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Keith Clark, the artistic director of the Astoria Music Festival, says the festival is known for doing unusual things well: such as putting on its first March Mini-Series this month.

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# AAUW honors Women's History Month

## Learn about local women and their contributions to Astoria

ASTORIA — To celebrate March as Women's History Month, the American Association of University Women invites the public to hear stories contained in the booklet "100 Women Who Helped Make Astoria" at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 17 in the Flag Room of the Astoria Public Library, located at 450 10th St.

In the 1980s, there was virtually nothing written about women in schools' history books. To remedy this omission, Astoria's AAUW branch contributed books and posters on women to schools. Special dinners and receptions, bringing women and women's groups

together, were organized to discuss the wealth of variety and strengths about women in the community. A committee was formed, parameters were determined, eras and names were researched. This booklet began with the idea of acknowledging the contributions women have made and continue to make to Astoria. Two years were devoted to the booklet, "100 Women Who Helped Make Astoria," for presentation during Astoria's bicentennial year, 2011.

Over the past two years AAUW has had the pleasure of hearing how eight women have helped Astoria:

Rae Goforth, Karen Melin, Susan Skinner, Barbara Roberts, Anita Schacher, Arline LaMear, Edith Henningsgaard Miller and Gerry Swenson. The recordings of these women have been added to AAUW's archive of "100 Women Who Helped Make Astoria" to acknowledge their impact on the community.

AAUW would once again like to recognize more of the 100 women honorees. This year, hear Janet Weidman will share her story as well as others, and learn more about what makes women involve themselves in their communities.



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Janet Weidman will speak at the AAUW's event March 17 in honor of Women's History Month.

For more information call Sara Meyer at 503-325-7969 or email her at chuck555sara@gmail.com. Refreshments will be provided.

## '100 Women Who Helped Make Astoria'

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