

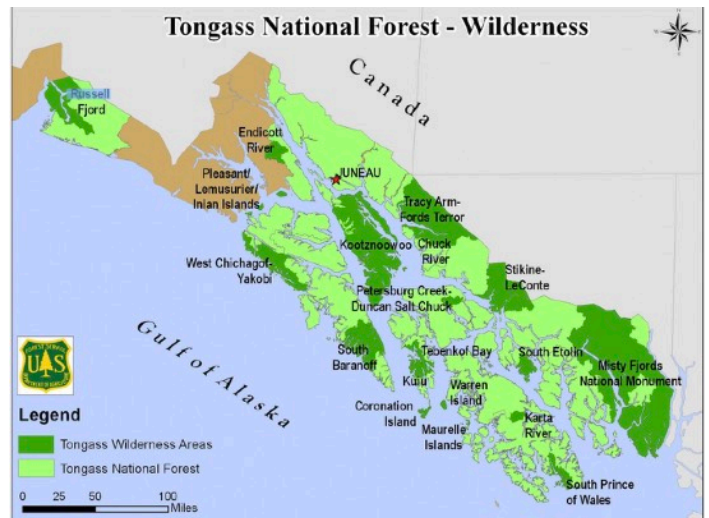
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“You are capable of more than you know. Choose a goal that seems right for you and strive to be the best, however hard the path. Aim high. Behave honorably. Prepare to be alone at times, and to endure failure. Persist!
The world needs all you can give.”

E.O. Wilson

Monday, January 10
Advocacy Night
6:00 pm
on Zoom

The Tongass National Forest in SE Alaska has some of the largest areas of unlogged temperate rainforests left in the world. The battle for protecting the roadless areas and old growth forests of the Tongass is reaching a new milestone, with proposed reinstatement of protections by the Biden administration. Chiara D'Angelo, the Tongass Forest Program Manager with the Southeast Alaska Conservation Council (SEAC) will be joining us to talk about how we got to this point and the current opportunity to comment on reinstating roadless area protections. (You can read more here too! <https://www.seacc.org/submit-your-roadless-rule-comments>) We can also chat about how protecting the Tongass ties into the broader movement to protect old forests across the Pacific Northwest. Register to participate [HERE](#).



Thursday, January 20 and Tuesday, January 25 Hiking with Maya

Two hikes this month! On Thursday, **January 20**, join us for a special hike and tour of the MacDonald Forest. This hike will be about 11 miles and is reserved for moderate to faster paced hikers. We will start at the Oak Creek entrance to MacForest and hike on roads over to Peavy Arboretum. Bring a lunch and snacks because we will take a break to rest and appreciate the forest and the trees. In mild winters, we often find *Synthryis reniformis* in January. Will anyone find it this winter? This hike requires a shuttle and carpooling and will last about five hours. Masks are required in all carpools and optional during the hike. Sign up [HERE](#) for this hike.



Maya finds a sparassiss on a hike in November

On Tuesday, **January 25**, join us for a beautiful hike in MacDonald Forest. This hike is designed for anyone who can hike five-miles and wants to spend time with other Great Old Broads in the forest. The route will be determined based on the weather predictions. This hike will be a great opportunity to meet other people engaged in the Broads who love to hike. Sign up [HERE](#) for this hike.

Questions? Email Maya at maya.abels@gmail.com.

Field Checking for 2022

Field checking opportunities for our Broadband are being developed for 2022 and will be announced later this year. But for all you hard core field checkers out there, Cascadia Wildlands will be hosting field work opportunities throughout 2022 and you are more than welcomed to join in. You can access these opportunities by going to the Cascadia Wildlands website [HERE](#) and go to the WildCats volunteer page.

Friday, February 4 4:00 pm Winter Book Breads with Carol

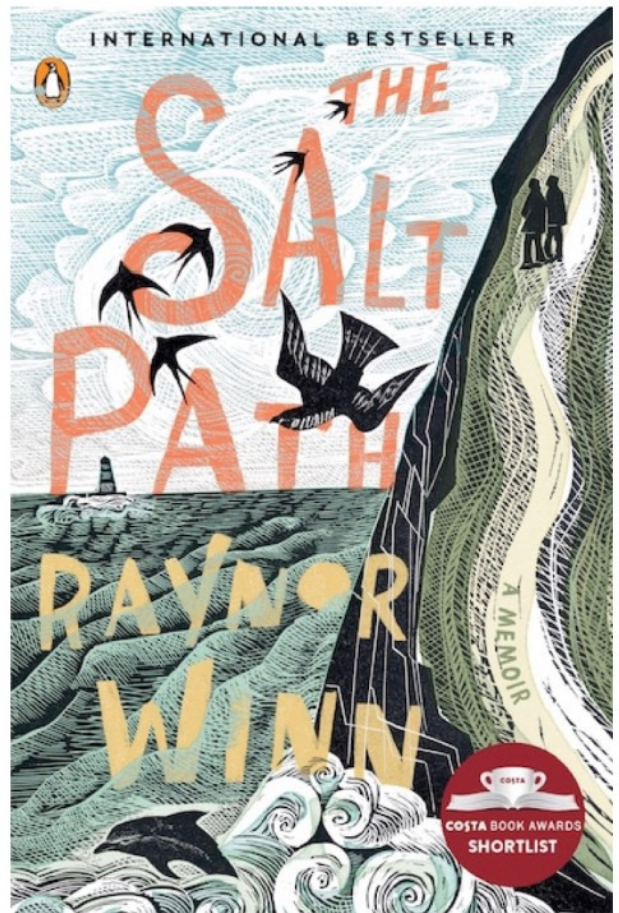
We'll be discussing, "The Salt Path" by Raynor Winn. It's a book about loss and finding redemption through walking and nature, a perfect read to snuggle up with on a cold winter's night in front of the fire.

"An unputdownable tale of love and inspiration. It will change you."

- The Wall Street Journal

Please order from your favorite independent book seller. Feel free to attend whether you've read the book or not.

RSVP and get Zoom link [HERE](#).



**Hike
Leaders
Wanted!**



Laura Ouellette explaining next steps in writing comments about the QMS proposal before a hike with Amy Rossman, Betsy Connover, Becky Garrett and Anne Filson.

Do you love to hike and explore new trails? Would you consider leading a hike to one of your favorite places? We encourage more people to lead a hike. And we promise to make it easy for you. All you have to do is choose the date, the time, the distance and the starting place. Your leadership team will send out the notice and create the Signup Genius for registration. You can do this once or as often as you want. If this appeals to you, contact Maya at maya.abels@gmail.com.

Wildlife Protection

If you would like to join the mailing list for the **Broads Regional Action Team (BRAT)** to focus on **wildlife issues** contact Su Libby at bigwiscon@gmail.com

Advocacy Action to Take NOW

Cancel the Bureau of Land Management's Plan to log 200 year Coast Range forests. Get more information and complete this Cascadia Wildlands form to send a letter [HERE](#).

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

Leadership Team members for the Willamette Valley Broadband were asked to share a highlight, special memory or inspiration related to their work with the Broads during 2021. Here's what they all had to say:

It's been a pleasure working and hiking with such fun and gracious people dedicated to protecting our forests, environment and climate. I have such fond memories of spending time with the Broads at our summer base camp but my field checking experiences in the old forests we visited stand out. There was one beautiful area where the forest floor was so soft and bouncy with decades of forest litter that our every step was cushioned. The rich soil created by years of dynamic forest growth and decay will be a memory highlight for 2021 along with sharing this experience with so many dynamic women.

—Nancy Mauter

When I think of the Great Old Broads, my first thought is camaraderie. I have met so many wonderful people from all kinds of places since I became a member and have lots of sweet memories of good times together. I have especially loved being on the leadership team of our Broadband. I highly recommend it!

I loved attending the "May the Forest Be With You" Broadwalk in Sequim, WA last August. It was a fine example of a National Broadwalk with many fun and educational experiences. I especially loved the stewardship event of clearing out invasive alder trees on the North Olympic Land Trust. It is a beautiful place and we did good work while enjoying it!

—Beth Malitz

I suppose my favorite memory is reflecting on the numerous goals that the Willamette Valley Broadband accomplished last year in my absence. I think achieving so much meaningful advocacy and education while having so much fun is something everyone should be proud of and aspire to. I know I'm proud of this super productive Band of Great Old Broads and Bros and aspire to be a much more significant contributor in 2022!

—Kelly Burnett

The Broad's Base Camp at Lost Prairie Campsite is an outstanding memory. In spite of the heat dome's 103+ degree heat, we had such fun, such camaraderie, and learned so much about our magnificent but struggling forests. Amazingly organized, we were able to hike, learn, swim, walk the forests, and meet so many new and caring people. Even the food was terrific! It remains one of those pinnacles of life experiences for me, and I thank the Willamette Valley Great Old Broads so much.

—Marjorie Stuart

Like Marjorie, my favorite memory from the last year of Great Old Broad activities occurred at our “experience global warming” base camp event. When we gathered with the Sweet Home Ranger district staff, I was so impressed by the insight and compassion our members showed to the SH staff. We could have faced off as adversaries, but instead embraced them, their struggles, and our common goals. I was and am so proud of our members.

I think that this embodies what we need to heal our planet: nurturing, integrity, compassion, and love. We can lead the way!

—Laura Ouellette

The friendships I've made are what really stand out for me this year with the Broads. I enjoy being with all of you warm, talented, knowledgeable, and like-minded women.

—Lynn Humphrey

Working with other like-minded people who embrace the mission and vision of the Great Old Broads gives me joy and purpose during my retirement. I love the Great Old Broads as an organization, I love the amazing people who are a part of it and I love the work and issues that we address. There are so many moments and experiences during the last year that were significant to me! Like everyone else, the Save the Forest event at Lost Prairie exceeded my expectations. Another highlight was planning the first hike in May because it meant that we were all vaccinated and could resume our monthly hikes.

—Maya Abels

I loved working with Broads from across the region to learn about and draw attention to issues related to public lands, forests, fire, and climate change through the Pacific Northwest Forest Climate Alliance and the Broads Regional Advocacy Team this year. By zooming out and connecting across the region with such knowledgeable and passionate Broads, I feel able to bring these big issues home to our area and better inform our advocacy and events - from hosting webinars to campouts.

—Chandra LeGue

Reading four books together this year and coming together via zoom (and once in person at Cyndi's) was a wonderful way to get to know each other better.

Our favorite book of 2021 was "Braiding Sweetgrass", by Robin Wall Kimmerer, Native American botanist and amazing writer. Many of us also enjoyed Suzanne Simard's "Finding the Mother Tree" about a tenacious young forester's quest to understand PNW forests and how she's learned everything is connected. We would recommend either of these to all of you.

We also tackled Barry Lopez's last book, "Horizon." Many folks were new to Lopez and did not care for his self-important narratives. "All We Can Save" an anthology of women climate activists from around the world is a great book for reading in bite sized chunks.

This winter, we will be discussing "The Salt Path" by Raynor Wynn. Non-fiction, it is a story about how the author and her terminally ill husband of 32 years, make the brave and impulsive decision to walk the 630 miles of the sea-swept South West Coast Path in England. With hardly any money for food or shelter, they backpack in the wild, weathered landscape of cliffs, sea and sky. Yet through every step, every encounter, and every challenge along the way, their walk becomes a life-affirming true story of coming to terms with grief and the healing power of the natural world.

We hope you'll join us on Friday, Feb. 4 at 4 pm on Zoom to talk about the book. Other books will be announced a couple of months in advance of each gathering through 2022. This spring, we will read a classic Oregon Coast novel, Mink River, by the late great Oregon writer, Brian Doyle. To be discussed in May. Happy New Year!

—Carol Savonen

The See the Trees, Save the Forest, Heal the Planet - Broad Base Camp in June was a lot of work to plan but boy was it worth the effort. Developing a relationship with the Sweet Home Ranger District staff, particularly with District Ranger, Nikki Swanson, was a major highlight of 2021 for me.

Our leadership team, this Broadband of extraordinary people, the common passions and the time we spend pursuing them, all of it has such a profound influence in my life. I'd give up coffee, chocolate, and tiramisu before I'd give up my involvement with the Great Old Broads for Wilderness.

—Cyndi Anderson

Sign up for an Oregon Wild weekly webcast [HERE](#).

Jan 5...Snowshoe Mt Hood

Jan 12...Snowshoe Central Oregon

Jan 19...Oregon's Fisher and Marten

Feb 2...Sea Otter Reintroduction Efforts on the Oregon Coast
(2022 Update)

Great Old Broads for Wilderness (Broads)
is a national grassroots organization,
led by women, 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 \$30 per year visit the website greatoldbroads.org.

I don't know how to get rid of this extra page. It just won't leave. I'm using Pages on my MacBook Pro to do these calendar/newsletters. (Thank you Diana Barron for suggesting I use Pages.) Formatting has been fairly intuitive for me, except for getting rid of an extra page. If any of you out there know how, feel free to coach me.
Cyndi