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# BROADCAST FOR JANUARY 2025

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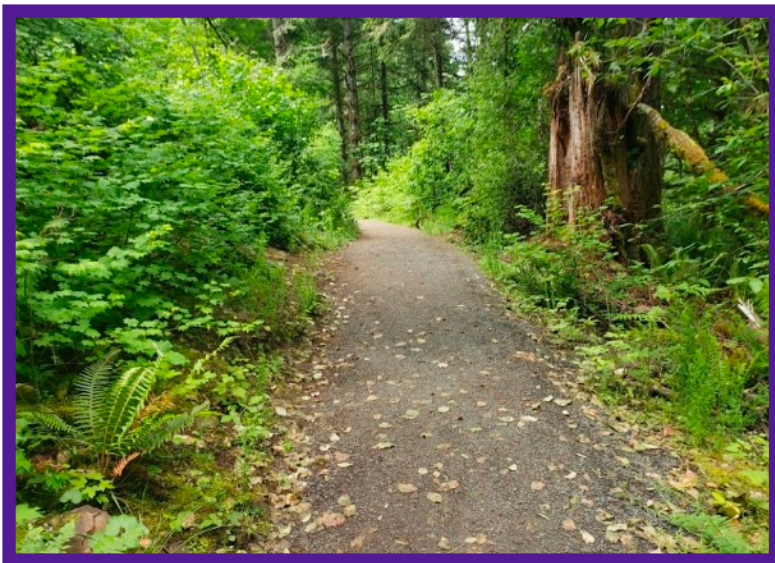
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*“Suppose that change flowers from suffering met with light from searching downwards for the small black seeds of which grows the bloom of a beginning.”*

- *An Almanac of Birds: 100 Divinations for Uncertain Days*

[almanacofbirds.com](http://almanacofbirds.com)



## Hiking with Pat Tuesday, January 7 10:00 - Noon Thurston Hills in Springfield

Join Pat Boleyn, bird guide, ecology educator and our Eugene area hike leader, for a 3 miles roundtrip hike up the

Thurston Hills trail in Springfield, OR. This area was saved from nearby logging by forest defender groups and locals. The area goes gently uphill through the forest for 1.5 miles, then we turn around and come down, unless people want a longer hike. Sign up [HERE](#) to join the hike and get more details.

**A Solidarity Celebration  
And Finger Food Happy Hour Potluck  
Tuesday, January 14  
4-6 pm  
Grand Oaks Club House  
6050 SW Grand Oaks Drive, Corvallis**

This will be a social gathering for our Broads and Bros and also a time to look at the challenges and possibilities for the work we'll do and fun we'll have in 2025 and a time to vitalize our forward motion. We'll do a little brainstorming and organizing but as always we'll have fun doing it.

The leadership team will provide beverages and you may bring a finger food to share if you like.

Know someone who is a Broad and just doesn't know it yet? Bring them along!

Please sign up [HERE](#) if you plan to attend.



We gathered in October. It's time to gather again!



**A Very Special  
Book Broads Meeting  
Friday, January 17  
3-5 pm  
Grand Oaks Club House  
6050 SW Grand Oaks Dr  
Corvallis**

Our very own ML “Peg” Herring will be joining us to review her book at our upcoming Book Broads with

Carol meeting. Her book, “Born of Fire and Rain, A Journey Into America’s Temperate Rainforest” is a beautiful tribute to our coastal forests. There’s still time to snag a copy of Peg’s book and read it before the meeting or just come to enjoy the discussion with the author. We will also attempt to Zoom it for those who cannot attend in person. Peg is receiving many fabulous reviews like this one from James Barilla, author of *My Backyard Jungle* - “M.L.Herring weaves together strands of science and nature writing, local history and memoir to create a contemplative, deeply researched, and sensory-rich portrait of the Pacific temperate rainforest.” The beautiful illustrations are also Peg’s. Light refreshments will be provided by the leadership team.

Please sign up [HERE](#) to attend.

A bit more about Peg from her book cover - M.L. Herring is associate professor emerita of science communication at Oregon State University, where she continues to lead workshops to inspire people to experience the world through observation, art, and ecology.

**Advocacy Night**  
**Monday, February 3**  
**4-6 pm**  
**2 Towns Cider House**  
**33930 SE Eastgate Circle,**  
**Corvallis**

Join us to hear the latest about the Northwest Forest Plan Amendment and commenting process from Chandra LeGue, our Broadband Co-leader and Oregon Wild Senior Conservation

Advocate. We'll meet in the Barrel Room at Two Towns during happy hour so plan to purchase food and/or beverage if you like. Please sign up [HERE](#) to attend.



**And Now for Our Broad Year in Review**  
**A Look Back at 2024**

**January**

Book Broads with Carol – Walking the High Desert  
Advocacy Night at Calapooia Brewing – NWFP Scoping  
Hike across McDonald Forest with Maya  
First Aid Broad Chat

**February**

Hiking with Maya

**March**

Advocacy Night at Calapooia Brewing – Protecting the Owyhee

Hiking with Maya

Hiking with Pat at Bryce Creek Grove

Tabling at the Oregon Environmental Law Conference at U of O

Book Broads with Carol – Ground Truth

**April**

Chachalu Museum and Cultural Center Field Trip in Grand Ronde

Hiking with Pat at Mt Pisgah

Kentucky Falls Hike with Chandra

Hiking with Maya at Silver Falls with members of Cascade Volcanoes

Ona Beach Clean up

Leadership team members attend the Regional Rendezvous of PNW leaders in WA

**May**

Guided Jackson Fraser Wetland tour and hike

Wildflower Festival hike with Pat

Wilderness Monitoring Training

A guided Mary's Peak hike with ecologists

**June**

Book Broads with Carol – Brave the Wild River

Forests are Our Future Rally

Horse Rock Ridge hike with Pat

Eugene Social Happy Hour

Statewide Owyhee Demonstrations

Recreation Site Monitoring Training

Training with Trail Keepers of Oregon

**July**

Iron Mt Hike with Maya & Bitterbrush Broads

Wilderness monitoring

**August**

Hiking w/ Maya – Mac Forest

Advocacy Night at Two Towns Cider House – National Old Growth Amendment

Mt St Helens Regional Broadwalk

Owyhee Town Halls & Rallies

Easter Sierra National Broadwalk

**September**

Hiking and Birding with Pat - Fern Ridge

**October**

Forest Visit Training with Chuck Willer

Three Forest Visit Field Trips – Two in the Siuslaw and one in the Willamette



Annual Potluck Gathering in Brownsville  
Owyhee Broad Talk in Corvallis with Bonnie Olin  
Book Broads with Carol - An Immense World  
Tabling at Mushroom Festival  
Sweet Home Ranger District Field Trip  
Wilderness and Beyond Conference in Colorado (4 Willamette Valley Broads attended)

**November**

Leadership team retreat  
Willamette National Forest Volunteer Summit  
Divide Timber Sale Field Trip  
Stewardship with Lincoln County Soil & Water Conservation District

**December**

Hike with OSU professor of forestry, Dr Mark Swanson  
New Year's Eve hiking with Maya

## What was your favorite Broads' activity of 2024?



**The Willamette Valley Broadband  
Leadership Team  
THANKS YOU for being bold,  
brave and involved!**



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that engages and inspires activism  
to preserve and protect wilderness and wild lands.**

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

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