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# BROADCAST FOR MARCH 2024

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*"You can't come back to something that is gone."*

-Richard Powers, *The Overstory*



**Advocacy Night**  
**Monday, March 4,**  
**4:00 - 6:00**  
**Calapooia Brewing Co**  
**140 NE Hill St, Albany**  
**Protecting the Owyhee!**  
**[RSVP HERE](#)**

Bonnie Olin has been exploring the Owyhee region of SE Oregon since her husband Mike Quigley introduced her to this remarkable landscape in 1993. Twenty years later she became actively engaged with conservation efforts to protect the region with the publication of her book entitled, "The Owyhee River Journals," developing a program rich in visuals that would show her audience what we stood to lose if we do nothing. She's personally reached over 4000 people through 99 presentations given throughout six states and garnered 1200 signatures in support of Owyhee wilderness status during Oregon Natural Desert Association's Owyhee Wilderness Campaign, and shows no signs of giving up!

Join Bonnie and our special guest visiting from Colorado, Great Old Broads for Wilderness Regional Grassroots Coordinator, Emily Loubsky to find out what we

can do to support protection for the Owyhee. This from Emily - “Great Old Broads has joined a coalition of organizations working to protect the Owyhee Canyonlands. This is an incredible opportunity for us to have a lasting positive impact on the land, preserving critical resources in an area that is seeing growing pressure from recreation, mining, and other uses. I will have the honor of being the staff liaison between the Broads and our partner organizations and I'll be supporting the campaign in various capacities.”

Please [RSVP HERE](#) so we know how to set up the space. Plan to enjoy the yummy selection of food and beverage available for happy hour or an early dinner at Calapooia Brewing.



Maya's February Birthday Hike

## Hiking With Maya Tuesday, March 12 9:00 - 12:00

Whatever the weather, we will explore some beautiful Oregon landscapes in the Corvallis area and look for wildflowers blooming in the forest. Climate change shows that many plants in the Willamette Valley are blooming at least four weeks earlier than usual. We have

more milestone birthdays to celebrate again but mostly we will enjoy a few hours of hiking in the woods. The route will depend on the weather.

Likely we will hike 7-8 miles. Join us for a good hike, to meet great people and learn more about wildflowers. [SIGN UP HERE FOR THE HIKE.](#)



## Hiking with Pat Boleyn Tuesday, March 21st Bryce Creek Grove

Meet: 10 am in the  
Walmart parking lot  
in Cottage Grove  
([directions here](#))

Hiking with Pat in November 2023

Pat is a bird guide and ecology educator and our new hike leader for the Eugene area. Meet at 10:00 am in the Cottage Grove Walmart parking lot then carpool or caravan to the Bryce Creek trailhead south of Cottage Grove. Hike along the beautiful creek in older forests 5.7 miles one way and up to 10 miles round trip on a trail. The hike can be only 8 miles by turning around early. Hike time could be about 4 hours on rolling and some flat terrain.

Bring: rain gear, water, lunch, good hiking boots or shoes

**[Sign up for hike HERE](#)**

Directions to trailhead, if you are not meeting at Walmart:

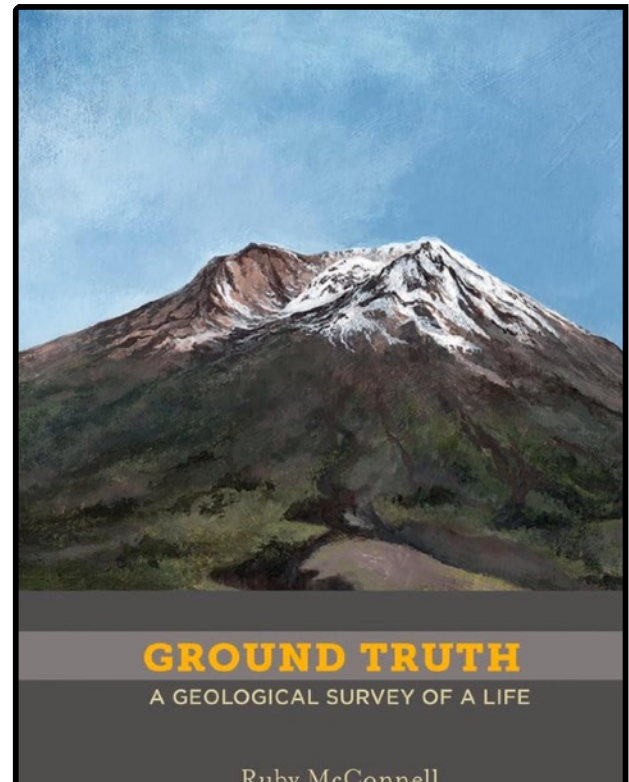
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**Spring Book Breads  
with Carol  
Ground Truth  
by Ruby McConnell  
Friday, March 29  
4:00 on Zoom**

**[Sign Up HERE](#)**

There's still time to read 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. Her 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." Join us for this special event and meet Ruby. When you sign up above you'll receive your Zoom link and a reminder with the link again the day before the meeting.

In addition...we're working with author Ruby McConnell to offer a Broad Chat with her in person in summer 2024. Read the book, join the Book Breads meeting on March 29th and stay tuned for an announcement about this exciting event!



## Wilderness Monitoring 2024

This summer will be our second year of Wilderness Monitoring in the Middle Santiam and Diamond Peak Wilderness areas, so save some dates this summer to get out into the wilderness! We will have another Solitude Monitoring training sometime this spring or early summer and we'll let you know when that will be as soon as we get the date set.

For more information contact Lynn Humphrey - [lynnhumphrey@gmail.com](mailto:lynnhumphrey@gmail.com)

### And also of interest:

#### **Oregon Wild Wednesday Webcast**

**Wednesday, March 6**

**6 pm**

#### **The Future of Fire Policy**

Join Ryan Reed with FireGen and Tim Ingalsbee with FUSEE to learn how fire policy, like forests and communities, can adapt to be more resilient in a new era of fire on the landscape. At this webcast, we'll dive into all things "fire" - looking at how past fire policy and management has informed the current state of fire on the landscape, and how a paradigm shift towards ecological wildland fire management can also empower Indigenous communities and young generations, while helping to protect healthy forests and communities. We'll explore fire policy in the context of other efforts to manage public forest lands, address climate change, and prepare communities for fire.

<https://www.oregonwild.org/events/webcast-future-fire-policy>

January Advocacy Night at  
Calapooia Brewing Company

Maya's February Hike



Six happy dogs and eighteen humans  
joined the February birthday hike.



Calapooia Brewing Company in Albany is our new Advocacy Night venue. We use their heated atrium and enjoy their tasty brews and food while learning about a cause needing our attention to take action on. Won't you join us on March 4th to hear about and promote protection for the Owyhee?

**Wildlife Protection**

If you would like to join the mailing list to focus on [wildlife issues](#) contact Su Libby at [bigwiscon@gmail.com](mailto: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](https://www.greatoldbroads.org).

Willamette Valley Broadband page is: <https://www.greatoldbroads.org/chapters/oregon-willamette-valley-broadband/>

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