

## Enjoy 34th Garlic Festival Poster reveal moves to opening day

OCEAN PARK, Wash. — The 34th annual NW Garlic Festival will take place at Wilson Field, located at 25815 Sandridge Road. Get ready to celebrate anything and everything imaginable that might look, taste, smell or enhance the fragrant clove. The festival will take place from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, June 20 and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, June 21.

The festival is free to attend and features food and craft vendors offering up garlic in every way imaginable: garlic food, decor, bird houses, art, pottery, soaps, jewelry and more. On Saturday, enjoy music by the Brownsmead Flats and Greg Parke. On Sunday, the Ilwaco High School Jazz Band and the North Coast Blues Band will perform.

The Peninsula Arts Association has moved the reveal of this year's NW Garlic Festival poster to the opening day of the event. At 10 a.m. Saturday, the

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winning artist and artwork will be announced center-stage as the festival opens. Also, precisely at that time, posters will be on sale at PAA's tent, and bidding in the silent auction of the framed original will open. For collectors who favor the lower poster numbers, or for those who want to get a jump on the silent auction bidding, plan to be at the festival at 10 a.m. sharp.

The 12-inch-by-18-inch posters are offered in a limited edition of 100 and priced at \$20 each. Signed by the

artist and numbered, they are packaged in a protective clear bag with backboard and certificate of authenticity. New this year will be a small amount of greeting cards featuring the winning image available for purchase, and, of course, posters from previous years will be on hand, too (except 2013, which has sold out).

Profits from the poster sales and silent auction are designated as a fundraiser for PAA's Infrastructure Fund. The 45-year-old nonprofit art group uses this fund to maintain and improve the materials needed to produce art shows and art events. PAA supports an annual high school graduate scholarship and maintains an Art Enrichment Fund for school and community art projects.

For more information, visit the Ocean Park Area Chamber of Commerce Garlic Festival website at [www.nwgarlicfestival.org](http://www.nwgarlicfestival.org), or call 360-665-4448. For information about the Peninsula Arts Association, email [penart321@gmail.com](mailto:penart321@gmail.com)

## Organizer to speak about marriage equality Lower Columbia Diversity Project to host Thalia Zepatos

ASTORIA — On the eve of the Supreme Court's ruling on marriage equality, join the Lower Columbia Diversity Project for a look back on the marriage equality campaign with one of its most dedicated and passionate leaders, Thalia Zepatos of Freedom to Marry.

Zepatos will present "Love Stories: How personal narratives transformed the Marriage Equality Campaign" from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday, June 18 in the Judge Boyington Building, located at 857 Commercial St. The event is free and open to the public.

Zepatos has 30 years' experience as a community organizer, campaign manager and political consultant, focusing on building political power for under-represented communities.



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Thalia Zepatos of Freedom to Marry will speak June 18 in Astoria.

She began fighting anti-LGBT ballot measures in her home state of Oregon in 1988 and has subsequently been involved in fighting dozens of other anti-gay measures in communities across the U.S.

Since 2004, when a wave

of Constitutional amendments banning same-sex marriage were placed on the ballots of states across the country, Zepatos has focused on cracking the messaging code on marriage, resulting in four statewide ballot wins in November 2012 — the first-ever victories at the ballot.

Her collaborative approach to message research led to the development of Why Marriage Matters — a public education partnership of 30 state and national organizations — and Familias Familia, a national partnership of two-dozen Latino civil rights organizations.

For more information, contact the Lower Columbia Diversity Project at [lcdiversityproject@gmail.com](mailto:lcdiversityproject@gmail.com) or call 503-325-1895.

## Fort Clatsop hosts Summer Solstice 5K

ASTORIA — Lewis and Clark National Historical Park hosts the second of a trail run/walk series Saturday, June 20 to celebrate the transition from spring to summer.

The Lewis & Clark Trail Series includes three different exhilarating events along beautiful trails through forest landscapes, complete with a welcoming and friendly race atmosphere. These events are open to walkers and runners of all ages and provide the opportunity to experience the Northwest coast the way people have done it for thousands of years — on footpaths.

The Summer Solstice 5K at 6 p.m. Saturday, June 20 is the next event in the series. This approximately 5K course features the Netul River Trail. The start/finish line will be the front gate of the Fort Clatsop replica. This course is relatively flat with only about 40 feet of elevation change.

Allow time to park at one of the Fort Clatsop Visitor Center parking lots, check in



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Runners and walkers take off during a previous run at Fort Clatsop in March.

at the visitor center, and walk the 100 yards to the fort.

Pre-register in person, or register that day from 5 to 5:45 p.m., at the Fort Clatsop Visitor Center. The cost to participate is the purchase of a \$10 Annual Park Pass that grants entry into all of the 2015 Lewis & Clark Trail Series events. Registration is free with any pass that allows entry into our nation's 407 Nation-

al Park Service units. Participants younger than 18 years old need a parent or guardian to sign the registration.

The Lewis & Clark Trail Series is sponsored by the Lewis & Clark National Park Association, which supports park education and interpretative activities. The third event in the series is scheduled for Sept. 26. For more information, call the park at 503-861-2471.

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