



Netarts Bay TODAY

Spring 2023
Newsletter of the Friends of Netarts Bay WEBS

President's Corner View from the Shoreline



By Paul Norman

It is so great to be starting off 2023 with an excellent lineup of programs – see the list in this issue. School programs are back in full swing, and there have already been two new public programs – one on lichens and a rockhounding hunt for agates and jaspers, both with local experts and guides. Among many other things, we are collaborating with The Schooner again to bring a clam cleaning and cooking demo to complement our Sustainable Clamming on the Bay program.

We love Netarts Bay and the surrounding area and want to help everyone enjoy, learn about, respect, and help sustain this unique area. If you participate in our programs this year (and we hope you do!) we hope you come away with feeling like you had fun, learned a little, and understand how best to enjoy this place in a way that sustains it for future generations

On the stewardship front, we are assisting with the development of NOAA marine debris mapping protocols for school students and are helping pilot a new effort with 5th, 6th, and high school students locally. The NOAA program uses data collected by community members to track the amount and type of debris

found on beaches around the world. If walking the beach for science sounds interesting to you, we are looking for community volunteers to help with marine debris mapping surveys this summer.

Speaking of volunteer opportunities, we are looking for volunteers to help WEBS and Portland Audubon with future work on snowy plover habitat with Portland Audubon.

Recall that last year we conducted a matching grant campaign that yielded \$40,000 for WEBS – \$20,000 from the Charles A Becker Foundation (Thank you Becker Foundation!) and \$20,000 from the community (Thank you donors!). Among other things, this allowed us to invite multiple schools



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to our first-grade program this year. The capacity from this funding also made it possible to welcome Liberty Elementary, Garibaldi Grade School, and Nestucca K-8 to our kinder program. Again, many thanks to all!

You may have noticed that many of the informational signs around the Bay are in sad shape. Some are weathered to the point of being unreadable. Some are missing. Some are outdated. We would like to hear what you think about the signs. What would you like to see communicated around the bay? What stewardship messages would you like visitors to have? If your best friend visits or your grandchild comes over in the summer, what would you like to see explained so that they can have a better understanding of the Bay? Send us a message via email, on social media, or through our website to share your thoughts.



2023 Calendar of Community Events

SOLVE
Spring Beach Cleanup
April 22

Sustainable Clamming
on the Bay: Part One
May 5

Sustainable Clamming
on the Bay: Part Two
May 6

Birding on the Bay: The
Magic of Migration
May 7

Marine Mammal
Stranding Network
May 11

Kayak Netarts Bay:
Inter Bay Tour;
Bay Entrance Tour
May 13

Tidepool
Discovery Days
May 20, 21
June 4, 7, 8
July 5, 6, 7
August 2, 3, 4

Netarts Spit Hike: with
Portland Audubon
July 8

Salt Marsh Tour
July 19

Ancient Plants
Summer (date TBD)

Painting on the Bay
July 29

Oyster Tour
August (date TBD)

Summer Birding
on the Bay: with
Portland Audubon
August (date TBD)

Sustainable
Clamming on the Bay
August 5

An Offering to our
Healing Ocean:
A Huehca Omeyocan
Celebration
August 6

Kayak Netarts Bay:
Inter Bay Tour;
Bay Entrance Tour
September 3

SOLVE
Fall Beach Cleanup
September (date TBD)

Sustainable
Crabbing on the Bay
October (date TBD)

Basket Weaving
Oct 28

Miscellaneous Beach Hikes
Summer –Fall (dates TBD)

Stories of Netarts Past:
Lifeways of the
Tillamook People
November 4



Photo by Michael Krall

Volunteer Opportunities

How You Can Help WEBS

By Roger Miller,
Volunteer Coordinator

Each year we offer a wide range of environmental education programs and events for the community. In addition, we participate in over 25 field trips for Tillamook County students. We depend on our volunteers to make these events a pleasant experience for all participants.

There are many ways that you can help: as a Program Leader, Event Day Assistant, School Field Trip Assistant, or Community Scientist. You may live outside of the Netarts area and find it difficult to help with our events. You can still help us “behind the scenes” with video editing, photography, and grant writing. We are especially in need of people to help with our marketing communication activities: public relations and press releases, proofreading, social media posts, website content and administration, and much more.

Let me know how you would like to help us, either by filling out a Volunteer Application form on the “Get Involved” tab of our website (netartsbaywebs.org), or contacting me directly by email at: volunteer@netartsbaywebs.org

We look forward to having you join us!

If you find that you are no longer able to volunteer with WEBS, contact me at the above email address and I will remove you from the list.



Explore, Investigate, Learn!

Curious about Netarts Bay? Ready to investigate the wonders of the area? You have come to the right place! We have set up a “Learning Lab” available to you 24/7 right at your fingertips. You have the best seat in the house from the comfort of your favorite chair.

The Friends of Netarts Bay YouTube channel has over 50 videos inviting you to explore, investigate, and learn about the beautiful bay, watershed, estuary, beach, and sea. This collection of videos and shorts has been curated into nine playlists for your ease in navigating. Many of the videos are available in both English and Spanish and focus on learning

from school-aged children to adults. Check out videos in our various playlists:

Explore, Investigate, Learn
Kayaking on Netarts Bay
Experiencing the Bay
Beaches
Sea

Nature Notes
Explore, Investigate, Learn
Community Science
Explore Nature

There are a wide variety of opportunities for education about the Netarts Bay area in each. A small sampling of the videos in the playlists include:

- Scenic Kayak Cruising on Netarts Bay
- Nature Notes: Moon Jellies
- Weed Detectives and Plant Invaders
- Birds of Prey
- Science on the Bay: Clamming, Parts 1 and 2
- Sharks of the Oregon Coast
- Brown Pelicans Ride the Waves
- Oysters 101
- Day at the Beach: Oceanside Tidepools



Start learning today and subscribe to the Friends of Netarts Bay YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/@friendsofnetartsbay-webs3509/featured> or use the QR code above for the latest additions to the collection. We offer these free adventures to help you fall in love with and take care of this beautiful section of the Oregon Coast.



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Fostering stewardship,
awareness and appreciation
of the unique
Netarts Bay Experience

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Thank you for reading this newsletter and supporting the effort to provide educational opportunities for children and adults, to promote stewardship of the unique environment of Netarts Bay, and to preserve this special place for future generations.

Your donations are greatly appreciated.

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