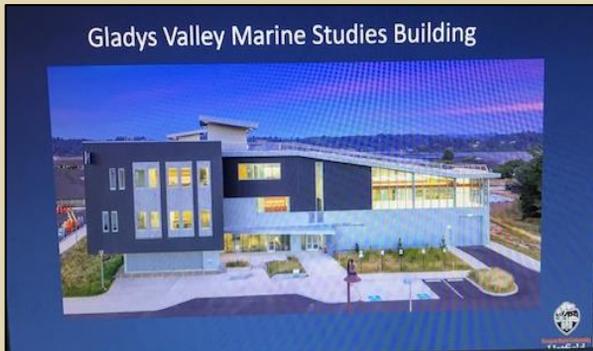


What's New at Hatfield?

The Marine Studies Building is complete! All faculty and students assigned to the new building have moved into their new offices and lab spaces. OSU's protocol continues to limit onsite use to a minimum. The majority of staff are continuing to work remotely as much as possible.



The COVID Trace project is currently in place on all OSU campuses. Testing is available for OSU staff and students that sign up. Wastewater sampling is also tested once a week. There has been interest from volunteers to be tested. This has been expressed to the COVID Trace team, and we will let you know if that is a possibility in the future. See the link below for more information on this project.

<https://trace.oregonstate.edu/>

The ramp to the top of the building is only accessible for emergency use at this time. HMSC plans to open it soon. Great news, the tsunami cache storage is completely stocked! We will send out a notice once the rooftop is accessible.



News in the VC? Visitor Center staff will be meeting in the next few weeks to determine an opening date. This date will be submitted for approval from Hatfield, Oregon Sea Grant, and OSU.

Once approved, the opening plan will be shared with all staff and volunteers as we move forward. We are not there yet, but we are working on it!



Elk sighting! We were visited by elk during the last few weeks of October. They were spotted hanging out by the Guin Library and USFWS in the mornings. This was definitely a surprise for those driving into work or looking out their office windows!

Photo by Ram Papish

Volunteer Highlight with Nancy Edwards

I was born in Chicago and moved 18 years later to Tucson in 1962. I attended the U of A and eventually met Eddie, my husband of 54 yrs. Our son Sean was born in 1973, and that is when I retired from my job with Tucson Federal Savings. Four years later it all began. I guess you could say I became a professional volunteer. I have been one for 43 years loving every moment of my experiences. I started with the usual parent work in Sean's classroom and then went on to doing odd jobs for other teachers in the school. Then on to the Tucson Museum of Art League raising money for the museum for 10 years. In 1985 I became a Docent for the Arizona Sonora Desert Museum, the love of my life, which is an outdoor museum displaying all the animals, plants and geology of the Sonoran Desert.



I continued volunteering there for 30 years and 16,000 hours of service. I met people from every corner of the world, led tours of our region, handled all sorts of snakes, owls, hawks, tarantulas, etc. All the resident goodies of our desert region. As a family we began traveling to the Oregon coast for vacations and fell in love with its beauty eventually purchasing a lot and building our home here. We did the thing of living 6 months here and 6 months there for 13 years and then moved here full time in 2013. I began my work at Hatfield much earlier than that I believe it was 2003. You are probably thinking what a tremendous change from interpreting desert to ocean, but they complimented each other very well. The staff, who I consider my extended family, have a lot to do with why I am here along with enjoying my duties as an interpreter. I have been given unbelievable opportunities to do so many extra things like 3 years of assisting in research for Dr. Chapman and Dr. Brietenstein on the Tsunami debris/critters and mud shrimp. I also work on the archival work for Hatfield in the Guin Library. I guess that is going to take me to now and Covid 19, this unforgettable year of 2020. I have been keeping busy doing a lot of yard work, weather permitting, taking art classes via zoom, bird classes with Cornell University, a lot of cooking new recipes, poor Eddie doesn't know what is going to be put in front of him on any given night! Miss you all and hope you are healthy. Nancy has been volunteering for over 18 years! Thank you Nancy for your dedication and commitment and for sharing your story with us!

Let's Get Together! A Virtual Volunteer Meeting

Our next volunteer meeting will take place on November 17th at 10:00 a.m. We will hear from Oregon Sea Grant's Assistant Professor of Practice with Coastal Fisheries, Amanda Gladics. She will talk with us about her collaboration with local fishers and the Department of Agriculture to launch the 'Eat Oregon Seafood' initiative in response to COVID -19.

