

Astoria Visual Arts to yarn bomb Astoria

Knitters, crocheters invited to help cover downtown in yarn

ASTORIA — Astoria Visual Arts is sponsoring the installation of the second annual Astoria Yarn Bomb.

The yarn bomb will take place June 19, 20 and 21. Installation will start June 19 in the morning at Astoria Visual Arts and should be finished by Sunday afternoon.

Yarn bombing — also known as yarn storming, guerrilla knitting, urban knitting or graffiti knitting — is a type of graffiti or street art in which colorful displays of knitted or crocheted yarn is used to cover ordinary outdoor objects, such as trees, utility poles, fences, doors, etc.

Astoria Visual Arts invites knitters, crocheters and others to participate. Knitting groups are invited to consider choosing a spot of downtown Astoria to adopt. The best yarns to use are

cheap synthetic yarns, such as Red Heart. The fiber arts academy has donated yarn available to work on projects, and yarn donations are gladly accepted; drop them off at 1296 Duane St. The academy is open between noon and 4 p.m. on weekends.

In particular, organizers seek:

- Small items to be staged on larger backgrounds. The larger background pieces will be set up June 19 and begging for landscape.

- Volunteers to begin putting up backgrounds on June 19.

- Themed items like flowers for spring and summer or nautical items such as fish, coral, etc. Organizers are also looking for flotsam and jetsam for a net yarn bomb set up.

"I kept as much as I could



Submitted photo by Amy Danger

Yarn bomb organizers are seeking detail objects, such as flowers, animals or nautical knit items to dress up larger knit pieces.

rescue from what was up last year and have been collecting more crochet items, so we have an impressive stash of large pieces," says Margaret Thierry of Astoria Fiber Arts Academy.

Any store that wants to be decorated should contact



Submitted photo by Amy Danger

A tree is cozy in its yarn bomb apparel in downtown Astoria.

503-325-5598 or email AstoriaYarnBomb@gmail.com

The yarn bomb will stay up for one month on public places. Items on private places, such as store fronts, can stay up until the owner asks for them to be removed.

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