

# Tern Paper

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## Business

## Buddies

**Brady's Oysters**  
who supplied, oysters, cooking and hosting the oyster tasting.

**Ocean Shores IGA**  
Charlie McKissick, Readerboard promotion for Oyster Event

### Grays Harbor Paper

Bill Quigg for the generous donation of four cases of paper.

### McGregor Insurance

Mike McGregor provided equipment for the program by Dr. Tom Good

### Anchor Thrift

Dee Doxie donated stacking chairs

**Second Hand Jan's**  
Peter Jordan donated two reception chairs

### Ocean Shores Chamber

Barbara Smith and staff for their publicity assistance

### North Beach Chamber

Consist supportive-ness and promotion.

## Heaven on the Half Shell event a huge success

The July 20 celebration at the Center of one of Grays Harbor's heritage industries was fun, educational, and highly successful. The day was the occasion of the debut of the SeaGrant mural *Heaven On A Half Shell* on the history and production of the oyster. Well-known author, David Gordon, lectured on the topic of the mural and signed books by the same title. ORHAB scientists, Dr. Jack Wekell and Anthony O'Dell let folks peer into a microscope and explained the work on toxic algal blooms. Hundreds of folks enjoyed fresh smoked and barbecued oysters provided by Brady's Oysters.

Gordon, the science writer for the Washington Sea Grant Program, has appeared on Late Night with Conan O'Brien, Barbara Walters, The View and Live with Regis and Cathy Lee. He has spoken at the American Museum of Natural History, Yale University, the Smithsonian Institution and other prestigious venues. Visitors to the Center enjoyed visiting with him during the afternoon prior to the lecture.

Dr. Wekell of the National Oceanographic & Atmospheric Administration wears many hats heading up the

Olympic Region Harmful Algal Bloom (ORHAB) group. Those representations include the National Marine Fisheries Service, Northwest Fisheries Science Center Environmental Conservation Division. O'Dell is employed through Sea Grant at the state Fish & Wildlife Office in Montezano. Their exhibit on biotoxins, bloom transport along the coast, and current scientific studies will be at the Center for the rest of the summer.

Brady's Oysters, as a Grays Harbor, fourth generation, oyster farming family not only provided the oysters and the cooking thereof for the Center visitors but educated people about local oysters,



## Allan Rammer shellfish presentation a big hit with kids

Allan Rammer, shellfish education specials for the Washington State Shellfish Program was a big hit with the kids from the Ocean Shores Library Summer Reading Program July 17. Their enthusiasm spilled on visiting families that day as 43 people attended Rammer's fun and informative afternoon at the Center.

Rammer always charms his audience with the interesting tidbits and facts about the

## Dr. Good, NMFS, at Center June 9

"Love and Life on the Island" was the topic for Dr. Tom Good's presentation June 9 at the Center. Good, with the National Marine Fisheries Services, spoke on bird mortalities and the Grays Harbor hybrid gulls to an interested group of listeners.

Dr. Good began his scientific investigations into the local gulls in 1994 when he was associated with the University of Kansas. The Grays Harbor Hybrid Zone is a unique area where two species of gull are interbreeding. Dr. Good also performed scientific studies with Dr. Julia Parrish of the University of Washington on Tatoosh Island following his initial work of collecting data on Murre mortalities. The COASST program is a continuation of those studies.

shellfish found on our beaches. One thing never seen during his presentation is a bored listener. From information about the multi-eyed scallop to the zillions of tiny oysters found on a shell to beach manners, Rammer's presentation was eagerly received.

The Reading Kids were presented with a "goodie bag" containing sea animal combs, polished agates, post cards and other surprises.

## Volunteer contributions to the Community through Center Activities

The Center has been blessed again this summer with so many hard working volunteers.

**Walt Benton** built a table for the general office computer that has been a great addition to the general office. **Arvid Koetitz** arranged for the purchase of a new office computer, paid for from Association funds. He installed software and soon had both office computers humming away. The Association also purchased another printer/copier for use in the general office. **Anna Koetitz** is finally winding down the massive job of data entry for both the Center and the Association. Her exactness of detail truly

### Oyster Gala a success

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oyster farming and habitat considerations. They also provided a video of how oysters are raised at Brady's on suspended culture, a unique method developed by Brady Ingvall. The video and mural will be at the Center until September 10.

Many visitors enjoyed historic look at local oyster farming in a home movie made a quarter of a century ago by Loren Bezzo, now retired from the North Beach cranberry industry.



### Summer Hours

11 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
seven days a week

boggles the mind.

The hours of website work by **Jeff Dukes** has paid off with a number of out-of-state and Canadian visitors reporting, "We saw it on the web."

**Annetta** and **Shorty Goebel** gathered donation of plants, dirt, and bark and have spent hours beautifying the Center grounds. Annetta purchased stain and spiffied up the deck railings. Annetta added flowerbeds across the front of the new addition and along the new sidewalk. **Walter Weed** rototilled the new bed thanks to the use of **Janna Hoflin's** equipment and slaved away under the hot sun screening out roots and rocks. Despite allergies **Kaye Owens** has mowed the lawn, as did **Walter Weed**. Another person contributing to keeping the grounds looking great is **John Beers** who constantly polices the grounds.

Retail sales are spectacular thanks to **Walter** and **Elone Weed** that have stocked so many good books at great prices. Proceeds from the sales benefit the Center programs and displays.

**Bernie Paul** has been not just a faithful volunteer host but has chaired the activities of the Master Gardner program.

**Dorothy Conner**, **Toni Neiman** and **Jean Kyle** have completed an inventory in the first step towards completing in-

ternal inventory and artifact documentation.

**Beth Jordan** has lent her support in many ways from donations of natural history items for exhibit to information, working on design of teaching boxes, and studying decent materials.

**Nancy Ludwig**, although working full time this summer at the Golf Course has lent a hand in telephoning for various purposes.

**Barbara Smith**, our Chamber of Commerce Director, is also a supporter of the Center. She has promoted the Center in many ways and takes time from her busy schedule to personally attend many of the Center events.

**Craig Zora**, DNR Aquatic Lands Manager, fulfills his membership role by keeping the Center informed of opportunities we might otherwise miss.

**Larry Woodwick** provides "mule" services when moving jobs are too tough for the staff to handle.

**John Beers**, our "video man" is indispensable filming nature, and documenting center events.

**Dick Lyons** of Dupont has provided hours of zoology tutoring and loan of specialized books to Gene and Diane.



Have you checked out the retail book selection for your Christmas Shopping?

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### Still time to hear the Master Gardeners

Only a few opportunities remain to ask the WSU Master Gardeners about the unknown plant in your yard, that funny stuff on another plant or just general gardening questions during the plant clinics August 4 and 18. The season's final program, "Gardening in Sand" on August 18 is certainly an Ocean Shores topic. All are on Sun-

day afternoon from 1 to 3 p.m.

Local information from experienced local gardeners is what the Master Gardeners program is all about.

Contributing their knowledge are **Bernie Paul**, chair, **Gail Rolfe**, **Charlene Magneson**, **Shirley Humphries**, **Bev Bailey**, **Joy Shepherd**, **Joanne Kartes**, and **Cathy Larson**.

## FAM Tour from Holland Visits

Washington State Tourism Division, Tourism Grays Harbor and the Ocean Shores Chamber of Commerce brought visitors from Holland to the Center in June for a Familiarization (FAM) tour.

Writers and travel agents had plenty of questions to ask about the amenities of the city. The most interesting aspect to the visitors was the plethora of wildlife within the city limits. The history of the area's natural resource based economy was also interesting for the group from the Netherlands.

The visitors selected items from a large table of pamphlets, rocks, shells, posters, and other information about the local natural world.

Other recent tour groups to the Center have included The Firs Retirement Center from Olympia and the Ocean Shores Chamber of Commerce volunteers.

Visit the Sea Grant exhibit at the Center until September 10

## Youth Groups and Youth

The 2002 summer season has seen an increase in tours to the Center, especially by youth groups. A big draw for teachers and youth leaders is the ability to focus their charges' attention on the Junior Naturalist Program. For the youth, earning a nice woven badge declaring them an 'Ocean Shores Junior Naturalist' is a proud accomplishment.

Those who have toured the Center and earned badges are Girl Scout Troops #532 of Issaquah, Mercer Island Troop # 46, Troop #1409, Troop #223 from Bainbridge Island and Ocean Shores Daily Troop.

School children who also earned badges are the Bethel Christian School that also brought their art class another day and learned to draw wildlife, The Gateway Christian School from Enumclaw and a private Catholic School from Seattle. Taholah Special Education Students earned an A++ with their behavior and attention at the Center. All together 143 children have earned their badges including children from Vancouver B.C., Plainsfield, IL, and New York City.

The Tacoma Truman Center have already brought one bus load of teens with more scheduled before school begins.

## Center hosts make visitors feel welcome to the our City

Smiling faces welcoming our guests recently have included **Sandy Mitchell, Beth Jordan, Water and Elone Weed, Arv and Anna Koetitz.**

Others who have hosted and woked retail are **Bernie Paul, Beverly Bailey, Jackie Owens, Jeanne Johnson, Shirely Humphries, Kim Button, Dorothy Hamper, and Arlene House.**

## Association Contributions

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enjoying very much is a binnacle from the Catala given to **John McCarty** from Bill McPhersen two or three days after the ship sank. He also loaned a Ginny Simms album given to her by his mother.

**Dean Smethurd's** display and research of a message in a bottle has many people dreaming of such a find. His display was a big hit at this year's Beachcomber's Fun Fair. Dean is just one of the many supportive North Beach friends of the Center.

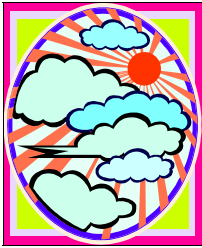
A recent beachcoming find, a Diet Pepsi can with pharsi writing was given by **Alyssa Grossi** who found it July 4 at Damon Point.

**Ed Blomquist** donated shingle art from the old Ocean Shores Inn along with a Inn brochures. The shingles seem to bring back many memories for folks..

**John Wall** celebrated his family's first anniversary in their Ocean Shores home by donating an entire set of soaker hose for the Center's new landscaping project.

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## *Interpretive Center Association lends a big hand*

***Ocean Shores Interpretive Center's Mission is to enhance the quality of life for visitors and residents through the presentation of natural history, and history of the coastal life, in a manner that promotes appreciation and stewardship of natural resources.***

The Ocean Shores Interpretive Center Association not only supplies hours of free help to the Center as hosts and retail sales personnel, but has supplied a brand, new storage shed to relieve the overburdened small Center closets of many items. The shed, constructed by Gary Hulet Construction, was designed to match the main Center building. It will house extra tables, chairs, display cabinets, building materials and sup-

plies, display boards, posters, etc. The two closets will now be designated as educational materials storage only in one closet and a workspace and display items storage for the other.

Items donated for use by the Center are accepted under the Association's name. Some of the recent acquisitions are: Bottled water and office supplies from **Diane and Jeff Dukes**, funds for development of the grounds and compensation to Adam Schade Landscaping Management Services by **Norm Schut**, tide clock from **Margaret Marek**, color photo of Catala moored at Protection

Island from **Janna Hoflin**.

Other donations include: two 11 X 14-inch shorebird photos by **Nicole Timpson**, a microwave from **Bob and Gloria Graham**, a small refrigerator and table from **Elone and Walter Weed**.

Temporary exhibit loans for the summer that visitors are **Continued to pg 3**

Persons interested in contributing to the Center can direct IRS tax deductible donations to:  
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