

ASOC seeks submissions, proposals for fall production

ASTORIA — The Astor Street Opry Company production committee meets on a regular basis to augment and create the ASOC Playhouse calendar

of events, shows, fundraisers and other activities.

The committee is currently seeking submissions for a fall production and director pro-

posals. The fall show will run Oct. 9 to 24 with auditions on Aug. 23 and 24. Plays can be anything from original work to published, drama to comedies.

The proposal needs to include ASOC budget and proposal forms. Forms can be obtained by contacting Judith Niland at jniland@pacifier.com or calling 503-791-1037.

Completed proposals can be submitted by email to jniland@pacifier.com or mailed to ASOC at P.O. Box 743, Astoria, OR 97103 for consideration at the first Tuesday in June production com-

mittee meeting.

Production committee members include: Judith Niland, Steven Nice, Bill Carr, Mary Ritter, ChrisLynn Taylor, Becca Blacksten, Kim Werst, Sandi Hilton and Terry MacDonald.

Loyalty Day Follies holds auditions

ILWACO, Wash. — For the second year in a row, the traditional Loyalty Days Weekend on the Long Beach Peninsula begins with a local show featuring a variety of vocal, instrumental and comic talents from the area. The Loyalty Day Follies, a family-friendly event for all ages, will be held at 7 p.m. Friday, May 1 at the River City Playhouse.

Auditions for this talent show will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 25 at the playhouse, located at 127 Lake St. S.E.

In addition to those pictured preparing to audition, youngsters from Ocean Park and Long Beach Elementary School will play piano and sing with their classmates. Organizers also hope to hear from vintage crooner Pete Hanner.

Live music is strongly encouraged. Vocalists are asked to bring sheet music. Piano accompaniment is available at the audition as well as at the performance. Patriotic songs are not required, but community and family-oriented material is welcome.



Submitted photo

Clockwise from left: Rita Smith, Kenny Price, Ken Price Jr, and Robert Scherrer practice for Follies auditions.

Auditions

1 p.m. Saturday, April 25

River City Playhouse

127 Lake St. S.E., Ilwaco, Washington

360-665-4421

For anyone unable to come to the April 25 audition or in need of additional information, phone or email coordina-

tor Barbara Bate at 360-665-4421, bategofish@gmail.com or cell/text her at 360-244-5566.

Sunset Empire Amateur Radio Club hosts educational outreach at CCC

ASTORIA — The Sunset Empire Amateur Radio Club will offer a variety of amateur radio demonstrations Saturday, April 25 at Clatsop Community College. The event will take place from 10 a.m. to noon in Room 207 of Towler Hall. The public is invited, and refreshments will be served.

By the end of the demonstrations, visitors will have a better understanding of the amateur radio hobby and the wide range of activities it can offer, how the ham radio technology can apply to other professional fields, and its importance in providing an emergency communication system during natural disasters when standard communications systems are disrupted.

The live demonstrations will include:

- Echolink: a technology that allows a licensed amateur radio operator to communicate to other licensed users worldwide. Instead of being limited to the repeater coverage area, the operator using a computer

Amateur radio demos

10 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 25

Room 207, Towler Hall

Clatsop Community College

1651 Lexington Ave., Astoria

www.sunset-empire-arc.org

Free

or smart phone can connect to a repeater anywhere in the world to communicate with other operators using that repeater.

- IRLP: Internet Radio Linking Project allows two radios to be linked through the Internet. Repeaters may be linked so that groups of amateurs using two distant repeaters can communicate.

- Morse Code and Lightship Columbia: a method of transmitting text information as a series of on-off tones, lights or clicks. Each letter or numeral is represented by a unique sequence of short and long signals called “dots” and “dashes.”

- Packet Radio: a digital radio communications mode that sends text and files (including small computer programs).

- Knappa High School’s amateur radio program

- Clatsop County Repeater Coverage Map

- Emergency communications

For more information, visit www.sunset-empire-arc.org, email W7BU@sunset-empire-arc.org, or search Facebook for Sunset Empire Amateur Radio Club (SEARC). SEARC’s mission is to advance the cause of amateur radio by educating the public on the hobby and to help facilitate emergency communications by assisting in maintaining repeater links.

Grammy-winning guitarist plays peninsula Catch Doug Smith, flutist Judy Koch Smith in Long Beach

LONG BEACH, WASH. — The Peninsula Arts Center welcomes back acoustic guitarist Doug Smith at 7 p.m. Saturday, April 25. Tickets are \$12, and doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Smith is a 2005 Grammy Award winner and the 2006 winner of the prestigious Winfield International Finger-style Guitar Competition.

His playing has been heard on the big screen in the popular

2007 film “August Rush” and his original compositions are heard everywhere from NPR and TCM to “Martha Stewart” and “Good Morning America.” His playing combines folk, classical and jazz elements and has been called a cross between Chet Atkins, Leo Kottke and Michael Hedges.

Popular originals such as “Renewal” and “Order of Magnitude,” clever arrangements

such as his medley of “Ave Maria” and “Can’t Help Falling in Love;” dazzling pieces like the tour-de-force “Stars and Stripes Forever” and his dynamic stage presence have dazzled audiences around the world including Japan, Taiwan and China.

Smith won a Grammy, along with 11 other great guitarists, for his contribution to the Henry Mancini tribute CD “Pink Guitar,” which won in the category

of Best Pop Instrumental CD. By himself, he has a dozen CDs to his credit.

He has shared the stage with such guitar luminaries as Laurence Juber, Tommy Emmanuel and Andy McKee, and he just finished up another tour of Japan.

His wife, flautist and vocalist Judy Koch Smith will be joining him at the arts center.

The Peninsula Arts Center is located at 504 Pacific Ave. N. For information call 360-901-0962. To make reservations, go to www.peninsulaartscenter.org



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Flutist Judy Koch Smith and Grammy-winning guitarist Doug Smith will perform at the Peninsula Arts Center.