



# Spring Newsletter 2017

Yaquina Lighthouse News  
Latest Updates & Happenings

## Yaquina Head's Common Murres

In a sure sign of Spring, the Common Murres are coming back to the Yaquina Head Outstanding Natural Area. YHONA is home to a major nesting colony of these black and white seabirds, they are in residence most usually through August and absolutely fascinating to both listen to and to watch — plan to visit soon!

Photo taken by Kathy Koester



## Format Change

After much thought and discussion, FOYL has decided to "Go Green" with our newsletters, and will be switching from a print format to an electronic one. Not only will this save us funds that we can then direct toward much needed projects on the ground, but it is also better for the world at large. And, as an added bonus, this will enable us to publish news more often for you, our much appreciated members!

We have been collecting email addresses at the Yaquina Head Interpretive Store, and have quite a few addresses for current members as well. If you feel we may not have yours, or if your email address needs updating, please contact Amy at 541.574.3129 or at [foyl@yaquinalights.org](mailto:foyl@yaquinalights.org). Newsletters will be available on our website as well, at [yaquinalights.org](http://yaquinalights.org). Thank you all for your continued support!



## Newport Loyalty Days & Sea Fair Festival

Plan on once again finding FOYL as we parade down Hwy 101 on Saturday, May the 6th. 2017 marks the 61st year for Newport's celebration of Loyalty Day. Loyalty Day was originated by the Veterans of Foreign War (VFW) on the East Coast. Newport veterans held our first local event in May of 1956. As the celebration continued to spread across the country, the United States Congress wrote a Joint Resolution and President Eisenhower signed a bill into law that designates the First of May as Loyalty Day. This is now a day that is set aside for the recognition of American freedoms. With Newport's strong support of the Loyalty Day tradition and its designation as a Coast Guard City USA, the local celebration has always been a tremendous success, and also a great way to thank our veterans for their service. We hope to see you there, we'll be the ones waving!



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## New Members, Renewing Members

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Thank you so much everyone,  
Have a lovely Spring season!

## In Memory of Wes Bird 1958-2017

Wesley (Wes) Glenn Bird passed away unexpectedly at his home in Albany Oregon on March 14, 2017 at the age of 58. He was born on March 17th, 1958 in Corvallis, Oregon to Ken and Gloria Bird. Wes had a wonderful sense of humor, a love of books and history, a love for his family and for lighthouses. He managed to visit the coast often, and upon his passing his family requested donations in his memory be made to Friends of Yaquina Lighthouses, in support of the lights he so admired. We could not be more grateful, to Wes or to his family, for this kind and generous gesture. Rest in peace, Wes. You will be missed.



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## Keeping History Alive

Friends of Yaquina Lighthouses is pleased to present our newest project funded by your generous donations. We have contracted with a crowd-sourcing (a way to enlist the services of a large number of people on a common task, typically on the internet) company so that the transcription of Yaquina Head's collection of historical documents might be completed. These documents cover Yaquina Head Lighthouse, Yaquina Bay Lighthouse and Cape Foulweather from 1871 through 1900. The collection includes many different types of documents, and additional works will be added as progress on the transcription moves forward. FOYL has a contract for 2 years of online availability at From the Page! So then, do you love a good mystery, love the intrigue of poking around in history, or know someone who does? We could really use your help! The Yaquina Head Collection can be accessed at [fromthepage.com/YaquinaLights](http://fromthepage.com/YaquinaLights). Setting up an account is simple and free, and will immediately allow you to get to work. Successful completion of this project will see all of the documents available online for public use (in a format that we can all understand), and will also conclude with the names of people, places, and historical events tagged ensuring easy reference for future researchers. This will be such a boon for all history buffs. Look no further for your next hobby, this is it!

\*\*\*Calling All Volunteers\*\*\*

We are seeking a variety of skills and talents to assist us in our efforts. Have fun and make a difference while supporting Newport's Lighthouses and Interpretive Programs. Contact Amy at 541.574.3129 or at [foyl@yaquinallights.org](mailto:foyl@yaquinallights.org), find us on Facebook or at [www.yaquinallights.org](http://www.yaquinallights.org) and get involved. See you soon!