

Sou'wester Lodge on the Long Beach Peninsula *continued from front page*

the bridge into Washington, and onto the Long Beach Peninsula where we checked into the Sou'wester Lodge. We spent the night in The Picnic Trailer, a 1953 Spartan Royal Mansion, that featured a music lounge area complete with turntable, speakers, and a collection of vinyl albums, plus an outdoor patio and stone fireplace. The bed was comfortable, it had a small kitchen/dining area we didn't really use, and a very small bathroom with toilet and shower.

Each of the trailers is outfitted with retro décor and tastefully appointed, with its own kitschy charm and unique vibe. The Lodge has a large common room with coffee set out in the morning (although not until 9:30 am - in the true bohemian style the place is known for), an honor system store/gift shop where you can



Left: The Olney Saloon on Highway 202
Above: The vintage Picnic Trailer at Sou'wester Lodge

purchase food, snacks, drinks, and locally produced arts and crafts, and a large vinyl album collection you can play in the Lodge or in some trailers.

The Lodge building was originally built by Oregon Senator Henry W. Corbett in 1892 as a vacation home. It was opened to the public as a lodge in the 1940s and later a mix of travel

trailers were added as additional accommodations. Six years ago the property was purchased by a transplanted Portlander, Thandi Rosenbaum, who has added artist-in-residence programs, a small digital recording studio, and wellness programs.

Elsewhere on the grounds are a Finnish sauna, a Thrifty Trailer with used books, clothes, and more, an art gallery trailer with changing exhibits, bicycles you can borrow, a pavilion for larger group events and activities, and an outdoor kitchen for campers. There are health spa services, like massages and yoga, available, and the grounds often host live music on weekends, educational and wellness retreats and workshops, and private events like family reunions and weddings.

The laid back atmosphere and rustic accommodations made our visit

an enjoyable and relaxing get-away. I wish we could have stayed longer.

The Sou'wester is located just blocks from the beach so you can take a relaxing stroll; there is a full access road so you can drive your vehicle out onto the beach - apparently a favorite pastime of Peninsula visitors. There is also access here to the Lewis and Clark Discovery Trail, an eight-mile paved trail that parallels the coast from Cape Disappointment State Park north to the town of Long Beach, with an arm extending east to Ilwaco. The trail meanders through sand dunes, grasses, and trees before rising up onto a boardwalk and offering views of the ocean. Just up Highway 103, still in Seaview, is North Jetty Brewing, a small brewpub with tasty beers that seemed popular with both locals and tourists. The town of

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The Mist-Birkenfeld Helping Circle

83rd Annual Fall Festival

Please bring your family and friends and join us for an evening of food, entertainment and festivities on **November 3rd, 6p.m.**, at the Natal Grange (67542 Nehalem Hwy North, Vernonia, OR 97064).

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Mist-Birkenfeld Helping Circle is asking for donations of hand made or store bought items for the Fall Festival Silent and Oral auctions. Donations and donor will be recognized in the Fall Festival program. Suggestions for donations include but are not limited to: Gift baskets, artwork, craft items, floral arrangements, tools, toys, gift certificates. Proceeds from the silent and oral auctions aid in the funding of Mist-Birkenfeld Helping Circle charities and helps to fund Christmas baskets for the Share The Spirit program. Please contact Helping Circle President, Shirley Kyser @ 755-2346 or Merle Noakes @ (503)429-0115 to donate. Thank you!

Log Splitter Raffle \$10 per ticket. Only 300 tickets will be sold!

A Log Splitter raffle winner will be drawn. If you haven't purchased your tickets yet, you can still do so by calling one of the following members:

- President Shirley Kyser-503-755-2346
- Sec./Treas. Merle Noakes-503-429-0115
- Mary Lou Busch-503-755-2737
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