

Astoria Armory holds benefit concert

ASTORIA — The Astoria Armory wants to make sure local kids have an indoor recreational area.

Robyn Koustik, known better as Hurricane Ka Ream Ya from the Shanghaied Roller Dolls roller derby team, has been managing the Armory as well as working one-on-one with the kids who come through the doors.

To keep the doors open, the Armory will hold a benefit concert at 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10. Funds raised through ticket sales will go toward preserving the historic building and upkeep costs.

Astoria rock group Violet Underground will open the night with live music. Then, the funk-and-rock-infused Jesse Lee Falls Band will take the stage.

Tickets cost \$15 at the door and are also available at www.brownpapertickets.com. The Armory is located at 1636 Exchange St.

The Astoria Armory was once owned by the Oregon National Guard. In its heyday, the building held 3,000 people for events like a speech by then-Vice President Richard Nixon and concerts with Camel Caravan, The Zombies and Buffalo



Photo by Joshua Bessex

Skaters skate inside the historic Astoria Armory.



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Jesse Lee Falls will perform at a benefit concert for the Astoria Armory.

Springfield. It was used for high school basketball games, circus-

Armory Benefit Concert

7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10

Astoria Armory

1636 Exchange St., Astoria

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es, a skating rink and more. The building's usage declined, and from 2002 to 2013 the Columbia River Maritime Museum used it as a storage facility.

Now, the building is run by the Friends of the Astoria Armory, and since reopening in June 2014 it has housed community skate nights, an indoor skatepark, indoor soccer, roller derby, concerts, photos with Santa, bazaars and more.

Cranberrian Fair showcases local harvest

Long Beach Peninsula offers heritage, food, crafts and more

ILWACO and LONG BEACH, Wash. — A celebration of local harvest including all things cranberry kicks off the fall season on the Long Beach Peninsula from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 10 and 11.

Foods, crafters, bog tours and more will showcase the area's rich heritage during this popular fair. Collectible Cranberrian Fair buttons are \$5 each and cover admission to all events at the Columbia Pacific Heritage Museum. The Cranberry Museum is free.

As part of Cranberrian Fair activities, the Columbia Pacific Heritage Museum will host a variety of vendors offering handmade items such as pottery, jewelry, paintings, cranberry vine baskets, homemade peach-cranberry pies and more. Demonstrations by the Clatsop Spinners and Weavers, the Peninsula Rug Hookers, the Peninsula Quilt Guild, blacksmith Gary Lewis and other artist demonstrations will take place throughout the day both Saturday and Sunday in the museum's Demonstration Hall.

From the museum, the Cranberry Trolley will whisk visitors to the Pacific Coast Cranberry Research Foundation and Cranberry Museum.

The Cranberry Museum's gift shop is stocked with cran-



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Local cranberries will be sold outside the entrance to the Columbia Pacific Heritage Museum.

berry goodies. Watch the red berry harvest at the demonstration bogs, and enjoy lunch provided by the Cove catering featuring a cranberry-themed menu.

While you eat, enjoy jazz, classical and just plain fun music by local pianist Tom Trudell from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. both days. Wine tasting from Westport Winery will be offered Saturday.

The Cranberry Trolley runs from the Columbia Pacific Heritage Museum to the Cranberry Museum from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. both days. Space is limited, and seating is on a first-come, first-served basis.

The Columbia Pacific Her-



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Blacksmith Gary Lewis from Portland will participate in this year's Cranberrian Fair by demonstrating his technique in general blacksmithing.

itage Museum is located at 115 S.E. Lake St. The Cranberry Museum is located at 2907 Pioneer Road in Long Beach.



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