

# Winter-Spring 2017 FREE COMMUNITY EVENTS

## LISTENING TO THE LAND

**JAN  
18**

### INSIDE GRAY WHALES

Speaker: Leigh G. Torres, PhD, Marine Ecologist, Oregon State University

**FEB  
15**

### LIFE IN THE RIVER

Speaker: Derek Wiley, Research Biologist, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

**MAR  
15**

### TRACKING THE BROWN PELICAN

Speaker: Deborah Jaques, Wildlife Biologist

**APR  
19**

### DAM, BEAVERS! DAM!

Speaker: Kate Holleran, Senior Natural Resources Scientist, Metro

**MAY  
17**

### WILDLIFE: THE ARTIST'S EYE AND YOU

Speaker: Neal Maine, Gearhart Naturalist and Photographer

## HANDS-ON STEWARDSHIP

**FEB  
25**

### PLANT A WINDBREAK

Reed Ranch Habitat Reserve, Warrenton

SATURDAY  
10AM-1PM

**MAR  
12**

### NEHALEM ESTUARY CLEAN UP

Fishers Point Habitat Reserve, Nehalem

SUNDAY  
7:30AM-4:30PM

**APR  
26**

### HELP AT A NATIVE PLANT NURSERY

Northwest Oregon Restoration Partnership, Tillamook

WEDNESDAY  
10AM-2PM

**MAY  
17**

### BUST SCOTCH BROOM

Surf Pines, Warrenton

WEDNESDAY  
10AM-2PM

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## LISTENING TO THE LAND

WILDLIFE is the theme for the 2017 Listening to the Land presentations from North Coast Land Conservancy and the Necanicum Watershed Council. These free programs are held the third Wednesday of the month, January through May, at Seaside Public Library from 6 to 8 p.m. Admission is free.

### LEIGH TORRES

Leigh Torres, PhD, is a marine ecologist interested in understanding how marine animals, including marine mammals, seabirds, and sharks, use their environment in the context of behavior, space, and time. Much of this work is directed toward improving conservation management of protected or threatened species. By identifying areas with an increased presence of threatened species, management efforts can be more directed and effective. She has conducted studies in a variety of ecosystems across the globe, from pelagic regions of the Southern Ocean to the ocean waters off Oregon. Leigh is an assistant professor at Oregon State University and an Oregon Sea Grant extension agent.

### DEREK WILEY

As a research biologist with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, Derek Wiley supervises a field crew responsible for monitoring the abundance of adult and juvenile salmonids in the North Fork Nehalem River for the Salmonid Life Cycle Monitoring Project. He earned a bachelor's degree in biology from Towson State University and a master's degree in wildlife and fisheries from Frostburg State University, both in Maryland. In 2004 he moved to John Day, Oregon, to work for ODFW on a steelhead research project. Two years later he moved to Tillamook to take his current position. Derek is an avid fly fisherman, photographer, and videographer.

### DEBORAH JAQUES

Deborah Jaques is an independent wildlife biologist based out of Astoria. Her work over the past 30 years has taken her from the coastal margins of Antarctica to the Olympic Peninsula and has most often involved seabirds and other colonial water birds. Deborah did her graduate research at the University of California, Davis, on California brown pelican habitat use and distribution in the non-breeding range, including evaluation of northern range expansion and communal roosting behavior. Brown pelicans are a focus of her monitoring and conservation efforts on the West Coast.

### KATE HOLLERAN

Kate Holleran has spent the last 30 years wandering around in, working in, and studying the natural world. Since 2007 she has served as a senior natural resource scientist at Metro, where her work focuses on land acquisition and habitat restoration across Clackamas, Multnomah, and Washington counties. Previously she was a program coordinator and faculty member for the Natural Resources Technology Program at Mt. Hood Community College and worked in forest management for the US Forest Service. Kate has a bachelor's degree in forest science and a master's degree in science teaching.

### NEAL MAINE

After a 30-year career as an award-winning biology teacher at Seaside High School, Neal became the first executive director of North Coast Land Conservancy. Since his retirement from the land trust in 2010, he has pursued his passion to make deeper connections to the coastal system, using photography to record some of his experiences and to develop greater public appreciation of living in what he considers paradise. Neal and his grandson Michael Wing established PacificLight Images, using photography to raise awareness of coastal ecology and wildlife resources of Oregon's north coast.

## HANDS-ON STEWARDSHIP

VOLUNTEER with North Coast Land Conservancy's stewardship staff and help restore coastal habitat. NCLC supplies any necessary tools; dress for the weather and bring work gloves, drinking water, and your lunch. We go out rain or shine! Details at [NCLCtrust.org/events](http://NCLCtrust.org/events).

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*Necanicum Estuary, Seaside*

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