



**Yachats Lions Club  
Speaker Series  
Feb 23 – Oct 26**

**2025  
14 Dates**

**Sunday, September 28 at 2:00 p.m.  
Doors open at 1:30 p.m.**

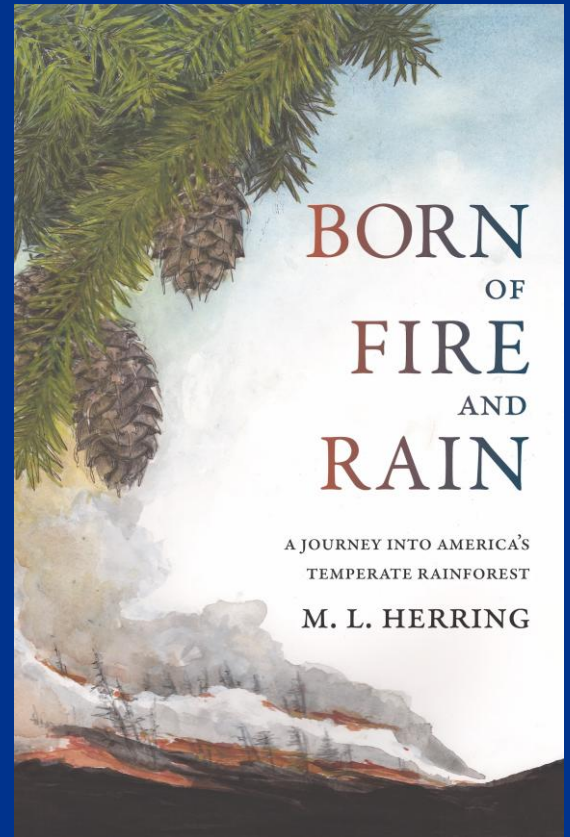
**M.L. (Peg) Herring**

Professor Emerita of Science Communication at Oregon State University

**The Forest of Fire and Rain: an Illustrated Exploration into an Intemperate Rainforest**

Here at the tumultuous edge of a shifting continent, the temperate rainforest of the Pacific Northwest has a lot to say about living on a rapidly changing planet. This is a land of ancient trees, exploding mountains, disappearing owls, tsunamis, megafires, and ten million people. It is a land born of fire and rain. Ecologist M.L. Herring takes you on journey beyond the grid of latitude and longitude, into places only your imagination can fit, to discover why our rainforest is worth saving.

M.L. (Peg) Herring is professor emerita of science communications at Oregon State University. Peg studied ecology at the University of Virginia before moving to Oregon as a fisheries biologist in 1974, just in time to witness the boom-then-bust of wild Pacific salmon. The chaos of that population crash drove her to pursue the public understanding of science, just in time for another ecological disaster in the old-growth rainforests of western Oregon and Washington. Peg has co-authored seven books about Pacific Northwest environments. Her latest, *Born of Fire and Rain*, explores what it means to be a forest on a rapidly changing planet.



**Yachats Lions Hall, 344 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Yachats, OR**

