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From left: Clatsop County master gardener Pam Trenary, master gardener vice president Yvonne Whitney, Kingfisher Farms owner Jeff Trenary, master gardener Demo Garden Chair Walt John, and master gardener and KMUN "Diggin' the Dirt" program host Ann Goldeen enjoy the atmosphere inside a greenhouse at Brim's Farm and Garden. They are working to put on the annual Spring into Gardening event April 11 at the Clatsop County Fairgrounds.

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Out & about

NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

First Friday Nights kick off in Astoria

It's Friday. The weekend has arrived. You want to unwind, find a place to mingle over a drink, grab a bite and hang out – maybe listen to live music. Sure, you have your go-to spot, but it can be fun to switch it up.

If it's the first Friday of the month, you should head to the Columbia River Maritime Museum's Barbey Maritime Center. There you'll find a new monthly series called First Friday Nights. I had the pleasure of attending the premier event last weekend, Knotty Beers. (The next event is May 1.)

Running from 7 to 9 p.m., First Friday is casual, social and fun. The different activities are split between the three sections of the Barbey Maritime Center, which allows you to move around.

Last week, the entrance in the west wing featured refreshments and live music. Buoy Beer Co. provided brews, Vitamin water, bottled water and pizza from Fultano's. You could take your drink of choice to one of the tall standing tables or a red bean bag chair. Then watch Luke Ydstie and Katie Claborn, of Hook and Anchor, perform string tunes. Chat, listen and watch the sunset

through the large windows.

The second room in the west wing featured a knot-tying station and coloring tables. Knot expert Jason Linnett demonstrated different knots, and you could try your hand at tying too. (My friend was proficient at the bank robber's knot – which you use to tie up your horse and make a quick getaway.)

Future First Fridays will feature a mix of activities, including games, film screenings and other skills demos and hands-on activities.

Stepping through the covered breezeway to the east wing brought me to the third section. The east wing showed off the center's classroom, where students take workshops in traditional maritime crafts, such as woodcarving, Native American basketry, leather work and boat building.

Chuck Bollong was present to talk about the wooden kayak-building classes he teaches through Pygmy Boats Inc. An almost-finished 17-foot kayak sat on one of the tables. Whether you were familiar with wood-working or a complete novice, Bollong was able to easily explain the process.

If you're worried about finding the Barbey Maritime Center, don't. The building is located at the east end of the museum's parking lot, and First Friday is easy to spot – literally. Two-foot-



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tall letters spell out "First Friday" with mini light bulbs. The lit sign hangs on an inside wall of the center, visible through the windows. Practical and fun, the wall decoration offered mood lighting and a cool backdrop for photos later in the evening.

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