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Author Ann Vileisis to speak at Coos History Museum

Guest Speaker: Author Ann Vileisis

Lecture Program: Kitchen Literacy: how we lost knowledge of where food comes from and why we need to get it back

Tuesday – February 5

6:30 pm – 7:30 pm

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

Writer Ann Vileisis will lecture at the Coos History Museum Tuesday, February 5, in the next First Tuesday Lecture Talks. The talk starts at 6:30 p.m. The lecture will begin at 6:30 p.m. lasting about 45 minutes, followed by questions from the audience.

Ann is an independent scholar with an abiding interest in environmental history. The American Society for Environmental History awarded her first book, *Discovering the Unknown Landscape: A History of America's Wetlands* (Island Press, 1997) with the best environmental history of the year. She also received the best history by a non-academic historian by the prestigious American Historical Association. Ann's second book, *Kitchen Literacy: how we lost knowledge of where food comes from and why we need to get it back* (Island Press, 2008), explored the cultural history of how Americans' thinking about food changed as our nation became increasingly urban. The book was a finalist for the Connecticut Book Award and has helped propel many thoughtful discussions about the burgeoning local foods movement.

Book sales and a signing will follow. The Coos History Museum exhibits and the museum store will be open after hours from 6:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. The First Tuesday Talk Lecture Series is sponsored by the Al Peirce Co., LLC with additional support from The Mill Casino.

In her books, Ann seeks to explore nature and culture through history, offering insight to current issues and hope for the future. She has spoken at campuses and conferences throughout the country. She has also been involved in local environmental issues on Oregon's south coast, recognizing the importance of both working and public lands in helping to conserve habitat for salmon. Ann is also an avid home gardener.

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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