



Submitted photo by Andy Zahn

The sun sets during last year's Wonders of Willapa event.

## Discover wonders of Willapa Bay at sunset

LONG BEACH, Wash. — Join the Friends of Willapa National Wildlife Refuge for a Wonders of Willapa Celebration of Trails along the South Bay Trail of Willapa Bay at 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19.

Hike along the one-mile trail and find information booths and exhibits set amid the natural beauty of Willapa Bay at sunset.

Discover the latest plans for public access to refuge land and learn about the diverse wildlife of the south bay region from refuge staff, the

Wildlife Center of the North Coast and local naturalists.

A kid's booth will offer special activities for all ages.

To get there, head to Sandridge Road, northeast of Long Beach, and turn east on 95th Street. Arrive anytime after 7 p.m. and stay to enjoy the night sky through provided telescopes and binoculars, weather permitting. Call 360-665-0772 after 4 p.m. for possible weather cancellation.

Visit [www.friendsofwillaparefuge.org](http://www.friendsofwillaparefuge.org) for more information.

## Astoria drawing group puts on annual art show

ASTORIA — Draw, a casual drawing group based in Astoria, will hold a group art show at Grace Episcopal Church from Sept. 18 to Nov. 5.

The public is invited to attend a reception at 11 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 20 in the church's parish hall, located at 1545 Franklin Ave.

Draw members live in or near Astoria and gather together bi-weekly to draw, sketch and paint.

The group has been meeting regularly since 2006 in many places around Astoria and the Columbia River, getting inspiration from the rich variety of subjects in nature,



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John Wecker paints during a Draw group session at Fort George Brewery.

landscape, people, buildings, and still life.

# Paint seascapes at multi-day workshop

## Artist Claudia Nice to teach master painting class at Astoria Art Loft

ASTORIA — Astoria Art Loft will host Claudia Nice for Painting the Coast, a multi-day painting workshop this October.

Nice's first class at the loft in April brought rave reviews, so she is returning to teach a master class on painting seascapes. The workshop will take place from 1 to 4 p.m. Oct. 1 and from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 2 and 3. Cost is \$260.

On the first day of the workshop, Nice will bring the group together for an introduction to the class, share her plan for helping students develop a painting, and take attendees to the beach to look at rocks, sand, and waves and make a few preliminary sketches. There will also be samples of pictures to paint as well, and students are welcome to work from their own photos.

The second and third days of the workshop, students will start using acrylic paints (but pastels and watercolor are acceptable). Acrylic students can work on canvases. Nice will demo how to mix ocean blues and greens and how to make shadow colors. She will show how to make preliminary sketches



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Students will learn to paint a sea scene, like this one, during an October workshop with Claudia Nice at Astoria Art Loft.

directly on canvas or paper.

At the workshop, Nice will take an acrylic painting of her own from start to completion so students can watch the progress. She will also show techniques for sand, water spray, foam and rocks.

Students will receive individual help as they progress. Some knowledge of painting in the media of your choice is recommended.

Nice attended the University of Kansas but gained her realistic pen, ink and watercol-

or techniques from sketching nature. She spent over 15 years traveling across North America for Koh-I-Noor/Rapidograph and Grumbacher as an art consultant, conducting seminars, workshops and demonstrations at various schools, clubs, shops and trade shows.

Her relaxed, informative method of instruction is geared to put the beginner at ease, and encourage the seasoned artist to new heights.

Nice has authored or contributed to over 30 books, including "Creating Texture in Pen & Ink With Watercolor." She has sold over 40,000 books related to her drawings and techniques. Her art work has won numerous awards and is often found in leading art instruction magazines. For more information, visit her website at [brightwoodstudio.com](http://brightwoodstudio.com)

This workshop is limited to 12 participants. To save a spot, make a check out to the Astoria Art Loft, 106 Third St., Astoria, OR, 97103 for \$75. In your memo line, write Claudia Nice Workshop.

You can also register on <http://astoriaartloft.com> through Paypal. For additional questions, email [astoriaartloft@gmail.com](mailto:astoriaartloft@gmail.com). Final payment for this class will be due Sept. 14. Save a spot deposits are not refundable.

## Prepare for emergencies, attend safety fair

WARRENTON — NW Natural and Safe Kids North Coast will hold Get Ready North Coast, a safety fair and emergency preparedness event, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19 at Lum's Auto Center.

The event aims to prepare families for a natural disaster and includes a free lunch and safety item give aways.

The safety fair will include a bike rodeo sponsored by Warrenton Police, who will going over bike and helmet safety. Warrenton Fire will be present with a fire engine promoting

fire safety. Medix Ambulance Service will also be in attendance with an ambulance — and possibly a surprise visit by Andy the Ambulance.

North Coast Safe Kids will be doing a child car seat inspection on existing car seats. Child Passenger Safety Week is Sept. 13 to 19, and Graco, Inc., a baby products company, has sent 10 different car seats to be given away to low income families in need of a car seat. North Coast Safe Kids will also have car seats available for low income families at a reduced rate

### Get Ready North Coast

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19  
Lum's Auto Center  
1605 S.E. Ensign Lane, Warrenton  
Free lunch

of \$20. Women, Infants and Children (WIC) cards will be required to verify low income.

Poison Safety will be covered by North Coast Prevention Works, and North West Parenting will be there to promote families. Clatsop County

Sheriff Marine Patrol will have a boat at the event. The U.S. Coast Guard will be covering proper use of the life vest.

NW Natural will be there with an emergency preparedness team: American Red Cross, ham radio operators, tsunami awareness team, and emergency management team. The first 100 families will also receive free Red Cross emergency kits.

A hot dog lunch will be served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Lum's Auto Center is located at 1605 S.E. Ensign Lane.