



SOUTH SLOUGH CALENDAR

FALL 2017



September

SEPTEMBER 15, 2017

HANSEN ART OPENING

3 PM - 5 PM

The Hansen show will feature mixed media pieces (a skull with graphite, a shell lamp, some other shell work), watercolors, photographs, and fall leaves. Come meet the artists and enjoy some refreshments while you relax in the natural beauty of South Slough. (free)

SEPTEMBER 16, 2017

BIRDS ON THE ESTUARY

10 AM TO 11:30 AM

Explore the shores of Charleston in search of winged wildlife. Interpreter, binoculars and spotting scopes provided. Meet at the Charleston Visitors Center [Max - 15 participants] (\$1 / birder)

SEPTEMBER 23, 2017

SEAWEED APPRECIATION AND ART WORKSHOP

9:00 AM TO NOON

Get your hands wet and discover how to identify local seaweeds, their ecological benefits and how you can protect this important natural resource. The day starts with a stroll along the shore collecting seaweed and continues in the classroom where you learn how to turn your finds into decorative pieces of art. Finished pieces will be suitable for framing. Materials and refreshments provide. Meet at the Oregon Institute of Marine Biology (OIMB) parking lot. [Max - 20 participants] (\$20 fee includes fieldtrip and all materials)

SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

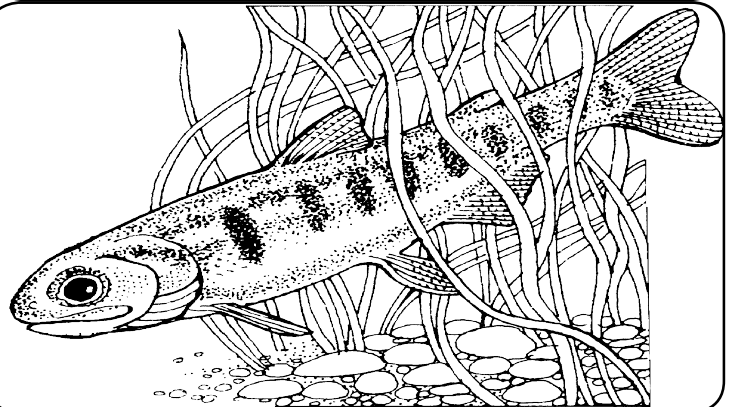
STAND UP FOR THE BAY ON ESTUARIES DAY

Join us on the downtown Coos Bay Boardwalk to celebrate *your* estuary! Stand Up! For The Bay is a community event designed to bring our bay and waterways into the focus of citizens in our community. Hosted by the Coos Bay Surfriders and South Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve. The event will take place in downtown Coos Bay, at the public dock/boardwalk. Registration starts at 9am, and includes the community paddle and/or shoreline clean-up and entry into the paddle joust. Meal and Beer tickets sold separately. Any proceeds will help fund the Blue Water Task Force, Coos Bay Surfrider's monthly water quality testing program and other local Surfrider programs. **THE SOUTH SLOUGH INTERPRETIVE CENTER WILL BE CLOSED TODAY.**



Unless otherwise noted, all programs begin at the South Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve Interpretive Center, located 4 miles south of Charleston on Seven Devils Road.

**Reservations are required for all programs.
Please call (541) 888 - 5558 Ext. 126**





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October



OCTOBER 4, 2017

HARVEST MOON EVENING PADDLE TRIP 3 PM TO 8 PM

Come experience the South Slough as the sun slips behind the horizon and the full moon climbs into the evening sky. Awaken the senses as light and shadows play on the water and the air is filled with a chorus of creatures settling down at twilight. During the five mile paddle, experienced guides will show you areas of the Reserve rarely seen by visitors. Bring your own kayak or canoe, paddles, PFDs, headlamp or waterproof flashlight, as well as water and evening meal. Feet and legs may get wet and muddy at launch points. Driver and shuttle will be provided. Meet at the Distant Water Fleet Parking Lot in Charleston, OR [Min-3 boats/Max-14](\$20/boat)

OCTOBER 7, 2017

FALL MIGRATION BIRDING AT MILLICOMA MARSH TRAIL 10 AM TO NOON

Come enjoy great views of the bay and one of the best birding spots in Coos County. Interpreter, binoculars and spotting scopes provided. Dress for the weather. Meet in the parking lot directly behind Millicoma Middle School on 4th Ave. [Max - 15 participants] (\$2 / birder)

OCTOBER 14, 2017

FALL MUSHROOMS WORKSHOP 9 AM TO 12:30 PM

Discover the world of mushrooms with local expert John Schaefer. Learn how to identify at least 15 local mushroom species and techniques for mushroom hunting. This workshop takes place indoors and along trails, so please dress for the weather and wear sturdy hiking shoes. Please bring a basket and knife for collecting. [Max-20 participants] (\$20/person)

SARAH HANSEN WATERCOLOR CLASS 10 AM TO 2 PM

Beginners to intermediate. Learn to paint a landscape using watercolors in a unique manner on a surface textured with imprints of local plants & collage. Each person's board will have the surface already prepared and ready to watercolor (process will be explained). A few primary colors of watercolor paint will be provided as well as palettes, sponges, paper, pencils, towels, white gouache, rinse tubs. Please bring a reference photo of a landscape (or just use your imagination), your own round watercolor brush, size 10, if possible. A watercolor wash brush would be helpful but not necessary. Must register by October 6th [Min. 5/Max. 10] (\$40)

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OCTOBER 21, 2017

TIDE OF THE TODDLER

10 AM TO 11 AM

Children will learn about bats, where they live and how they hunt. They will hear a story, observe bat artifacts and make a craft. 1-5 year olds and an adult parent or guardian will explore bats and their habitat at South Slough. Meet at South Slough's Interpretive Center [Max - 15 children] (\$1/toddler)

DEVELOPING YOUR NATURAL FIRST AID KIT

1 PM TO 3 PM

Herbalist Cathryn Olds will help you discover the world of natural remedies, how to use them and how to put together a first aid kit made from nature. A major emphasis of the program will be addressing individual family needs. This will be the first in a series of classes focusing on the beneficial, healing powers of herbs. Meet at South Slough's Interpretive Center. [Max - 30] (\$15/person)

OCTOBER 28, 2017

FERMENTATION WORKSHOP

9 AM TO 11 AM

Discover the taste, benefits, and joy of ancient food preservation in this fermentation workshop. Broaden your fermentation practice, or take your first step toward becoming part of the fermentation revival. After a brief presentation, participants will craft their own sauerkraut and pickles to take home and enjoy. Vegetables, spices and fermentation vessels provided. [Max - 25] (\$20 per person)

SEA GLASS JEWELRY AND ART

1 PM TO 3 PM

If you are eager to put to good use the sea glass you have emptied from your pockets from countless walks on the beach, then this workshop is for you! Come join local artist Joni Bour to learn several freeform wire-wrapping techniques to make funky, cool and unique, one-of-a-kind pendants that you can wear, or incorporate into larger projects like sun catchers. Tap into your inner artist and create something beautiful out of something once thought worthless. All materials included but you are encouraged to bring treasurers from home to use in the workshop. [Max - 25] (\$15 per person)

Reservations are required for all programs.

Please register online or call

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Programs may be cancelled due to low enrollment or hazardous weather. Activity fees and donations cover materials and are used by the Friends of South Slough Reserve, Inc. in support of the Reserve.

The Interpretive Center is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 am to 4:30 pm. Trails are open daily from dawn to dusk.