determine how federal funds flow into communities every year for the next decade. Make sure our community counts, complete the census this April!

189371 2/12

Friday, May 1, 6:30 - 8:00 pm - JCL in Chiacum: Traveling Trivia on Tap at Finnriver Cider This event will be held at Finnriver Cider Garden, Chiacum. Flaunt your knowledge of books, movies, pop culture, and current events. New book and movie titles each month! Bring a team of friends, or come solo and we'll find a team for you.

189370 2/12

Fridays @ 10:00 am - Kaleidoscope Play & Learn Group Kaleidoscope Play & Learn groups are for children ages birth to 5 and their families or caregivers. Come play, read, sing,

enjoy snacks and enhance the bond with your family and community. Sessions are free and open to everyone. This playgroup is provided by a partnership between Jefferson County Library, First Step Family Support Center and the Olympic-Kitsap Peninsula Early Learning Coalition, and through a grant from the Satterberg Foundation. Contact Darcy at 360-774-3413 for more information.

189347 2/12

FWednesday, May 20, 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm - Poets in Conversation with Carol Primson-Reed & Bill Mawhinney An evening of poetry and conversation with local poets. Carol Primson-Reed has been writing poetry since junior high, and her goal is to invite the audience to share a moment of insight and the environment it happens in — a sort of "stream of consciousness" participation. Her first chapbook was published last year: Footsteps in the Night Sky. Bill Mawhinney's first book, Songs in My Begging Bowl, was published in 2002. Cairns Along the Road, his second collection, was published in 2009. Bill is co-editor of The Sextant Review and his work has appeared in Heron Dance, Minotaur, IS, Rattle, Desert Drum, Oasis Journal, and Hummingbird Review. For 13 years, Bill has organized and hosted the Reading Series at Northwind Arts Center in Port Townsend. The Port Townsend Arts Commission named him Angel of the Arts for 2011.

189372 2/12

Monday, April 13 - May 15 - Teen Photo Show - "In My Mind" Teens have many compelling stories to tell. Share yours in our fourth Annual Jefferson County Library Teen Photography Show. The theme for this year is: "In My Mind". Prizes of \$50 will be awarded for People's Choice, Innovation, Composition and Emotive Power. Photos must include your name, email address and phone number. Submit your image in person at the library, or through the libraries teen webpage. jclibrary.info/youth/teens. Submission deadline is 5:00

pm on Friday, May 15. Reception on May 29th @ 4pm.

189369 2/12

Monday, February 24, 6:00 to 8:00 pm - The 2020 North Olympic Peninsula Farming Film Festival: One Man, One Cow, One Planet The 3rd Annual North Olympic Peninsula Farming Film Festival introduces you to farmers in India, France, California, Southeastern states, and Maine. Tonight's film, One Man, One Cow, One Planet, follows Peter Proctor, New Zealand's father of biodynamics, along the back roads of rural India, revealing the miracle of organics and the farmers who are reclaiming their agricultural heritage. Local efforts will be highlighted in a discussion after each film.

189352 2/12

Monday, March 23 - Thursday, March 26 - WSU Master Gardeners Seed Library on the Bookmobile The WSU Master Gardeners will visit the Bookmobile monthly through October with their Seed Library. Join the effort to build our community's food resilience.

- 1) Borrow seeds from the Seed Library.
- 2) Grow beautiful, healthy plants and harvest healthy food for your family.
- 3) Return a portion of your saved seeds to the Seed Library for the next year's borrowers.

All stops except Paradise Bay. Seed library will be available for the first hour of each stop. See schedule of stops at <https://jclibrary.info/use-the-library/location-hours/>. For questions about the Seed Library at WSU contact seedlibrarywsu@gmail.com.

189365 2/12

Mondays @ 10:15 am - Toddler Storytime Toddler Storytime is for children ages 12 months to 30 months and features movement, music, puppets, and fingerplays as well as flannel stories and the reading of short books written with toddlers in mind.

189344 2/12

Saturday, April 11, 2:00 pm - Second Saturday STEAM for ages 6 - 10: Clean Water Clean water is

important to plants, animals and us! Listen to a story about the importance of water, and explore stations that demonstrate water pollution and non-toxic cleaners with the Marine Science Center. Co-sponsor: Port Townsend Marine Science Center.

189368 2/12

Saturday, March 14, 2:00 to 3:00 pm - Second Saturday STEAM for ages 6 - 10 Come to the library and be a scientist! Standing, walking, running, even sitting — life is a balancing act. Listen to a story and then have fun doing a variety of balancing activities. Play with the weight of objects and your body to learn more about the science of balance.

189361 2/12

Thursday, April 9, 1:00 pm - Wearing Words: A Wearable Art Program for Teens with Margie McDonald Repurpose old books and paper into wearable art! Supplies and guidance will be provided, just bring your friends and your imagination. A great opportunity to experiment and craft while hanging out. Snacks provided! Margie McDonald's sculptures and wearable art have been featured in six solo shows at galleries and museums as well as over thirty group shows. She is currently the artistic director of Port Townsend's Wearable Art Show.

189367 2/12

Thursday, February 13, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm - Writing Your Memoir Join Savitri Bess for a three-week workshop designed to start you down the path of writing your own memoir. Learn to develop your memoir through colorful details and descriptions, and discover the tools and skills to bring your story to life. No previous writing experience is necessary. This class is limited to 10 participants, and registration is required. Register online at www.jclibrary.info or call 360-385-6544 to sign up.

189348 2/12

Thursday, February 13, 6:15 to 7:45 pm - Book Discussion @ Your Library This month's book is

The event is free.

RSVP with Marley Loomis at mloomis@ptmsc.org.

GROWING GROceries

Master Gardeners through the Jefferson County WSU extension will offer a six-week course on growing your own food, starting March 4. Classes will take place every Wednesday from 2 to 5 p.m. and cover seed starting, soils, pest management and composting.

For more information visit the WSU extension website at extension.wsu.edu/jefferson.

SIP 'N SUCCULENTS

The Port Townsend Garden Center will offer a one-day workshop where participants can plant and design succulent arrangements Feb. 28 at 6 p.m. The \$40 ticket price pays for all the supplies, snacks and wine.

Reserve your spot by stopping by the garden center or calling 360-385-3354.

The Hours by Michael Cunningham. All are welcome to sign up for our monthly book discussion, held the second Thursday of each month from 6:15 - 7:45 pm. Sign up is required and copies of the book will be loaned by the library when you sign up. Participants are asked to read the entire book before the scheduled session.

189349 2/12

Thursday, February 20, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm - Writing Your Memoir Join Savitri Bess for part two of this three-week workshop designed to start you down the path of writing your own memoir. Learn to develop your memoir through colorful details and descriptions, and discover the tools and skills to bring your story to life. No previous writing experience is necessary. This class is limited to 10 participants, and registration is required. Register online at www.jclibrary.info or call 360-385-6544 to sign up.

189351 2/12

Thursday, February 27, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm - Writing Your Memoir Join Savitri Bess for the final session three-week workshop designed to start you down the path of writing your own memoir. Learn to develop your memoir through colorful details and descriptions, and discover the tools and skills to bring your story to life. No previous writing experience is necessary. This class is limited to 10 participants, and registration is required. Register online at www.jclibrary.info or call 360-385-6544 to sign up.

189353 2/12

Thursday, March 12, 6:15 to 7:45 pm - Book Discussion @ Your Library All are welcome to sign up for our monthly book discussion, held the second Thursday of each month from 6:15 - 7:45pm. This month's book is Before the Wind by Jim Lynch. Sign up is required and copies of the book will be loaned by the library when you sign up. Participants are asked to read the entire book before the scheduled session.

189358 2/12

SPRING ACTIVITIES GUIDE

Northwind, Rainshadow keep the beat going with concerts

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Spring offers no shortage of live musical performances, as the Northwind Arts Center continues both its Northwind Songs and Arts to Elders series, while Rainshadow Recording is bustling with play dates heading into the summer.

Matt Miner, the music performance manager for the Northwind Arts Center, explained that all concerts in the Northwind Songs series kick off at 7 p.m., with tickets at \$20 from either Brown Paper Tickets, the Northwind Arts Center or at the door, at 701 Water St.

On March 20, the Portland-based rootsy Americana duo Pretty Gritty takes to the stage.

On April 17, Stephanie Schneiderman, an edgy singer-songwriter also from Portland, steps up.

On May 15, Mary Flower will provide finger-style acoustic blues guitar-playing.

And June 12 sees the arrival of Claudia Schmidt, the legendary singer-songwriter from the Midwest.

Miner noted that, while Northwind's Arts to Elders concerts each take place at a different senior care venue, all the performances are on Tuesdays at 2 p.m., and admission is free.

On March 10, the San Juan Commons will host Jack Dwyer's sounds of Western swing at 3300 San Juan Ave.

On April 14, Discovery View Retirement welcomes local singer-songwriter and harpist Micaela Kingslight at 1051 Hancock St.

On May 12, Avamere at Port Townsend opens its doors for Bob Longmire to play standards from decades past on the guitar at 1201 Hancock St.

And June 12 is when the Life Care Center of Port Townsend hosts joyful folk singer-songwriter Judith-Kate Friedman at 751 Kearney St.

For more information, call 360-379-1086 or email songwriters@northwindarts.org.

The Rainshadow Recording Studio is an intimate venue nestled in Building 315 at 200 Battery Way in Fort Worden State Park.

While owner and engineer Everett Moran said details are still being worked out on a number of those concerts, music aficionados still have their pick of dates to choose from each month, with tickets available at Brown Paper Tickets for the 7:30 p.m. shows.

Judith-Kate Friedman will take to the Rainshadow stage on March 4, with tickets running \$15 at brownpapertickets.com/event/4521137, while fellow Americana singer-songwriter Lee DeWyze injects some pop sounds into the mix on March 11, with tickets running \$20 at brownpapertickets.com/event/4513931.

The rest of the season is filled with shows for \$15, including Americana and folk singer-songwriter Dana Cooper on March 13 at dana-cooper.brownpapertickets.com,

and with blues being spun into the mix by Steve James on April 3 at stevejames.brownpapertickets.com and Terry Robb on April 23 at terryrobbinpt.brownpapertickets.com.

The styles on tap in May include blues and folk from Claude Bourbon on May 5 at claudbourbonpt.brownpapertickets.com, Americana and folk from Maya de Vitry on May 16 at brownpapertickets.com.

Americana is the flavor of the month for April, with Nathaniel Talbot serving it up straight on April 11 at nathaniel.brownpapertickets.com,

and with blues being spun into the mix by Steve James on April 3 at stevejames.brownpapertickets.com and Terry Robb on April 23 at terryrobbinpt.brownpapertickets.com.

The styles on tap in May include blues and folk from Claude Bourbon on May 5 at claudbourbonpt.brownpapertickets.com, Americana and folk from Maya de Vitry on May 16 at brownpapertickets.com.

com/event/4521211, and Americana, folk, jazz and world music from Hiroya Tsukamoto on May 22 at brownpapertickets.com/event/4521192.

And Rainshadow enters the summer with a June 14 show by Americana singer-songwriter Jesse Terry, with tickets available at www.brownpapertickets.com/event/4521278.

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Centrum conferences, speakers seek to enlighten

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Centrum at Fort Worden has a host of programs designed to educate and entertain this spring.

The Creative Aging Conference "Perspectives on Legacy" runs from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, March 7, at the Fort Worden Commons.

The one-day conference is intended for social and healthcare professionals, artists, educators and lifelong learners to explore the topic of legacy, from the perspective of making a positive difference in an imperfect world.

Eddie Gonzalez, associate director of civil conversations and social healing for the "On Being" project, will deliver the keynote address, "Legacy and the Art of Remembering Forward," while Sonnet Kekilia Coggins, executive director of the Merwin Conservancy, will speak on "An Imagination Fully Inhabited: The Living Legacy of W.S. Merwin."

Tom Ikeda, founding executive director of Densho, will talk about "Keeping Alive the Stories of a Community," and the subject of "Leaving a Trace: Our Legacy Stories" will be discussed by palliative care social worker Carol Kummert

and palliative care physician Dr. Katie Schlenker of the UW Medical Center.

Pam McClusky, curator of African and oceanic art for the Seattle Art Museum, will ask attendees to "Imagine NUTOPIA."

A limited number of scholarships are available at a reduced rate. Contact Centrum for application instructions or other information at 360-385-3102, ext.117.

The "Communitversity" series continues through March and April at Centrum, with each 90-minute event putting selected experts into dialog with journalists and reporters from Crosscut and KCTS public media.

General admission seating is limited and general admission, so seats cannot be reserved, but a maximum of 50 ticket holders who pay a premium will be seated in a designated block and will be invited to extend the evening's discussion over dinner with the event's guests at a participating restaurant following the presentation.

Srivani Jade, Ravi Joseph Albright and Wes Cecil will discuss with Brangien Davis about Indian classical music at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, March 9, at the Joseph F. Wheeler

Theater at Fort Worden State Park, with dinner provided by the Alchemy Bistro and Wine Bar.

Indian ragas were first envisioned by Hindus as a manifestation of the divine, and the art form has two foundational elements. The raga, based on swara (notes including microtones), forms the fabric of a melodic structure, while the tala measures time.

The raga gives an artist a palette to build the melody from sounds, while the tala provides them with a creative framework for rhythmic improvisation. Hindustani vocalist, composer and world musician Srivani Jade will join master tabla artist and accompanist Ravi Joseph Albright and historian Wes Cecil to illuminate the history of Indian classical music. The event has a capacity for 280 attendees and will feature a complete raga performed by an ensemble of professional musicians.

Robyn Bailey will close out the Communitversity's spring session with her conversation about bird-watching with Ted Alvarez at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, April 13, at the Port Townsend High School auditorium, with dinner provided by the Old Whiskey Mill Restaurant.

Hundreds of thousands of people around the world contribute bird observations to the Cornell Lab of Ornithology each year, and scientists use this data to reveal how birds are affected by habitat loss, pollution, disease, climate and other environmental changes. NestWatch, the lab's citizen-science project on nesting birds, has been monitoring nesting birds' reproductive success since the 1960s. This long-term database is the nation's richest source of information on avian reproductive biology. Project Leader Robyn Bailey will join Ted Alvarez in a discussion about current research, education and communication initiatives for NestWatch. The event has a capacity for 296 attendees and will provide insights on small things we can all do to help birds every day.

To purchase tickets by phone at 800-746-1982, call between 6 a.m. and 4 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays, or between 6 a.m. and noon on Sundays.

Tickets are also sold at the Centrum office Mondays through Fridays from noon to 4 p.m. except holidays.

For more information, call 360-385-3102, ext. 110, or visit centrum.org/tickets.

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CLASS LISTINGS

Thursday, March 5, 10:00 to 11:00 am – Art & Music Meditation for Adults 18+ Start your day in peace and contemplation as you let your thoughts and paintbrush flow freely. Enjoy a short inspirational reading, then mix colors and let art take shape while listening to peaceful music. Art supplies are provided and space is limited. To attend, please register by March 4 by calling 360-385-6544 or online at www.jclibrary.info. 189355 2/12

Tuesday, February 18, 7:00 to 9:00 pm – Third Tuesdays Trivia at the Keg & I Taproom Join library staff in a night of friendly competition. Trivia questions will feature science, local history, pop culture, geography, and other various topics. Bring your team or come solo, test your knowledge, and win! An extra point will be awarded to teams who present their library cards. The trivia contest is hosted by your information professionals from Jefferson County Library. Must be 21 or over to attend. This event takes place at The Keg & I Taproom, 1291 Chimacum Road, Port Hadlock, WA. 189350 2/12

Tuesday, March 17, 7:00 to 9:00 pm – Third Tuesdays Trivia at the Keg & I Taproom Join library staff in a night of friendly competition. Trivia questions will feature science, local history, pop culture, geography, and more. Bring your team or come solo, test your knowledge, and win! An extra point will be awarded to teams who present their library cards. The trivia contest is hosted by your information professionals from Jefferson County Library. Must be 21 or over to attend. This event takes place at The Keg & I Taproom, 1291 Chimacum Road, Port Hadlock, WA. 189362 2/12

Tuesdays @ 10:30 am – Babytime This 20-minute lapsed program for infants from birth to 12 months features action rhymes, baby sign language, songs, and movement designed to stimulate brain

development and the enjoyment of music, language, and books. 189345 2/12

Wednesday, April 1, 10:00 am – 7:00 pm – Shape Your Future – Census 2020 Party Make history! 2020 is the first year the census can be completed online. Join us to complete the online census. We'll have cake, coffee, and computers. 2020 census numbers will determine how federal funds flow into communities every year for the next decade. Make sure our community counts, complete the census this April! 189366 2/12

Wednesday, March 11, 6:00 to 7:30 pm – Planting with Seed Saving in Mind Learn the basics of seed saving in this class taught by Jadyne Reichner, owner of Oatsplanter Farm in Port Townsend. Jadyne will cover planning your garden; the genetics behind seed production; choosing the best seed to save; and how to harvest, clean, and store seeds. 189357 2/12

Wednesday, March 18, 6:00 to 7:30 pm – Divisive Issues of our Time: Roe v. Wade Since Roe v. Wade granted American women the legal right to abortion in 1973, much of the United States has been divided into pro-life and pro-choice camps. Join Pete Gartlan, J.D., for a discussion surrounding the history and possible future of abortion rights under the Federal Constitution. 189363 2/12

Wednesday, March 18, 6:30 to 8:00 pm – JCL in Quilcene: Planning Gardens for Seed Saving This program will be held at Quilcene Community Center, 294952 US-101, in Quilcene. In this class, Organic Seed Alliance Program Director Micaela Colley will share practical information about starting seed saving with an open pollinated variety, planning for isolation, and ideal population size. Discussion will cover which crops are easiest for

beginners, which are best suited to our climate, how to work with other gardeners to coordinate collaborative seed saving efforts, and opportunities for community seed drying, cleaning and seed exchanges. Co-sponsored by the Organic Seed Alliance. 189364 2/12

Wednesday, March 4, 6:00 to 7:30 pm – Poets in Conversation Join Whidbey Island poets Judith Adams and Holly Thomas for an evening of poetry and conversation. Judith Adams is an English-born poet who has published four books of poetry, recorded several CDs of her work and performances, and was selected for the Humanities Washington Speakers Bureau for 2017-18 and again for 2019-20. 189354 2/12

Wednesdays @ 10:30 am – Preschool Storytime Bring your preschooler and enjoy stories, songs, fingerplays, and more designed to promote early learning. Preschool Storytime begins with activities that encourage community building and promote learning through play. 189346 2/12

Port Townsend Library
Archery Demo and Shoot with Wapiti Bowmen - Saturday, March 21, 2:00 pm - All Ages – Jefferson County Fairgrounds
Join seasoned bowmen at this fun all ages program. Watch the experts and then practice yourself! This program will take place at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds, at the Horse Arena. 189249 2/12

Babytime – Wednesdays, 10:15-10:45 Ages 0-18 months
Newborns up to 18 months and their caregivers enjoy rhymes, fingerplays, songs, shakers, bubbles, and other activities for the very young. This program supports language development, provides age-appropriate stimulation, and offers caregivers an opportunity to build

community. 189243 2/12

"Changeling" Shakespeare Reading Group – 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month, 5:00-7:00 pm (2/25, 3/10, 3/24, 4/14, 4/28, 5/12, 5/26) Charles Pink House
A new reading group is forming in Port Townsend. Sponsored by the Port Townsend Public Library, CHANGELING will meet monthly to read and discuss the plays of William Shakespeare. 189253 2/12

Community Read - Month of March
Check in at the Library for more details about programs surrounding the 2020 Community Read. This year's book is **Whiskey When We're Dry**, by John Larison. 189254 2/12

DIY Miniature Art Books for Kids - May 21 4:00-5:30 pm - Ages 6-12 – Charles Pink House
Join us and make a book from homemade paper. We will be incorporating collage, drawing, stamps, and unique found materials, in order to create a book that is entirely your own. Feel free to let your creativity run wild—no two books are alike! All supplies provided on a first come first serve basis. 189251 2/12

Fall in Love with your Library: Open House - Thursday, February 13, 4:00-6:00 pm - All Ages
Come to the library for an Open House. Enjoy live music, Valentine crafts, and light refreshments. 189247 2/12

Fiber Arts Night – 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month (2/18, 3/3, 3/17, 4/7, 4/21, 5/5, 5/19) - 6:30-8:30 pm - Charles Pink House
Come and enjoy an evening of working on handiwork projects with other fiber artists (from knitting to quilting to weaving all fiber arts projects are welcomed). Please bring your own supplies. 189250 2/12

189252 2/12

Iron Jawed Angels Film Screening - Thursday, April 9, 6:00 pm - Charles Pink House
Celebrate the centennial of women's right to vote with this special film screening in partnership with AAUW, The Port Townsend Film Festival, and the Jefferson County Library. Movie description: Defiant young activists take the women's suffrage movement by storm, putting their lives at risk to help American women win the right to vote. 189255 2/12

Kerry Tremain – Photography and Discussion - Thursday, May 28th, 7:00 pm
Details to come. 189257 2/12

Kids Creative Movement – AT SALISH COAST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LIBRARY - Wednesday, February 26, 1:30-2:30 pm - Ages 5-11
Wild Expression Productions brings you Creative Kids Movement program. Come explore your body and creativity by diving into your breath, storytelling with your body, strengthening your voice and opening your heart by calling in joy and play! This creative movement adventure awaits you! 189248 2/12

Peeps in the Library - Tuesday, April 28, 4:00-6:00 pm - All Ages
Come celebrate National Library Week with your Peeps. Create Peeps homes, and other crafts with your favorite squishy bunnies and chicks. Supplies provided on a first come first served basis. 189250 2/12

Preschool Storytime – Tuesdays, 10:15-10:45 Ages 3-5 years
Preschool storytime brings early literacy to kids and their caregivers with songs, rhymes, and activities. The emphasis for this age group is on kindergarten readiness and fostering a love of reading. 189244 2/12

189242 2/12

Salish After Hours (at Salish Coast Elementary School Library) Wednesdays 1:00-3:00 pm (no program 4/8) Children and Families
Join us at Salish Coast Elementary School Library for open hours. Come read, check out books, and enjoy the library. The library will be open for children and families each Wednesday from 1-3pm. 1637 Grant Street, Port Townsend, WA. 189246 2/12

Sing-a-Ling with Keeth Apgar – Second Thursday of the Month, 10:15-10:45 (3/12, 4/9, 5/14) Ages 0-6
Part story time, part sing-along and fully loaded with laughs, the select songs and rhyming stories in this show combine finger play, movement, picture books, uplifting acoustic music and an engaging, highly interactive banter between audience and presenter. 189245 2/12

Suffragette Film Screening - Thursday, April 23, 6:00 pm - Charles Pink House
Celebrate the centennial of women's right to vote with this special film screening in partnership with AAUW, The Port Townsend Film Festival, and the Jefferson County Library. Movie description: In 1912 London, a young working mother is galvanized into radical political activism supporting the right for women to vote and is willing to meet violence with violence to achieve this end. 189256 2/12

Toddler time – Thursdays, 10:15-10:45 (except 2nd Thursdays) Ages 18-36 months
Children ages 18-36 months and their caregivers enjoy songs, short stories, fingerplays, felt boards, and hands-on activities while they explore language and build their early literacy skills. 189244 2/12