
FEBRUARY BROADCAST 2024

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“We need a new kind of environmentalism that is rooted in action, in science, in social justice, and in personal responsibility. Some of what we need is policy, some of what we need is story, and some of what we need is to reconnect.”

-Ruby McConnell

Author, Geologist, Environmental Activist

Monday, February 19 Hiking with Pat Mt Pisgah in Eugene

Please register for the hike [HERE](#)

Join our new Eugene area hike leader, bird guide and ecology educator, Pat Boleyn, for a Mt Pisgah hike. Meet at 10:00 at the Mt Pisgah Arboretum lower kiosk. Ample parking is available, but each car needs a parking pass (\$4) that can be purchased at the start of the trailhead. We’ll hike about 5 miles roundtrip including going to the top of Mt Pisgah with uphill walking on trails and gravel road. Hiking poles are recommended. Dogs are ok with leashes, but please check rules for dogs at the Mt Pisgah website. The elevation gain is about 1000 feet. The top of Mt Pisgah is about 1536 feet and we start at around 500 feet from the parking lot.



Find driving directions to Mt Pisgah [HERE](#).

Hiking With Maya Thursday, February 22 McDonald Forest, Corvallis Please register [HERE](#) for the hike

This Corvallis-area hike will feature a treasure hunt for spring blooming wildflowers. The route will be determined based on the weather; you will receive a follow up email to your registration a few days before the hike. This is a year of big birthdays so there might be a special stop along the way. Dogs are welcomed if they are well-socialized, friendly to people and other dogs and love to hike. Likely we will hike around 7 miles.



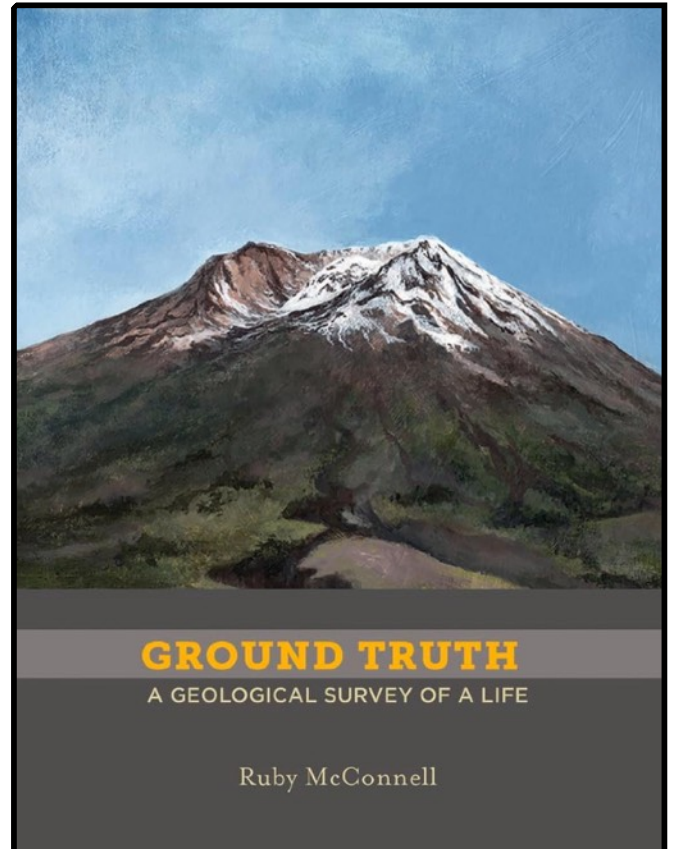
The 11 mile January hike with Maya and Bodhi and many happy hikers



The hike was celebrating birthdays including Harriet Plumbley's 80th! What's a birthday hike without a rest stop for a shot of Bailey's Irish Cream?

**Spring Book Breads
with Carol
Ground Truth
by Ruby McConnell
Friday, March 29
4:00 on Zoom**

Get the book! “Ground Truth: A Geological Survey of a Life” by Ruby McConnell is our next Book Breads read. Ruby is a Pacific Northwest native, author and geologist and will be joining us for this book club meeting next month! This book was published in 2020 and was a finalist for the 2021 Oregon Book Award. Another local author Mary DeMocker writes, this book is “Clear-eyed, kind-hearted, and authoritative...by turns wry, gripping, and unflinchingly honest.” And Ellen Waterston author of our last Book Breads selection writes, “McConnell renders her self-portrait against the backdrop of the Pacific Northwest's dynamic geology and, in the process, tenders some of the hard questions we'd do well to ask ourselves.” Be sure to save the date for this meeting. A zoom link will be sent in the Broadcast for March.



In addition...we're working with author Ruby McConnell to offer a Broad Chat with her in person in early April. Read the book, join the Book Breads meeting on March 29th and stay tuned for an announcement about this exciting event!

January Advocacy Night



PLEASE
See the links in
Take Action Now below
to submit comments
by 8:59 pm on February 2nd!

15 Broads and Bros gathered at Calapooia Brewing Company to gather information presented by Chandra LeGue for comment writing for two important proposals for mature and old growth forest protections.

Take Action NOW and we mean NOW!

Critical and time sensitive.

Comments must be submitted TODAY, February 2nd.

Both the NW Forest Plan 45-day scoping comment period and National Old Growth Forest Plan Amendment scoping period end tonight at 8:59 pm (PST). Find more information and links to comment from Broads National headquarters [HERE](#). Chandra's follow up email to January Advocacy Night with excellent talking points and links is attached to the email Cyndi sent with this Broadcast. All this is moot after 9:00 pm on February 2nd!



First Aid & More Broad Chat on January 27th



Winnie Barron, PA, here discussing the use of AEDs with 28 Willamette Valley Broads & Bros in Corvallis. Other presenters and their topics were Beth Brown, retired NP covered wilderness first aid, Diana Barron MD discussed emergency situations, and Laura Ouellette, retired MD covered special concerns of the mature hiker. All four of our presenters are active Broadband members.

We thank them for a splendid program!

And also of interest:

OREGON STATE SCIENCE PUB ON INDIGENOUS STEWARDSHIP OF FORESTS FEB. 7 at 6:00 in person or online

Indigenous stewardship of Pacific Northwest forests as a way of increasing forests' climate resiliency, particularly related to wildfires, will be the topic of Oregon State University's Science Pub.

Cristina Eisenberg, a community ecologist and associate dean for inclusive excellence and director of Tribal initiatives in Oregon State's College of Forestry, and Ashley Russell, a faculty research assistant who works with Eisenberg, will give the talk at 6 p.m. at the Old World Deli in Corvallis. It can be viewed in person or online. Register [HERE](#).

Public Interest Environmental Law Conference March 1-3, 2024 University of Oregon School of Law, Eugene

This three day conference is a great way to learn about a broad spectrum of environmental law, issues and advocacy. From forest policy to public lands protection, mining reform to endangered species, and Native American treaty rights to dam removal - there's something for everyone. The conference is free to attend.

Broads from across the state will be tabling at the conference in support of the **Protect the Owyhee Campaign** at the event. If you're interested in helping out please contact Julie Weikel at jweikeldvm@gmail.com.

Wildlife Protection

If you would like to join the mailing list to focus on [wildlife issues](#) contact Su Libby at bigwiscon@gmail.com

Did you know that the Willamette Valley Broadband has a FaceBook page? It's right [HERE](#).

Great Old Broads for Wilderness (Broads) is a women-led national grassroots organization that engages and inspires activism to preserve and protect wilderness and wild lands.

For more information about the Great Old Broads for Wilderness and to join for just \$35 per year, visit the website greatoldbroads.org.

Willamette Valley Broadband page is:

<https://www.greatoldbroads.org/chapters/oregon-willamette-valley-broadband/>

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