

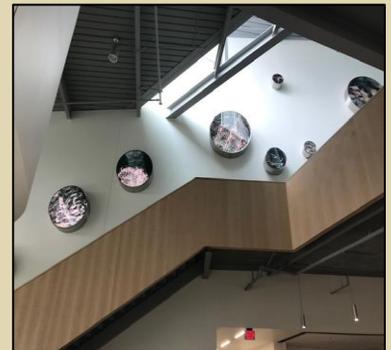
What's New?

The Crustacean Exhibit! The graphics for this exhibit were installed and look great! The plumbing of four different tank systems is all complete. Now we just need to fill the tanks! We are excited to show off this exhibit when we open again.

Along with other husbandry news, I have had the opportunity to spend more time in the Visitor Center to work with the octopus. She is doing well, and I have definitely enjoyed interacting with her. We are all working diligently to take care of all of the animals with limited staff onsite.



As research faculty made the move into the new Marine Studies Building, the mailroom transitioned over as well. I went to check the mail and got a quick sneak peek of the main floor. Here are a few photos.



HMSC is currently in a Modified Operations Plan meaning that working remotely is still encouraged; however, limited office use is in place for those that are unable to complete their work from home. All work at HMSC requires wearing a face covering and following all social distancing protocols. Pictured above: common area facing out the west side of the building, main floor classroom, stairwell showcasing featured artwork leading up to the second floor. Hopefully we will all get a tour of the new building in completion once things open up again! In the meantime, here is a link to more photos of the MSI building.

<https://hmsc.oregonstate.edu/gladys-valley-marine-studies-building>

Volunteer Highlight

Jessica Buser-Young

I am a third year PhD student at OSU, and I am studying the effects melting glaciers have on downstream sediment microbial communities with Dr. Rick Colwell. Our study area is the Copper River Delta in south central Alaska, near Cordova, and I have been fortunate to conduct field research in the glacial outwash ponds. Since March, I have been remotely instructing labs for General Microbiology and this upcoming term I will be an instructor for Biology 221.



Outside of my degree, I love to garden, bake bread, and paint with watercolors. I live in a tiny apartment with my husband, our cat (Batman), a 75 gal tank with goldfish (Sozin and Iroh), a 5 gal tank with tetras (Merry, Pippin, Sam, Frodo, and Bilbo) and albino cory catfish (Pinky and Strawberry), and over 20 house plants! Over the weekends I travel to my family's farm to help with the Nigerian Dwarf goats, rescue horses and burros, many chickens, and Gravenstein apple orchard.

Jessica has been volunteering for a year and two months. Thank you Jessica for your dedication to our program and for sharing your story with us!

Let's Get Together! A Virtual Volunteer Meeting

The next volunteer meeting will take place on October 20th at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom. We will have the opportunity to hear from our retired Chief Scientist Bill Hanshumaker.

He will be speaking with us about his recent research trip out to sea. Stay tuned for the meeting link. Hope to 'see' you all then!

~ On a Personal Note ~

I wanted to share with you all that my husband and I just purchased a new home. We are very excited for this new venture! We will still be living in Lincoln County. We had the opportunity to move into a more sizable home for our family, and we are in the process of selling our current home while getting settled in the new one. Lots to do!

Enjoy the fall weather and stay safe everyone!
We miss all of you and can't wait to work together again!

