



Environmental Lecture Series Continues March 14th

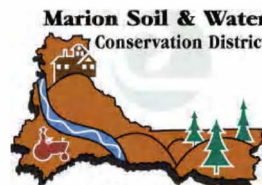
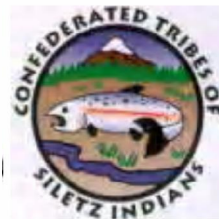
Oregon's Greatest Natural Disasters,
Presented by
local author
William
Sullivan will
be held on
Wednesday,
March 14,
2007 from
7:00 p.m. to
8:30 p.m. at
the Salem
Public
Library's
Loucks
Auditorium,



William Sullivan

located at 585 Liberty Street. Floods,
earthquakes, plagues, tsunamis,
volcanic eruptions – Oregon has seen
them all. Award-winning Oregon
author William Sullivan will present a
slide show tour of the most spectacular
natural disasters to hit the state over
the past 10,000 years. Sullivan will
explain what could happen if and when
these disasters recur. A native of
Salem, Sullivan is author of a dozen

books and numerous articles about
Oregon hiking, history, and adventure.
His book "Listening for Coyote,"
recounting his 1,000 mile hike across
the state, was named by the Oregon
Cultural Heritage Commission in 2005
as one of the 100 most significant
books in Oregon's history. This
presentation is free and open to the
public thanks to the support for this
lecture series from the following
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Other March Events See full event details online at www.open.org/~selc

Thursday, March 8
GREEN HOMES
Presented by Nathan
Good. 7:00 p.m. to 8:30
p.m. at the Straub ELC.
An introduction to
environmentally benign
and energy- efficient
home design. Free and
open to the public. To
register, call Jon Yoder
at 503 - 391 - 4145.

Saturday, March 10th
GREEN HOMES
This in-depth program
will cover everything
from site selection to
indoor air quality and
costs. 9:00 a.m. to
12:30 p.m. at the Straub
ELC. Free and open to
the public. To register,
call Jon Yoder at
503 - 391 - 4145.



Thursday,
March 29
Al Gore's "An
Inconvenient
Truth" Presented
by Oregon State
Secretary of
State, Bill Bradbury 6:30
p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at
Salem Public Library's
Loucks Auditorium. Free
and open to the public.

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Inside Story Headline

This story can fit 150-200 words.

One benefit of using your newsletter as a promotional tool is that you can reuse content from other marketing materials, such as press releases, market studies, and reports.

While your main goal of distributing a newsletter might be to sell your product or service, the key to a suc-



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cessful newsletter is making it useful to your readers.

A great way to add useful content to your newsletter is to develop and write your own articles, or include a calendar of upcoming events or a special offer that promotes a new product.

You can also research articles or find “filler” articles by accessing the World Wide Web. You can

write about a variety of topics but try to keep your articles short.

Much of the content you put in your newsletter can also be used for your Web site. Microsoft Publisher offers a simple way to convert your newsletter to a Web publication. So, when you’re finished writing your newsletter, convert it to a Web site and post it.

Call for Donations: Volunteers Are Especially Needed

The Straub ELC is in great need of volunteers willing to weed and maintain the restoration project on a regular basis. Unfortunately we do not currently have anyone with enough free time to upkeep this area and without regular maintenance our restoration efforts on this site will be lost. If you are able to volunteer, even for just an hour or two at a time, your help is greatly needed and will be much appreciated. Another area in which volunteers are needed is in the development of interpretive signs to be used at the Friends of Straub Environmental Learning Center.

Other volunteer options include:

- *Maintain Friends Web Site
- *Handle publicity for programs
- *Write grants and fundraise
- *Prepare educational information
- *Provide volunteer help for summer camps and family science nights
- *Get involved with an education program and/or project
- *Be a liaison to other organizations and non-profit groups in the area
- *Initiate and conduct educational

programming

- *Plan and conduct various events
- *Send “Thank You” notes
- *Design flyers for programs
- *Develop press releases for events
- *Join a committee
- *Audit our books
- *Produce organizational information for the public and new members
- *Provide legal advice
- *Communicate with other similar organizations and agencies
- *Facilitate student opportunities in the community
- *Promote the lecture series
- *Summarize lecture evaluations
- *Recruit volunteers to assist with the programs
- *Attend and help direct programs
- *Evaluate and prepare a summary of programs
- *Work to identify and to prioritize restoration projects
- *Organize volunteer work parties
- *Design, prepare, & install signage

*Increase local membership and participation from nearby schools

*Organize and maintain a library and lists of resources at the ELC

*Organize or assist in the writing of the Straub Monthly newsletter

The greatest benefit of any non profit organization lies in the commitment and contributions of the community it serves.

For more information, please contact the Straub ELC.

Not able to donate time? As with any non profit, there is always a continuing need for donations. Currently, items that would be beneficial to the Straub ELC include equipment like a Personal Computer (PC) projector (with a remote) and laptop computer. A photocopy and FAX machine would be nice as well.

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



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Newsletter: The First Issue

Welcome to the first issue of the Straub Monthly! It has been a long awaited goal of the Friends of Straub Environmental Learning Center's (ELC) Board of Directors to create a monthly publication. This newsletter is designed to help community members feel connected with and informed about the Straub ELC. This first issue will be sent physically to the Friends of Straub ELC mailing list as well as being posted on the Friends of Straub website, however we hope to conserve resources by posting all future newsletters to the Friends of Straub website only, and will e-mail our mailing list as new issues are available. For those community members who do not have internet access, there will be a small physical newsletter

mailing. If you or someone you know would like to sign up onto the electronic database, or to receive a copy in the mail, please e-mail the Center with your contact information. For the spring of 2007 the newsletter is made possible through a Northwest Service Academy placed AmeriCorps member volunteering with the Center. This newsletter is for you; the readers. If you have an idea for an article, please contact the Straub Center so we can integrate your ideas and include more meaningful elements into future issues.

About the Author:

As previously mentioned, the current author of the Straub Monthly is an AmeriCorps Member. Currently serving for a

year as the Environmental Project Coordinator at the Oregon 4-H Center just outside of Salem, Dominique "Nikki" Fitzgibbon is able to commit some time volunteering to the Straub ELC through an independent project opportunity. Nikki has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Environmental Studies from Mills College in California. She is currently applying to graduate school in the San Francisco Bay Area and aspires to work in the environmental community and to eventually become a High School Science Teacher.

