



V-DAY CHEAT SHEET

With Valentine's Day falling on a Saturday this year, there are plenty of opportunities for romance, connection and maybe just a bit of fun. Whether you are kindling or rekindling, here are some surefire bets to heat things up.



Photo by Joshua Bessex

Bins of various flavors of Saltwater Taffy are available at The Buzz on Broadway candy shop in Seaside.



Photo by Erick Bengel

Bob Neroni and Lenore Emory are the co-owners of EVOO Cannon Beach Cooking School.

CANNON BEACH

Now we're cooking: The famed cooking school EVOO is putting on a special five-course dinner show Thursday and Friday nights, Feb. 12 and 13, featuring elk sausage and hen egg ravioli, fennel-crust sea scallops and steak in a maitake mushroom sauce, plus wine pairings, for \$149 per person. Reservations required. 188 S. Hemlock St. Cannon Beach, OR 1-877-436-3866

Tying the knot: The Stephanie Inn offers a plethora of romantic packages that can be tacked on for an additional cost. Rooms begin at \$349 per night, and packages can be as simple as the Beach Bonfire for an extra \$59 — which includes firewood, a fire butler who will build your fire, and all the necessary fixing for s'mores — and get as elaborate as the Elopement Package for a cool \$3,500, which gets you a bottle of wine or champagne, a cake, photographer and wedding officiate plus other amenities. Don't forget to make reservations in the Dining Room, which will be serving a special prix fixe menu Saturday night featuring a Dungeness crab bisque, blood orange and champagne sorbet and chaubriand for \$99 per person not including drinks or gratuity. 2740 S. Pacific St., Cannon Beach, OR 503-436-2221

SEASIDE

Cruisin' the Gut: Broadway in downtown Seaside offers plenty of fine dining options, including Finn's, the Twisted Fish and Norma's Seafood and Steak, which offers a free dessert with the purchase of a dinner on Valentine's Day. On Broadway, you will find plenty of sweets for your sweet, like at The Buzz on Broadway, and, of course, arcade games and beach access should the weather permit a seaside stroll.

Stay Inn for the night: Weekend rates start at \$149 this time of year at Seaside Oceanfront Inn and its in-house Maggie's on the Prom will be offering a prix fixe menu during Saturday dinner service for \$59 per person (not including drinks or gratuity) plus the regular full menu will be available. The Seaside Oceanfront Inn will put together custom romantic packages to suit your whims.



Photo by Alex Pajunas

Buoy Beer Co., located on the west end of downtown Astoria, sports a stunning river view and serves up tasty grub and drinks.

Just ask when making your reservation. 581 S. Prom, Seaside OR 503-738-6403

sale as well as drinks. 1102 Marine Drive Astoria, OR 503-325-3516

ASTORIA

Take me to the river: If Fort George Brewery's Festival of Darks Arts isn't your scene (or if it is, see page 12), the Astoria Riverwalk offers plenty of Columbia-adjacent dining options from the Bridgewater Bistro and Buoy Beer on the west end to Baked Alaska downtown. Most places will be offering a special menu Saturday evening, and with so much going on in town this weekend, reservations are a must.

Galleries galore: Valentine's Day coincides this year with the Second Saturday Art Walk in downtown Astoria. Businesses will be open late and there will be plenty of art to see starting at 5 p.m. Check out page 10 for specific offerings at each gallery.

Dinner in a movie: The North Coast Food Web's Winter Food Film Festival continues at the Columbian Theater with a showing of "Chocolat" Saturday Feb. 14, starting at 9:30p.m. Admission is by donation, and movie-themed small bites by Merianne Myers and NCFW's Accidental Catering team will be for

LONG BEACH PENINSULA

Love In: Up at the Sou'wester Lodge, in Seaview, Washington, come "Celebrate Love with Larry Yes, Michael Hurley and Nate Lumbar" beginning at 8 p.m. Saturday night. Hurley is a local legend that is always worth seeing, and the lodge's website promises "a night of sweet reunions." 3728 J Place Seaview, WA 360-642-2542

Naughty or nice: In Long Beach, Washington, the Adrift Hotel is offering two Valentine's Day indulgences: for the naughty, a bottle of red wine, chocolates and an intimacy kit are available; or for the nice, bubble bath, rose pedals and candles. Room rates including either package begin around \$108 a night with a minimum two-night stay. Don't forget to make a reservation at the Pickled Fish, which will be serving a special three-course Valentine's Day menu Saturday night — \$40 per person, not including drinks or gratuity. 409 Sid Snyder Drive Long Beach, Washington 360-642-2311