

North Head Lighthouse to celebrate 117 years

CAPE DISAPPOINTMENT, Wash. — Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission and Keepers of the North Head Lighthouse will be hosting the 117th anniversary of the North Head Lighthouse at Cape Disappointment State Park in Ilwaco, Washington, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, June 6.

A Discover Pass is not required to attend the event as



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this is a state park “free day.”

The celebration will allow a close look at the lighthouse, which is now undergoing long-awaited restoration. It already sports a new roof and restored lighthouse tower.

There is parking at the lighthouse parking lot plus additional parking and a free shuttle

The North Head Lighthouse, currently undergoing restoration and celebrating its 117 birthday, was wrapped in large tarps during work on the lantern glass.

will be available at the parking lot across from Cape Disappointment State Park, 244 Robert Gray Drive, Ilwaco.

The event will feature refreshments, a self-guided tour of a Lighthouse Keeper’s

Home, birder tours at 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. led by the Shoalwater Birders, museum exhibits, open gift store, and sale of a North Head Lighthouse special edition poster by Don Nisbett.

Guided tours of the lighthouse will be available for \$2.50 for people 18 years and older, with no charge for those 7 to 17. Children must be 7 years or older to tour the lighthouse tower.

In addition, this will be the kick-off day for the North Head Lighthouse raffle that will directly benefit lighthouse restoration. The prize for the raffle is a two-night stay at the keeper’s residence, for six people.

Astoria Visual Arts seeks artist-in-residence applicants

ASTORIA — The Astoria Visual Arts Artists-in-Residence Program (AVA a-i-r) seeks applications from local artists interested in the upcoming artist’s residency, which will run July 1 to Sept. 30.

Residency finalists — currently limited to locally based artists — are chosen on the basis of artistic merit by an independent panel of established working artists and arts patrons.

The selected artist is provided with a small studio in the Astoria Downtown Historic District free of charge for a three-month residency period.

AVA a-i-r is designed to

encourage the creative, intellectual and personal growth of emerging artists. While no exhibition, publication or performance is required of the selected artist, community responsibility includes a week-end open studio event before the end of each AVA a-i-r session.

For more information and to apply online, visit <http://astoriavisualarts.org>

The application deadline is June 21.

AVA was founded in 1989 as a nonprofit membership organization to enhance, strengthen and promote the arts in the greater Astoria area.

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Peninsula Players plan an entertaining funeral dinner

ILWACO, Wash. — What happens when a funeral dinner is planned for a man nobody liked? “The Ladies of Harmony” are doing just that; Harmony being the church where the funeral dinner will be held. Join the Peninsula Players at the River City Playhouse to follow these six women when they open up about their pasts and forgotten dreams.

Director Tracy Roach says, “This show is hilarious with great acting and a great story. My cast has taken on the personalities of the characters and are perfect fits for their own personalities.”

Peninsula Players’ own Joyce Jones plays Maud, the organizer of the dinner. She is assisted

by Grace (Lynn Hadley), Addie (Peninsula Players veteran Penny Bierly), Thelma, Leah and Stella (newcomers Betsy Smith, Joanna Ewald and Barbi England).

Come spend the evening with these eccentric ladies as they muddle through the planning and clean-up of the dinner. The River City Playhouse is located at 127 Lake St. Show times are at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, June 5 and 6, and at 2 p.m. Sunday, June 7. Tickets cost \$10 and are available at Okie’s, Stormin Norman’s, and Olde Town Cafe.

The play is produced by Laurie Carter by special arrangement with Big Dog Publishing.

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The Ladies of Harmony: Joanna Ewald, Joyce Jones, Barbi England, Penny Bierly, Lynn Hadley and Betsy Smith.