

OLYMPIC COAST NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY

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VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER - JULY 2008

Summer is finally here!

The summer season is in full swing, with 376 visitors to the Olympic Coast Discovery Center this week. Guests came from 17 states, British Columbia, and as far away as Germany and Netherlands.



Welcome to our new volunteers

The Olympic Coast Discovery Center welcomes two Americorps volunteers who will be with us through late summer. John Ketchum is a Port Angeles native, while Mark Cuppet comes to us from Pennsylvania. Both volunteered in Port Angeles schools until June, then joined us to complete their term of service to Americorps. Sarah Keltonic, a student from Peninsula College, is also joining us for the remainder of the summer.

Summer BBQ at the Lamont's

You are invited to join us for a BBQ on Tuesday, July 29. Social hour begins at 5:00 with dinner about 6:30 and a campfire at dusk. Jim and I will have something on the BBQ, and we invite you to bring salads, side dishes or desserts. Please email Janet at janet.lamont@noaa.gov to let us know if you are coming and what you are bringing.



Field trip to Theler Wetlands in Belfair on August 18

You are invited to bring a picnic lunch and join us for a field trip to Theler Wetlands in Belfair on Monday, August 18. We have arranged a guided tour for Discovery Center volunteers beginning at 10:00 a.m. The Theler Wetlands is an estuary located at the very northern end of Hood Canal. Four separate walking trails are open to the public free of charge during daylight hours, seven days a week. Birdwatchers and photographers flock to the wetlands, where they'll see kingfishers, herons, eagles and other wildlife. ***Sorry, but pets are not permitted on the wetlands trails.*** For more information about the area go to www.thelercenter.org. Call or send an email if you plan to attend, and we will arrange carpooling to share fuel costs.

Beth's son

We extend our deepest sympathy to volunteer Beth Winslow in the death of her son John on June 22. John, a resident of Port Townsend, enjoyed the outdoors, especially boats and the beach, and music. Memorial services are scheduled for Saturday, July 12 at 1:00 p.m. in the First Presbyterian Church in Port Townsend. Beth's address is P.O. Box 3563, Sequim 98382, if you would like to send her a card.

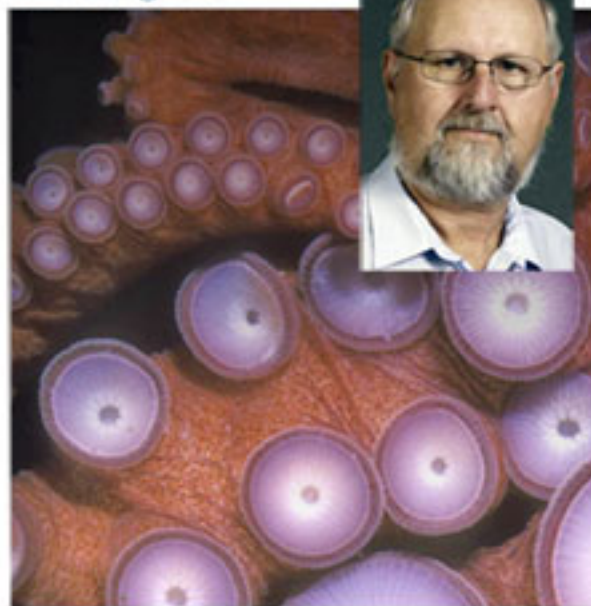
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Jim Cosgrove



Jim Cosgrove, avid scuba diver, marine biologist, and retired Chief of Natural History Collections at the Royal British Columbia Museum, visited Port Angeles on June 26 to present an informative lecture on the life cycle of the Giant Pacific Octopus to a group of interested divers, scientists and volunteers in the Landing Mall's special events room. The highlight of Cosgrove's presentation, which was sponsored by the Feiro Marine Life Center, was underwater video of octopus eggs hatching, showing the baby octopuses changing color as they swam away from the den. Cosgrove's was the first in a lecture series made possible by donations. Details on the next guest speaker will be announced soon.

"Sponges grow in the ocean. That just kills me. I wonder how much deeper the ocean would be if that didn't happen."

- Stephen Wright

Dungeness Lighthouse needs your vote!

The Dungeness Lighthouse is a finalist in a contest in which the winner, selected by popular vote, will receive all new windows. In 2005, the JELD-WEN company began the Lighthouse Restoration Initiative to prove the reliability of their windows and doors — even in coastal climates — by helping to save historic lighthouses for their communities. To learn more about the contest, to see photos of restored lighthouses, or to vote for your favorite lighthouse go to: www.jeld-wen.com/lighthouse/ and click on "vote now." You may vote as often as you wish until the winner is announced on September 7.



Thanks to summer volunteers

Want to spend a day at sea on the RV Tatoosh? Volunteers who work the most hours in the OCDC from May 1 to September 1 will be the first to be invited to our volunteer appreciation event on September 3. Currently that's Jim and Becky, Lu, Lisbeth, Bruce, Mary, Rose, Bill, and Genie; but with over six weeks to go there's plenty of time for everyone to get involved. Especially when our Americorps volunteers leave in August we will need YOU to help out. Stop by and sign up for a shift or two the next time you are in town.