



Straub Quarterly

Friends of Straub Environmental Learning Center

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

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Straub's Outstanding Lecture Series Returns

This season's lecture series begins on Thursday, October 27, 2011, when Photographic Field Reporter Paul Bannick takes the audience on an auditory and visual exploration of owls and woodpeckers in North American habitats. Come celebrate the ways the lives of these two iconic birds are intertwined with one another and their roles as keystone and indicator species in their environment. Immerse yourself in forest, grassland, arctic, and desert through sights, sounds, and story.

For the complete Lecture Series line up see page 2

Green Awards Donations Sought

The Green Awards Ceremony is the Center's primary fundraising event helping to keep quality environmental education programs available to the community for free or nominal cost. If you would like to provide a donation item for the silent or live auctions, please contact the FSEL Manager at 503-391-4145. Examples of donated items include yoga parties, weekend getaways, bottles of wine, and native plants.

Your donated items are greatly appreciated! Final confirmation of donated items is December 15, 2011.



The Green Awards: A great night for a worthy cause.

Save the Date * Green Awards * March 3, 2012

Lecture Series Line Up

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November 17, 2011: Bill Sullivan , **Oregon Favorites**

January 26, 2012: Harriet Fasenfest, **Home Economics and Householding in the Modern World**

February 23, 2012: Sharon Levy, **Once and Future Giants**

March 15, 2012: James Roddey, **Earthquakes in Oregon: What can Native American myths and new scientific discoveries tell us about "The Big One?"**

April 26, 2012: April Morris Bishop, **Living with Thunder: A Past, Present and Future History of Oregon's Volcanoes**

May 24, 2012: John Bolte, **Willamette Water 2100 Project: Anticipating Water Scarcity and Informing Integrative Water System Response in the Pacific Northwest**

FSELc Mushroom Retreat

Join mushroom expert Jake Hurlbert at the one-day retreat to learn coastal mushrooming basics.

When: November 12, from 9:30 am to 6:00 pm.

Where: Drift Creek Nature Camp, near Lincoln City

Cost: \$30/adult and \$20/child age 4-11. Children 3 & under are free! Cost includes dinner.

For more information, email fselc@fselc.org or call 503-391-4145 to register!

Amateur Naturalist Classes Continue

Foster the naturalist in you by attending the Center's Amateur Naturalist classes. We have had two outstanding classes already and more are scheduled:

Urban Wildlife

Mary Bliss and Dylan Edwards
October 13, 2011

Animal Tracking

Dorothy Brown-Kwaiser
November 10, 2011

Winter Trees and Shrubs

Michael Taylor and Rachel Walker
January 12, 2012

Willamette Valley Natural History

Brad Withrow-Robinson
February 9, 2012

The Crow Family and Their Behaviors

David Craig
March 8, 2012

Wildflower I.D. and Ethnobotany

Morris Johnson
April 12, 2012

Introduction to Nature Journaling

Marilynn Karbonski
May 10, 2012

RSVP is required.

Contact fselc@fselc.org or (503)391-4145.

Thanks to the support of our generous donors and sponsors, all lectures are free, open to the public, and held at Loucks Auditorium at Salem Public Library at 7:00 p.m.

Larry and Sharon Gray * Gail Gredler * Lisa Heller * Ron and Kelli Jaecks * Jeff Murray *

Thomas and Elizabeth Manson * Gary and Linda Nishioka * David Smedema * Bob Ponc

* Gary and Jane Servais * Lee and Sophie Sparling



Nature Kids Classes Begin!

Nature Kids provides great environmental education during this after school program. This program is divided into two groups: 2nd/3rd grade and 4th/5th grade. Each group has one class per month from 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm. The 2nd/3rd grade classes are held the 2nd Thursday of each month and the 4th/5th grade classes are held the third Thursday of the month. Classes begin in October.

Topics



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**All Nature Kids classes are FREE
 thanks to our sponsors**

Green Awards Nominations

Do you know any Mid-Willamette Valley individuals, businesses, or organizations who make outstanding efforts towards sustainability? If so, then nominate them for the FSELC's Green Awards so they can be acknowledge for their efforts. Look for nomination forms beginning in November.

Categories:

- Recycler of the Year (Individual or Family)
 - Recycler of the Year (Business)
 - EarthWISE Business of the Year
- Sustainable Organization of the Year
 - Large (more than 40 employees)
 - Small (less than 40 employees)
- Green Building of the Year
- Green Apple Award

Annual Report Now Available

Check it out online at <http://www.fselc.org> or contact the FSELC Manager at 503-391-4145 or fselc@fselc.org to request your copy.

Donate Your Vehicle before Dec 31

Get a 2011 Tax Deduction

while helping the Straub Environmental Learning Center

Your car or boat donation will help the Friends of the Straub Environmental Learning Center with their goal of providing quality environmental education to the mid-Willamette Valley communities for free or for very low cost to our participants.

Working with *Donate for Charity Inc.*, you will

- have your boat or vehicle picked up free of charge
- receive an auction sales price of your vehicle as a tax deduction, or \$500, whichever is the greater amount.
- avoid the anxiety and hassle of selling the vehicle

Ready to donate? Call *Donate For Charity* toll-free at (866) 392-4483 or donate on-line at their website: www.donateforcharity.com. Tell them you would like to donate your vehicle to the Straub Environmental Learning Center.





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... and many more!

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