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Coos History Museum to Host First Tuesday Talks Lecture Series in October

Guest Speaker: Mary Beth Beuke – Artist, Author and Owner, West Coast Sea Glass
Lecture Program: *The Sea Glass Journey – Finding, Identifying and Stories of the Ocean's Frosty Gems*

Tuesday – October 2, 2018

6:30 pm – 7:30pm

Admission is Free for Coos History Museum Members, or \$ 7.00 for Non-Members

President of the North American Sea Glass Association '05-'10 and published sea glass writer, photographer and speaker, Mary Beth Beuke is a Pacific Northwest native with one of the world's most elaborate sea glass collections. She is owner, artist and collector for West Coast Sea Glass and her sea glass art jewelry is now found in over 50 galleries all over the world. She's journeyed the planet for sea glass for a lifetime and her story and collection have been featured on the Travel Channel, in National Geographic, Smithsonian, Coastal Living, NY Times, Parade, Radio New Zealand, Ocean Home, Seattle Times, Sunset and more. MB exhibits her collection at museums and libraries often. Mary Beth has won Startup Nation's "Leading Moms in Business" award. She lives and uses her sea glass collection in fine art jewelry while working from two studios along the shores in Washington State where she is also co-founder of the "Smarties, Smart Art Instruction" school for artist entrepreneurs. She has three children and enjoys kayaking and public speaking in her spare time.

Mary Beth Beuke is the author of, *The Ultimate Guide to Sea Glass*, Skyhorse Publishing. *The Ultimate Guide to Sea Glass* is a comprehensive guide with high quality, color photos describing what sea glass is, its allure, history and unique aspects. *The Ultimate Guide to Sea Glass* is a definitive work on everything sea glass.

Copies of, The Ultimate Guide to Sea Glass, will be available in the museum store. A book signing will follow the lecture. The author will also have her Sea Glass jewelry on display and for sale at the lecture; 20% of the sales will go to benefit the Coos History Museum. The lecture will begin at 6:30 pm, lasting about 45 minutes followed by questions from the audience. The Coos History Museum exhibits and the museum store will be open after hours from 6:00 pm until 8:30 pm.

The First Tuesday Talk Lecture Series is sponsored by the Al Peirce Co., LLC. with additional support from The Mill Casino.

About the Coos History Museum:

The Coos History Museum creates a better understanding of life in Coos County and Oregon's South Coast, past and present. The Museum is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and receives no direct government support. The museum is supported by donations, memberships, grants, museum store sales, special event rentals, and legacy/bequest gifts. The Coos History Museum is open Tuesday through Sunday, from 10am to 5pm, with additional evening hours on the First Tuesdays of February to June, and August to December, from 6:00pm to 8:30pm. Second Sunday of each month is a FREE ADMISSION DAY. General admission to the Coos History Museum is free for CHM members, active duty military, and NARM members. The Coos History Museum is a Member of the North American Reciprocal Museum Association, the American Alliance of Museums, and the American Association for State and Local History. The Coos History Museum is located on the waterfront along Highway 101, adjacent to downtown Coos Bay, at 1210 North Front Street, Coos Bay, Oregon. For more information, contact the Coos History Museum at 541-756-6320 or visit the website at www.cooshistory.org.

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