

Astoria Studio Tour issues call for artists

ASTORIA — The Astoria Society of Artists invites local artists to participate in its Astoria Studio Tour 2015, which will take place on the last weekend of July.

The Astoria Society of Artists was formed in 2014 to organize and manage the studio tour, which is now in its fifth year. As was the case last year, this year's event will focus exclusively on welcoming area residents and out-of-town visitors to meet artists in their studios.

This year's Astoria Studio Tour will take place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Satur-

day and Sunday, July 25 and 26. The tour is free and open to the public.

"Astoria's art scene is becoming increasingly vibrant," said Astoria artist Kimberly Reed, "and after last year's immensely successful tour, we intend to present another well-organized and well-publicized event that will benefit all local artists and the entire community."

Members of the Astoria Society of Artists' 2015 Studio Tour production team include Paul Haist, Drew Herzig, Isabelle Johnston-Haist,

Gin Laughery, Robert Paulmenn, Kimberly Reed, Charles Schweigert, Christine Trexel and Constance Waisanen.

"All of us participated in last year's studio tour and are eager to promote the local art scene," said Trexel, a book and paper artist. "We strongly encourage artists in all media to take part in this year's tour."

More information, including the application to participate in the tour, is available at www.astoriaartists.org. There is a \$25 registration fee per artist.

The application deadline is April 30. Interested participants can register online or by mail.

Artists with studios in the 97103 zip code are eligible to participate. Artists outside of the 97103 zip code from adjoining communities may participate by sharing an Astoria artist's studio.

The brochure/map will be available to the public early in July. The map includes a list of participating artists and their studio locations.

For questions, email info@astoriaartists.org or call Drew Herzig at 503-325-1895.



Submitted photo

Astoria artist Noel Thomas participated in the Astoria Studio Tour last summer.

Seaside Jazz Festival celebrates 32 years

SEASIDE — The Seaside Jazz Festival has invited 12 bands to perform at the 32nd annual jazz event taking place Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 20, 21 and 22. These bands are the best on the jazz circuit, performing at festivals throughout the United States and Canada.

The bands will rotate to five venues in Seaside: three at the Seaside Civic and Convention Center, and one each at the Seaside Elks Lodge and the Shilo Inn Suites Ocean-

front Hotel. Four of the five venues will have dance floors.

The music varies from traditional jazz, Cajun, swing, rock-a-billy and Dixieland. Whether one chooses to dance or listen, there is something for everyone.

There will be a special kick-off party Thursday, Feb. 19 at the Seaside Elks sponsored this year by Lum's Auto Center. Dave Bennett and the Memphis Speed Kings will be the entertainment for this special evening. Tickets are \$10 at the door; doors open at 6 p.m.

The festival starts at 3 p.m. Friday at the convent center. On Saturday, music starts at 10 .m. and continues until after 11 p.m. The Sunday schedule starts at 9:30 a.m. with two free gospel service open to the public at the convention center. During the gospel services, a offering is collected, and all the proceeds will be donated to the South County Food Bank and Seaside Head Start program.

The Seaside High School Jazz Ensemble will perform a set Sunday, and the group will

also be included in Festival Closing Ceremony at 3 p.m. Sunday in the Pacific Room at the convention center. The Jazz Ensemble is always a hit with attendees. Raffle tickets are sold throughout the weekend with the proceeds used to send students to a jazz camp. A donation is also made to the

Seaside High School Jazz Ensemble to support the music programs.

Tickets for the festival can be purchased in advance by calling 866-345-6257 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. During the festival weekend, tickets are available at the convention center only.

No single set purchases are available.

A free shuttle will be available during festival hours and regularly rotates to the jazz sites. Food and beverages will be available at all of the sites. For more information visit, www.jazz-seaside.com



Photo by Nancy McCarthy

A couple dances during last year's Seaside Jazz Festival. This year's 32nd annual event sees 12 bands performing at five venues Feb. 20 to 22.

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