

## April Review

April certainly was an interesting month with the Visitor Center closed and everyone sheltering in place. Things are definitely different as we all adjust to this time of change. The Visitor Center is still active with tank cleanings, animal feedings, and routine maintenance. The aquarists have started a painting enrichment project with our giant Pacific octopus 19-02 on Mondays at 1:00 p.m. You can check out her activity on the OctoCam. <https://seagrant.oregonstate.edu/visitor-center/exhibits/octocam>

National Volunteer Appreciation Week took place last month. We cannot thank you enough for all that you do to support the Visitor Center's ongoing outreach efforts.



You all are absolutely incredible! With 79 volunteers currently in the program, you all have contributed a total of 66,919 lifetime hours! Amazing! Truly, we are so grateful for each and everyone of you. We cannot wait until we can see you again to thank you in person!

A big shout out to volunteers Nancy Stevens and Cindy Wiist for making masks for staff members at Hatfield! We even had a community member, Karen Carlson, volunteer to contribute to this project. Thank you ladies! If you do not have a mask, we can make sure that you do! Please contact Renee for more information.

## NEW! CSI: Careers in Science Investigation Webinar Series

The Marine Educators and Oregon Coast STEM Hub have been providing a variety of educational resources online. One exciting new webinar series is a Careers in Science Investigation series. These webinar recordings will be available on the Oregon Sea Grant website. <https://seagrant.oregonstate.edu/visitor-center/marine-education/career-day>

The speaker details and link for the first webinar are listed below.

Hear from Oregon Sea Grant's Amanda Gladics as she shares about how she provides community education programs related to commercial fisheries that foster sustainability of fishery resources. She has taught consumers how to buy seafood directly from fishermen and processors, and she has worked with fishermen to prevent whales from becoming entangled in gear. Then hear from Kristin Beem, a marine technician working for Oregon State University that sails both on the OSU R/V Oceanus and the USCG Ice Breaker Healy providing technical support to scientists at sea in the Pacific Ocean and the Arctic. She spends about 120 days a year out on the research ships fixing the internet, operating sonars, troubleshooting electronics, and deploying oceanographic instruments.

**Watch the Webinar Recording: [https://media.oregonstate.edu/media/t/1\\_prkybafu!](https://media.oregonstate.edu/media/t/1_prkybafu!)**

We miss you all! If you have any fun recipes or projects that you are working on during this quarantine, feel free to share them! We would love to hear what you are up to! Hang in there and stay safe! We will keep you informed on any updates that we receive moving forward.