

PARTING SHOTS

A weekly snapshot from The Daily Astorian and Chinook Observer photographers



A sunset over Youngs Bay in Astoria.

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OPB explores the history of Astoria

PORTLAND — OPB will premiere a new, half-hour “Oregon Experience” documentary that examines the rich history Astoria. “Astoria” airs at 9 p.m. Feb. 9 on OPB TV. An advance free public screening will be held at the Columbia River Maritime Museum at 7 p.m. Feb. 6.

Astoria is the oldest U.S. settlement west of the Rockies and has survived booms and busts and endured several notable fires — one of them catastrophic. Despite it all, Astorians have demonstrated their resilience — rebuilding and refocusing over the years.

Astoria’s first sawmill was built in 1851, and many others would follow. Large freighters and sailing ships could dock at Astoria’s piers. The port city shipped logs and lumber from the lower Columbia region to markets around the world.

In addition to its reputation as a timber producer, Astoria also came to be known as the salmon-canning capital of the world, as the Columbia River system was one of the world’s most productive generators of chinook, coho and sockeye salmon and steelhead trout.

The first cannery on the river opened in 1866 on the Washington side. Astoria then opened its first in 1874. Just two years later, 17 salmon canneries operated in and around the area. Over time, several Astoria canneries consolidated into what became the world headquarters of Bumble Bee Seafoods. In the 1960s, Bumble Bee was the largest salmon-canning company in the world.

Commercial fishing, logging and shipping still contribute to the Astoria economy, but at levels far reduced from the peak years in the past. Today, Astoria presents itself as a city with a unique variety of historic homes, a tourist destination with many museums and shops, and a great place to retire.

In this new documentary, “Oregon Experience” explores the rich history and transformation of this coastal community beginning with its establishment in 1811



Courtesy of Columbia River Maritime Museum

Butterfly fleet.

by John Jacob Astor. Along with historical film and photos, “Astoria” features interviews with:

- Peter Stark, author of “Astoria”
- Samuel Johnson, executive director, Columbia River Maritime Museum
- McAndrew Burns, executive director, and Liisa Penner, archivist for the Clatsop County Historical Society
- John Goodenberger, historic building consultant
- Richard Basch, vice chairman of the Clatsop-Nehalem Confederated Tribes
- Irene Martin, author and salmon industry historian
- David Lum, retired Astoria auto dealer and son of Chinese immigrants

“Astoria” was written and produced by Eric Cain and edited by Lisa Suinn Kallem. For more information, visit <http://opb.is/orexastoria>.

OPB and the Columbia River Maritime Museum host a free, public screening event at the museum in Astoria 7 p.m. Feb. 6 (doors open at 6:30). The screening event will feature the full-length documentary and a Q&A with OPB producer Eric Cain.



Courtesy of Clatsop County Historical Society

From Sean Fitzpatrick Loan. Image of Workers unloading large Chinook Salmon from fishing boat to a barge tender. Photo ca 1900 - 1915.



9-1-WHAT?

9-1-What?: Sorcery, indecency, lunacy and inaccuracy

9-1-What? makes a return appearance with a new handler; reporter Kyle Spurr. This reoccurring feature highlights the best of the worst dispatch reports around the area.

<http://bit.ly/1JvWeT3>: {12/11 @ 3:36 p.m.} A #Warrenton caller reported a

man is calling and making accusations of witchcraft and sorcery.

<http://bit.ly/1yNLe1Y>: {12/14 @ 8:49 p.m.} Two people reported having sex behind Starbucks in #Warrenton. Both cited for public indecency.

<http://bit.ly/1CnjBOa>: {12/31 @ 1:13 p.m.} Man carrying wad of cash,

swinging a cane, yelling in middle of the street, wearing a black hat, dark jacket #Astoria

<http://bit.ly/1z0tv95>: {1/8 @ 9:55 p.m.} Intoxicated man trying to ride a bike. Man located, will be pushing bike rest of the way home. #Astoria

<http://bit.ly/1CxuLQF>: {1/13 @ 4:25

p.m.} Out of control woman reported in #Astoria. Woman just had low blood sugar, caller will call back if they have an issue.

<http://bit.ly/1Bm4T8D>: {1/22 @ 4:32 p.m.} Man reportedly filming people in the Costco parking lot in #Warrenton. Man contacted, said he just purchased a camera.

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