

# Odie B's has a heart for foster kids

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Odie B's owner Georgina Jones and shop manager Charmarie "Char" Moor have been foster and adoptive parents, as well as volunteers for the Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) program. Jones' store revolves around children and families, buying their clothes, toys and other accessories; selling them to other families; and hosting eclectic workshops in art, home economics and other lessons.

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. As part of its charity of the month, and for 2nd Saturday Art Walk, Odie B's focused on the needs of foster children.

They brought in a volunteer Saturday from CASA, the store's charity of the month. And instead of art, they created a Heart Gallery, a traveling exhibit of kids seeking adoption.

"At any one time, there's about 100 kids in foster care, and I have 33 CASA volunteers," executive director of Clatsop County's CASA group, Lauren Wilson, said. Her visit to Odie B's was timely, Wilson added, as the orientation for new CASA volunteers is Wednesday at Clatsop Community College, with training starting April 22. Contact Wilson at 503-338-6063 or lauren@clatsopcasa.org for more information.

Odie B's holds workshops each Sunday, with \$5 of the

admission fee going to CASA. Upcoming workshops include "Extreme Beading" Sunday and "Make a Fairy Garden" April 26.

The mission of helping CASA, which volunteers say has been proven to help make kids more likely to be adopted, mixed with the Heart Gallery, which Wilson said is composed of some children who are maybe older and have some special needs, and are thus more difficult to find families for.

One profile was Leroy, or "Li," a 5-year-old from Washington whose main adult figures, his Heart Gallery profile read, are now his foster parents, daycare providers, preschool teachers and his other supporters.

"He is a loving boy with a laugh that will make you smile," the profile reads, with contact information on how to adopt him.

The Heart Gallery profiles are on display at Odie B's, 1255 Commercial St. in downtown Astoria, throughout April. A full list of the children available for adoption can be found at www.heartgalleryofamerica.org

Jones said next month's featured charity would likely be the Le Leche League of Astoria, the local chapter of an international nonprofit based on breastfeeding. Odie B's also plans to eventually sponsor Victory over Child Abuse camp, where she and Moor have been volunteers more than a decade.



Photo courtesy of Jenn Sharon  
**Leroy, 5, who often goes by "Li," is one of the profiles displayed at Odie B's in downtown Astoria as part of the Heart Gallery, a traveling exhibit of foster children seeking forever families.**

## Get your Goonies tickets starting now

Tickets for the Goonies 30th Anniversary Celebration events June 5-7 are now on sale through TicketsWest, and can be purchased online at www.ticketswest.com or by calling 800-992-8499, and are available for the following activities:

- **The Shot in Astoria Bus Tour** (June 5-7) costs \$35 a ticket. Hop on a school bus with 30 fans for a narrated 2-hour tour through Astoria that will pass film locations from "The Goonies," "Kindergarten Cop" and more. This is the only way to access the interior of the residence used as the Walsh family home in "The Goonies."

- **Behind the Scenes of "The Goonies"** (June 5-7) is \$20 per person. Learn about what it was like on set from special guests Randell Widner, Sloth's stunt double; Mark Marshall, "kid wrangler" on the set; Mick Alderman, aspiring film director invited to the set during filming; and Paul Gillum, city of Astoria staff liaison to the production.

- **The Truffle Shuffle 5K Run/Walk**, a casual 5K run/jog/walk that starts at 9 a.m. June 7 in Cannon Beach, costs \$20 per entry.

Sail with Sloth takes place at 6 p.m. June 5, and costs \$70 a person. Join Randell Widner and Curt Hanson, the actor who portrayed Elgin Perkins, the film's golf course developer, for an evening cruise on the historic tall ship Lady Washington.

While this event is only offered once, the Lady Washington will be in Astoria for 10 days, with many opportunities for dockside tours and sailings, starting at \$35 a ticket. Book directly through the Historical Seaport.org

All tickets will be available on a will-call system at the event headquarters located at the Astoria Armory, aka The Goonocks, beginning June 4. Ticket buyers will be notified of the schedule for pick up by email.

There are many other activities taking place that don't require a ticket at all, such as Geocaching's One Eyed Willy Treasure Hunt, for example, or can be purchased in person at the venue, like admission to the Oregon Film Museum.

For information about Goonies 30th Anniversary events, go to www.the-goonocks.org

## Art celebrates Week of the Young Child

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Sunday began the Week of the Young Child, which runs until Friday, bringing awareness to issues of early childhood development and education.

The children of Astoria and Warrenton's Head Start centers, along with early-childhood classes through the local Education Service District, joined 2nd Saturday Art Walk with "Art Through the Eyes of a Child," displaying their own exhibits in select spaces throughout the week.

"Our vision is that all Head Start centers and preschools will be doing this," Lori Honl Wilson, a teacher at the Warrenton center, said about the concept, which started with Astoria last year and expanded to Warrenton and the ESD.

The exhibits from Warrenton's center, representing four classes and 72 children, surrounded the entire upstairs of the Curious Caterpillar Saturday night, from painting with marbles and on coffee filters to D-SLR photography and molded, decorated clay disks.

More than 30 kids from Astoria's center, and another 30 from Northwest Regional Education Service District's Early Childhood Class in Astoria, held their own exhibit in the back room of Luminari Arts. Most of the work at Luminari



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**The 2nd Saturday Art Walk exhibits by Head Start and Northwest Regional Education Service District children covered most mediums and the walls of the back and upstairs spaces at Luminari Arts and The Curious Caterpillar Saturday. Some of the remaining artwork is up and for sale during the Week of the Young Child, which runs through Friday.**

and Curious Caterpillar included names, ages and sometimes a back story from the artist about their influences.

The ESD's Early Childhood Class, located in Astoria, serves more than 40 students from throughout the region. Tiffany Hall, an early

childhood specialist with the ESD, said it serves mixture of children with learning and other disabilities, with programs in Astoria and Seaside covering the northern and southern portions of Clatsop County.

The exhibits offered par-

ents and guardians a chance to view their children's work on display, and the first chance to buy. Some of the remaining work is available at Luminari Arts, 1133 Commercial St. until Friday. All proceeds support special activities for the kids.

## Annual Golf Ball Drop to land May 9

WARRENTON — The eighth annual Assistance League of the Columbia Pacific Golf Ball Drop fundraiser is being held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. May 9 at the Astoria Golf & Country Club, 33445 Sunset Beach Lane in Warrenton.

There is a free golf clinic for children at 11 a.m., with lessons from golf pro John Kawasoe, as well as a free barbecue for children younger than 5 years old. The cost for the barbecue lunch is \$5 for all those older than 5. There is also a bicycle raffle and a dessert bake sale.

The helicopter is dropping 2,000 marked golf balls at 12:15 p.m. for lots of prizes. Golf ball tickets are for sale now at Holly McHone Jewelry in Astoria and at Columbia Bank branches located in Astoria, Warrenton and Seaside. Tickets cost \$5 each; purchase a ticket, and the number will be put on a golf ball to be dropped from the helicopter.

All proceeds from this event go to help clothe Clatsop County children in need for the upcoming school year through ALCP's Operation School Bell program. The major sponsors for this



Submitted photo  
**Numbered golf balls are pre-sold for \$5 for the Golf Ball Drop.**

years' Golf Ball Drop are Lektro, NW Natural Gas, Columbia River Bar Pilots and the Astoria Golf & Country Club.

For information about this event, go to www.assistanceleaguecp.org or contact Leslie Long at 503-717-3671 or Jane Cartwright at 503-738-2734.

## Local Harvey Award nominees sought

The Astoria Historic Landmarks Commission is encouraging nominations for an annual award that recognizes historic preservation.

The Dr. Edward Harvey Historic Preservation Award is presented to a property owner whose restoration or beautification of a building over the past

two years exemplifies historical attributes or the city's architectural heritage.

Nominations can include residential, commercial, public, and other buildings. Nominations can be submitted to the city's Community Development Department until April 30.

Mayor Arline LaMear will present the award during Na-

tional Historic Preservation Week in May.

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