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Award salutes community members of distinction

ASTORIA — The Liberty Theater announces the annual Lady Liberty Awards Luncheon will be held from noon to 1:30 p.m. April 9.

The Lady Liberty Award recognizes and honors people of achievement and distinction who live or work in the Columbia-Pacific region.

Honorees have been selected on the basis of exemplary volunteerism, professional excellence and contributions to the community as a whole. The honorees are each individually diverse in their accomplishments and represent a wide range of interests and fields of endeavor.

This year's honorees are Jeanne Maddox Peterson and Judith Maddox Bigby. The two women will be celebrated them as inspirations and dedicated community volunteers.

Jeanne Maddox Peterson's contributions include



This year's Lady Liberty Award nominees are Judith Maddox Bigby and Jeanne Maddox Peterson.

an exceptionally high quality of dance and choreography classes and her graceful way of mentoring to generations of local students. She is being honored as an inspiration and an example of professional excellence.

Bay Avenue Gallery hosts metal artist demo OCEAN PARK, Wash. — Metal art-Judith Maddox Bigby's ist Don Perry will create art at contributions include ser-Bay Avenue Gallery from 1 to vice on the Oregon Commu-4 p.m. Saturday, March 28. Pernity Foundation Leadership

ry, who splits his time between Parkdale, Oregon, and Surfside, Washington, creates art with metal, a plasma cutter and electrically heated air.

Sue Raymond of Bay Avenue Gallery admits this is something new for Perry. He often participates in studio tours and art sales, but this is the first time he has invited the public to watch him work. The demonstration will be outdoors with room to sit and watch the action.

When Perry's job ended at a local mill, he began to repurpose some of the discarded saw blades, turning them into art. He noticed that heating the high carbon steel of the saw blades turned them from gray steel to beautiful blues. Today, Perry adds other metals to his art including copper, stainless steel and titanium.

Over the years, Perry has developed garden designs, sculptures



See work and an artist demo by metal artist Don Perry at Bay Avenue Gallery in Ocean Park, Washington, Saturday, March 28.

and outdoor signs. Most of all, he

is known for his fish and Native American pieces that capture the flavor and spirit of the Columbia River Gorge where he lives. The artist discusses his work

with enthusiasm, "The process of my work starts from taking a design and drawing it on a piece of metal, then cutting it out with the plasma cutter. The piece is then put on the table to be ground. After the piece is ground, if color is desired, it is put in a vice to be heated. This part of the process gives each piece of art depth and dimension; it gives the metal either a harder or softer look. The piece is then welded and ground again.

"I try to do natural processes and not use chemicals. The pieces that are a rusty patina are all left at the coast to rust to a natural fine patina that only comes from salt air. The blues in high carbon steel and the gold in the stainless steel all come from heating the metal with a torch."

Stop by the gallery and enjoy watching this artist's technique. Bay Avenue Gallery is located at 1406 Bay Ave. The gallery also offers art classes for children ages 5 to 14, workshops and open studio gatherings for all ages. For more information, call 360-665-5200, visit www. bayavenuegallery.com or follow on Facebook.



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