

Artist guild opens May show

LONG BEACH, Wash. — Members of the NW Artist Guild will show their newest works at The Cove restaurant during the month of May. An artist reception and public party will be from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 12 with refreshments. Wine and beer will also be available.

Several new artists have joined the group. They include Bette Lu Krause, Sam Johnson, Kathryn Murdock and Patsy Chapel.

Krause is well known in the lower Columbia area for her acrylic depictions of nature, including impressions of Alaska and ocean-dwelling creatures. Johnson is a young artist experimenting with abstract acrylic impressions. He was well re-

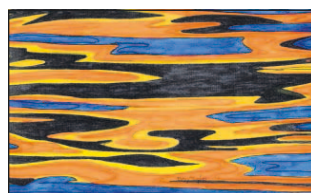
ceived at the guild's February show at the Old Train Depot in Long Beach. Murdock comes to the guild from the Kelso area. She also has a home on the peninsula and has studied extensively with artist Eric Weigardt.

Two more shows are planned for the year 2015 and a collaborative picnic with the Peninsula Art Association is planned for the summer. Any artist in the area is encouraged to contact a guild member about joining the group. There is an interview process involved where the new member is expected to show their work and tell a bit about their art. The guild is member driven, and each member is expected to contribute to the show as well as put in some time on a



"End of the Lane" by Sharon Strong.

committee, whether it be hanging a show, putting up posters, writing news releases, making labels or any of the other duties involved in displaying a good show. Benefits range from a



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"Cocktail Hour" by Betsey Toepfer.



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"Eagle Mom" by Jean Nitzel.

sense of family to exhibiting with a group of experienced artists.

The Cove restaurant is located at the Peninsula Golf Course at 9604 Pacific Way.

'In Science We Trust?'

Astoria Public Library hosts discussion

ASTORIA — Americans have more confidence in scientific and medical leaders than in leaders of any group except the military, according to National Science Foundation polls. However, the relationship between citizens and science is fraught with misunderstanding and mistrust, especially on topics like climate change.

Why is this relationship with science so complicated? Why do people mistrust a field for which they profess respect? How can citizens use science to make better decisions? This is the focus of "In Science We Trust? The Role of Science in a Democracy," a free conversation with Gail Wells at 3 p.m. Saturday, May 9 at the Astoria Public Library.

Wells has lived in Oregon most of her life. She has written mainly about scientific and historical topics for



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Gail Wells will speak about the role of science in a democracy May 9.

more than 30 years. Midway through her career she completed a graduate degree in scientific and technical communication at Oregon State University.

This program is hosted by Astor Library Friends Association and is part of Oregon Humanities' statewide Conversation Project. For more information, contact library staff at 503-325-7323 or comments@astorialibrary.org

Astoria Sunday Market opens 15th anniversary season

ASTORIA — The Astoria Sunday Market opens May 10, bringing its familiar and anticipated burst of color and aromas to historic downtown Astoria. Astoria Sunday Market has been "getting fresh" with people for just over 15 years offering produce, art and goods direct to the consumer from the producer.

The season opens Mother's Day with the Northwest Dragon and Lion Dancers weaving their magic through the market starting at 10 a.m. "We began inviting them to opening day a few years ago, and it has quickly become a beloved tradition," noted Cyndi Mudge, market director.

Rose-colored glass coins created by Fernhill Glass will be given away while supplies last. The Astoria Kiwanis Club will also offer free Market coins to the first 100 customers at its annual pancake breakfast taking place at the Elks Lodge opening day. The coins are good for discounts at any Market vendor.

Each year, Astoria Sunday Market has a mix of returning and new vendors providing a sense of the familiar with the

excitement of change. Among the returning vendors include Packer Orchards and Bakery, DeAsis Farms, Lucky Farms' fresh cut flowers, Zola's Sunrise Cedar, Nehalem Bay Winery and Brevin's Solid Gold Fudge, among others. Kettle Corn is returning with a new owner whose family began selling kettle corn in 2008 before turning their operation over to Whatz Poppin. Steve's Boot Scootin Kettle Corn promises to offer fan-favorite flavors originally created by Whatz Poppin.

Also returning after a brief retirement is artist Bill Dodge who will vend the first Sunday of each month beginning with opening day. The Columbia River Maritime Museum sponsors Dodge's booth and features puzzles made from his original art.

New vendors this season include Keli's Hawaiian Plate Lunch, Bernard's Country BBQ, Café de la Rue serving savory and sweet items wrapped in puff pastry, and Café Moka-Frozen Sunrise in the food court. "We're especially excited to have Starvation Alley Farms joining us this year with their locally grown



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cranberries," added Mudge.

Artist Robert MacKenzie will also be at the market opening day. He creates colorful paintings on metal and was commissioned for the market's 2015 poster.

The band Steel Wool kicks things off in the food court on opening day. They are a harmony-powered, acoustic world, folk-rock, seriously upbeat and happy band.

Astoria Sunday Market was founded in 2000 as a nonprofit organization dedicated to re-

vitalizing historic downtown Astoria and supporting artists, farmers and other small producers and businesses. Another important piece of its mission is to create a vibrant community-gathering place. Astoria Sunday Market has donated nearly \$170,000 to a variety of downtown projects and events over the years including Liberty Theater Restoration, the Garden of Surging Waves, construction of the public restrooms located on 12th and Exchange streets, downtown beautification projects and Astoria Downtown Historic District Association. The most recent grant was \$2,000 in October 2013 for the Friends of the Armory. Astoria Sunday Market operates a Young Entrepreneur's Club in partnership with Clatsop County 4-H, offering kids an opportunity to vend at the market starting in June of each year. Astoria Sunday Market also organizes vendors for the Cruise Ship Market located at the Port of Astoria for each visiting ship.

For more information about Astoria Sunday Market and its upcoming music schedule, visit www.astoriasundaymarket.com

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