

## Two bands play Fort George

### Joseph, Bird Courage bring folk sounds

ASTORIA — A cannot-miss night of some of the best in up-coming folk music is coming to the Fort George Brewery's Sunday night concert series Jan. 8. Bird Courage, on a Northwest Tour all the way from Brooklyn, New York, will be joining Portland's Joseph, who surprised listeners in an amazing way when the band opened for Marshall McLain in 2014.

Bird Courage is made up of Erik Meier and Samuel Saffery, who began playing together after a succession of encounters in unconventional rehearsal and performance spaces. They make gently romantic, nature-influenced folk music with a minimalist, ambient sensibility and an acoustic levity. The duo's debut EP "A Promising Flee" was released in 2012 and followed by LP "Maia Manu" in 2013.

The band has planted seeds in New York to grow a fan base that has spread through-

out the North East, East Coast, South and Northwestern coastal parts. They recently debuted at this year's End of the Road Festival, including features with The Line of Best Fit and venues such as Rise Music in Bristol, Fringe 2014 in Edinburgh, and sold-out shows at 12 Bar Club and Rough Trade West.

Joseph consists of sisters Natalie, Allison and Meegan, who named the band after their grandfather, the Eastern Oregon town, and the biblical figure. The trio's latest album, "Native Dreamer Kin," came out in March 2014.

### Joseph and Bird Courage

8 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 18

Fort George Brewery

1483 Duane St., Astoria

Free

## Tickets on sale for Get Lit at the Beach

### Gathering of readers to host prominent authors this April

CANNON BEACH — Best-selling and award-winning authors will gather in Cannon Beach April 10 to 12 for the annual Get Lit at the Beach event.

Attendees will have the opportunity to meet prominent authors and attend presentations, book signings and a keynote dinner presentation by best-selling author and literary critic Nancy Pearl.

This year's guest authors will include Karen Joy Fowler, best known for her novel "The Jane Austen Book Club"; best-selling author Gail Tsukiyama; and Jim Lynch, whose third novel, "Truth Like the Sun," was picked by New York Times reviewer Janet Maslin as one of her 10 favorite books of 2012.

Weekend activities begin with an authors' reception Friday evening. Saturday includes authors' presentations, book signings and the keynote dinner presentation at the Surfsand Resort. Sunday morning there will be a question-and-answer session moderated by New York

Times best-selling author Terry Brooks, who will be in attendance at events and book signings throughout the weekend.

This event is presented by the Tolovana Arts Colony. For more information and tickets, call 206-914-1255 or visit [www.getlitatthebeach2015.eventbrite.com](http://www.getlitatthebeach2015.eventbrite.com)

### About the authors

Terry Brooks co-founded Get Lit at the Beach with his wife, Judine, and serves as the event's master of ceremonies. He has written over 25 science fiction and fantasy novels and is a New York Times best-selling author. His international best-selling fantasy novel series, "Shannara," is currently being adapted as a TV series for MTV.

Literary critic Nancy Pearl's "Book Lust" was a 2003 best seller. She has been recognized for many awards throughout her career as an author and librarian, most recently awarded the PNBA Lifetime Achievement Award in 2011.



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Best-selling author Gail Tsukiyama has produced six novels, including "The Street of a Thousand Blossoms," "Women of the Silk" and "The



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Best-selling author and event co-founder Terry Brooks will moderate a question-and-answer session April 12 at Get Lit at the Beach.

Samurai's Garden." She is the recipient of the Academy of American Poets Award and the PEN Oakland/Josephine Miles Literary Award.

"Truth like the Sun," Jim Lynch's third novel set in the Pacific Northwest, was picked by New York Times reviewer Janet Maslin as one of her 10 favorite books of 2012. He has also received awards for his prior two novels, "The Highest Tide" and "Border Songs."

## Keep Martin Luther King Jr.'s dream alive

### Diversity project hosts speaker Friday, MLK walk Monday

ASTORIA — The Lower Columbia Diversity Project offers a presentation on "Don't Let Go! — Keeping the Dream Alive" with Kathleen Saadat from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 16 at the Judge Guy Boyington Building, located at 857 Commercial St. The presentation is free and open to the public.

Saadat was born in St. Louis, Missouri, and raised in a family committed to justice and education. She graduated from Reed College in 1974, earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology.

In 2012, Saadat retired as manager of diversity and affirmative action for the city of Portland. She has continued to work as a private consultant and trainer in the areas of human diversity, organizational development and as a motivational speaker.

Saadat has received lifetime achievement awards from Port-

land PFLAG Black Chapter and Portland's Equity Foundation, a Civil Liberties Award from the Oregon Chapter of the ACLU, and a Lifetime Achievement Award from the World Arts Foundation in recognition of her contributions and efforts to "keep living the dream" of Martin Luther King Jr.

Saadat's interest remains in the concern for social and economic justice, issues about what happens to our children, and issues of peace.

This presentation is made possible in part by a grant from the McKenzie River Gathering Foundation.

On Monday, Jan. 19, the Lower Columbia Diversity Project invites the community to meet at the corner of 12th and Commercial streets at 5:30 p.m. and join in a candlelight walk honoring the

life and legacy of Martin Luther King Jr. The walk will take participants through downtown Astoria ending at Peace Lutheran Church where there will be a free soup dinner and a short program in the Fellowship Hall.

For more information, call 503-325-1895 or email [lcdiversityproject@gmail.com](mailto:lcdiversityproject@gmail.com)



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Kathleen Saadat, former manager of diversity and affirmative action for the City of Portland, will speak Friday, Jan. 16 in Astoria.

## Karen Haas combines history, storytelling

### Enjoy living history workshop, talk on Civil War women

ASTORIA — Museums and historic sites have stories to tell and the challenge of bringing them to life. To tell these stories and engage the audience, the Lewis and Clark National Historical Park will host two events this weekend with living history performer Karen Haas.

From 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17, join Haas for "hiSTORY — Engaging with Living History," a free, living history and storytelling workshop.

Haas, a storyteller, teacher and former museum education curator will facilitate the interactive workshop full of ideas for interpretation. Adding storytelling and using living history can be an elaborate extravaganza or a simple one-on-one demonstration. Whether participants have experience as a teacher, docent, tour guide, ranger, or are just curious and enjoy sharing history, this no-cost opportunity is for

you. Bring a lunch and be ready for a day of exchanging ideas.

The second event is the next In Their Footsteps speaker series with Haas, who will give a talk on "I Am Always on the Women's Side: Vignettes of the Civil War" at 1 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 18.

For this program, Haas researched diaries, letters and songs written by women impacted by the American Civil War. Her engaging presentation introduces six historic women from all walks of life during that challenging time. The audience will meet these women striving to survive in a time of violence, turmoil and societal change.

The Lewis and Clark National Park Association and the National Park Service are sponsors of the living history workshop and the third Sunday forum In Their Footsteps. These free programs are held in the Netul River Room

at the Fort Clatsop Visitor Center.

Fort Clatsop Visitor Center is located at 92343 Fort Clatsop Road. For more information, call the park at 503-861-2471 or 503-861-4424, visit the website at [www.nps.gov/lewi](http://www.nps.gov/lewi), or follow on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/LewisandClarkNationalHistoricalPark](http://www.facebook.com/LewisandClarkNationalHistoricalPark)



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Living historian Karen Haas will host a workshop at Fort Clatsop Jan. 17 and present the next In Their Footsteps lecture Jan. 18.