



# Straub Quarterly

*Friends of Straub Environmental Learning Center*

"In partnership with the community, we create awareness and understanding of our relationship to the environment."

## Straub Environmental Lecture Series Kick Off

(and happy hour to boot!)

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The Friends of Straub Environmental Learning Center (FSEL) is proud to announce the line-up of this year's Straub Environmental Lecture Series! We are looking forward to another great year of diverse speakers and hot topics.

Our first lecture of the season will be "Running with Whales with National Geographic

*Crittercam.*"The lecture will feature author and illustrator Nan Woodman, and will be held on Thursday October 28, 2010...



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## A note from our new Manager...



**H**ello! I am Alexandra Ninneman, the new manager of the FSEL. I'm originally from Taos, New Mexico, and came to Salem in 2006 to attend Willamette University (WU). At WU, I participated in the Willamette Science Outreach Program, which connects WU science students with elementary students in Salem area schools to promote science and higher education. I also kept busy working with international students at Willamette, dancing, volunteering, and studying Spanish for a semester in Granada, Spain. I graduated in May with a degree in Environmental Science, and having volunteered with FSEL during my time at WU, was delighted to join FSEL as a staff person in July.

Now that I have finished school (for the time being, at least!), I hope to continue exploring my environmental and artistic interests, and further my Spanish studies—perhaps I'll find a career that involves all three?! Until then, I'm excited to be a part of everything here at the FSEL and look forward to meeting and working with all of you. Please let me know if you have questions or suggestions on anything FSEL. Cheers!

~ Alexandra, [alexandra@fselc.org](mailto:alexandra@fselc.org), 503-391-4145

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at 7pm in the Salem Public Library's Loucks Auditorium. *Crittercam* is a device worn by wild animals allowing scientists to see into their world without human interference, to study animal behavior, and to gather environmental data. Woodman, a *Crittercam* team member, will speak on the lives of humpback whales monitored using the device, and show what it is like to 'see through the eyes of the whales.'

In addition to a great line-up of topics, we have added something extra special to this year's series: Happy Hour with the Speaker! Before each lecture, the highlighted speaker will be available for an informal Q&A at Prudence Uncorked (located in the Pringle Park Plaza) in Salem from 5:45pm-6:30pm. **\* Please note this is a cash-only bar\***. Further details for each lecture's Happy Hour are still in the works, so check our website, [www.fselc.org](http://www.fselc.org), for updates!

## Climate Masters Class Starts SOON!

**REGISTER TODAY!**

Developed by the [Climate Leadership Initiative](http://www.fselc.org) at the University of Oregon, the Climate Masters Training program educates citizens about climate change and engages them in activities in their household and community to help resolve the issue.

Please contact us at [fselc@fselc.org](mailto:fselc@fselc.org) or (503) 391-4145 to register.

For questions about the class, please email Lisa at [lfritzge@hotmail.com](mailto:lfritzge@hotmail.com).

Please see the calendar insert or our website [www.fselc.org](http://www.fselc.org) for the full Lecture Series schedule.

## Do you like mushrooms?

**If so, check out our first ever FSELC Mushroom Retreat!**

Participants will enjoy the company of a mushroom expert as they explore the coastal forest, learning how to identify and collect local mushrooms!



### Retreat details:

**Saturday October 23, 2010, 10am-4pm**

Drift Creek Nature Camp, near Lincoln City

Cost: \$15 adults, \$10 kids (ages 4-11)

Dinner and overnight stay available (and encouraged!) for an additional cost.

Download registration form online [www.fselc.org](http://www.fselc.org) or call (503) 391-4145.

## Volunteers Wanted!



The Friends of Straub Environmental Learning Center would not be who we are today without the help of volunteers. The FSELC is an entirely volunteer-based non-profit organization that needs your help!

### Upcoming Events:

#### Restoration Day

Straub Environmental Learning Center

Saturday September 25, 2010

9am-12pm

Due to construction of North Salem High School this summer, our native restoration area needs some attention, and we need your help! Rain or shine. All ages and skill levels welcome! No RSVP Required.

#### Mailing Parties

Dates TBA

Would you like to help inform the public about upcoming events? Join us in mail preparation! Dates TBA. Please contact us if you are interested.

For questions and other volunteer opportunities, please contact us at [fselc@fselc.org](mailto:fselc@fselc.org) or (503) 391-4145.



## Summer of Successful Events!

Although the wheels slow down for our regular programming during the summer, the speed picks up for our family fun and education! Here are a few highlights of our two most successful events this summer:

### Family Nature Retreat

In July, 39 parents and kids headed out to Drift Creek Nature Center to explore the coastal landscape! Families spent the weekend hiking, exploring, and learning all about nature. Experts educated families about bugs, bats, wildflowers, and the beautiful Oregon environment. This was the first retreat of its kind for the FSEL, and based on the results, there will be many more to come! Check our website, [www.fselc.org](http://www.fselc.org), and our facebook page for pictures and future Family Nature Retreat dates!



### Summer Camp

In July, the FSEL hosted our annual Summer Camps for 4th-8th grade students. This year's camps included even MORE programming and diverse activities than the year before! Programs included: Oregon Coast science visit, old growth exploration at Opal Creek, wildlife service learning project at Turtle Ridge Wildlife Center, and much more! Check out our website, [www.fselc.org](http://www.fselc.org), and our Facebook page for more pictures!

## Support the Growing Straub Center!

Since our beginning in 2002, the Friends of Straub Environmental Learning Center has continued to offer an amazing array of environmental education programs thanks to the work of countless volunteers. Though our all-volunteer Board of Directors and Education Committee will continue to be the backbone of FSEL, we are happy to announce that we have a new manager!

Alexandra Ninneman, a recent Willamette University graduate, worked with the Center as a volunteer during her time at Willamette. In July, she began working as a permanent staff person. In addition, we will be hiring an Education Director to assist in four of our many programs. We are looking forward to this new and exciting step towards our growing organization!

Most importantly, we'd like to thank our donors for their support in making our programs—and growing staff—possible. Help keep our programs available to the public at little to no cost with a tax-deductible donation to FSEL.

We look forward to seeing you at our programs!

**THANK YOU!**

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