

Astoria Music Festival poster unveiled

The May Art Walk saw the unveiling of the 2015 Astoria Music Festival poster. Artwork for the annual theme poster has in past years been a commissioned work by a local artist (Noel Thomas and Royal Nebeker created works for the festival in the past); this year the festival board opted for a competition to select a poster.

Debbi Littlefield, an artist from Naselle, Wash., is the winner of the contest. Her composition, “Astoria in Concert,” depicts the Columbia River, the bridge, Astoria architecture and a variety of musical instruments. Her prize was \$500 and two platinum passes to the Astoria Music Festival.

Littlefield researched the subject before she began her painting because she had never drawn musical instruments before. Her goal in creating the piece was, “to make something bright and colorful that would grab the eye of passers-by.”

“Astoria in Concert” is doing just that in the window of the Music Festival office (also Tempo Gallery), at 1271 Commercial St., where limited-edition signed posters may be purchased for \$50, and unsigned copies for \$25.

Artist Robert Paulmenn was the winner of the People’s Choice award for his painting, “Liberty Chandelier II.” Entries by Jennifer Frisch (“A Song at Sunset”) and Kayla Johnson (“Flute’s Dream”) will be used by the festival in marketing and on programs.

Carolyn Vena is chairwoman of the Poster Art Committee of the Astoria Music Festival, with members Carol Smith of Temp Gallery, Dulcye Taylor of Old Town Framing, and Leena Riker, former festival board president.



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From left, Diane Tiedeman, Astoria Music Festival Board president, Robert Paulmenn with his People’s Choice Award, Debbi Littlefield, winner of the competition, and Carolyn Vena, poster committee chairwoman, with the winning entry, “Astoria in Concert.”

WHS seniors receive 2015 Hitchman Award

WARRENTON — Jessica Knehr and Juanantonio Salcedo of Warrenton High School have been selected to receive the L. R. Hitchman Family Achievement Award for 2015.

Knehr has been involved in the performing arts ever since she started first grade, when she began to play the piano. She later added the alto saxophone, earning an award in the process. When she entered high school, she began dancing, and excelled; she earned a part-time job teaching dance as an intern. She continued to participate in the Warrenton High School Symphonic Band, which earned the state championship in 2014. Knehr plans to further her education at the University of Oregon next fall.

Salcedo has been an outstanding athlete at WHS, earning letters in both track and football, in which he was voted team captain by his teammates last fall, and played both offense and defense. He was determined to provide leadership, and help his school overcome three straight losing seasons; he helped the Warriors to a winning season this year. He plans on going to college this fall, leading toward a teaching career.

The Hitchman Award was established over 25 years ago. The amount of this annual award was increased this year to \$1,000. The award is offered to a selected junior or senior at WHS to defray higher education expenses. Occasionally, more than one recipient is chosen to receive an award. Applicants for the award submit applications through the school.

The award was founded in 1988 by Mary Hitchman Taylor and Alice Hitchman Hayden (1963 and 1965 graduates of WHS) as a tribute to their parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Hitchman, who resided in Warrenton for over 50 years.

Friday Musical Club shares talent

The scholarship recipients of the Friday Musical Club were featured at a recital May 3, at the First Lutheran Church in Astoria. Laurie Drage, club president, welcomed those in attendance.

Students participating on the recital were: Jaden Rainey, cellist; Adam Morse, baritone; Fiona Bonn, clarinetist; Charity Fleck, soprano; Ryanne Sunnell, French horn; Andrew Conrad, cellist; Julie Foss, violinist; and Enoch Gray, baritone.

The teachers of the students were also recognized and included: Judy Woodward, cellist; John Hammond, retired band director; Susan Buehler, voice instructor; Michael McClure, French horn player and band/choir instructor at Warrenton High School; Angela Calvin-Pederson, violinist and string instructor for Astoria public schools; and Barbara Poulshock, voice instructor. The students studied privately, beginning in January, with funding provided by the scholarship funds and culminated with the public recital. The student performers represented the communities of Ilwaco, Wash., and Astoria, Seaside, and Cannon Beach in Oregon.



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Friday Musical Club scholarship recipients performed in a recital May 3. Back row, from left, Enoch Gray of Astoria, Adam Morse of Cannon Beach, and Andrew Conrad of Astoria. Front row, Charity Fleck of Ilwaco, Wash., Julie Foss of Astoria, Fiona Bonn and Ryanne Sunnell of Seaside, and Jaden Rainey of Astoria.

For information regarding the Friday Musical Club, or donating to the scholarship fund, contact Susan Buehler, chairwoman of the Scholarship Committee at vsbuehler@gmail.com or 503-436-0378.

WEDDING

Johnson — Mart

Laura Emily Johnson of Astoria, daughter of Kevin and Judy Johnson of Astoria, exchanged wedding vows with Steve B. Mart, also of Astoria, Saturday, Jan. 17, 2015, at the Astoria Golf and Country Club in Warrenton, sponsored by Dr. Charles Starr. The groom is the son of Brian and Elaine Mart of Astoria.

The bride was given in marriage by her parents. The Rev. Sue Lenahan performed the ceremony.

Maid of honor was the bride’s little sister, Kayla Johnson of Astoria. Bridesmaids were the bride’s best friend, Holly Shigley of San Diego, and a cousin, Robyn Swanson of Corvallis. Flower girls were cousins Ruby Swanson of Corvallis and Cadence Sopko of Astoria.

Best man was the groom’s twin brother, Scott Mart of Astoria. Groomsmen were Brad Johnson of Medford, brother of the bride, and Ben Swanson of Corvallis, a cousin. Ring bearers were Wyatt Shigley, of San Diego, a godson, and Robert Johnson of Medford, a nephew.

The bride is a 1999 graduate of Astoria High School and a 2005 graduate of Mount Hood Community College. She is a surgical technician in the Surgery Department at Columbia Memorial Hospital.

The groom graduated from Astoria High School in 1996. He is employed by Morisse Logging.

A reception was held at the Astoria Golf and Country Club. “Songbird” by Fleetwood Mac was performed by Pixie Andrea.

The honeymoon destination was Sandals in the Bahamas. The couple resides in Astoria.





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Steve and Laura (Johnson) Mart

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