

Maritime museum opens new Japanese flag exhibit

ASTORIA — Japanese soldiers in World War II carried with them a very personal memento into battle: yosegaki hinomaru.

These flags, covered with signatures and well-wishes for a safe return, were given by family and friends to the soldiers as they



Submitted photo

In World War II, Japanese soldiers carried good luck flags into battle, which American soldiers collected. Now, they are returning home. The Columbia River Maritime Museum opens a new exhibit about this peaceful return.

were sent off to war.

American soldiers in World War II collected flags from the bodies of Japanese combatants to take home as souvenirs. Now decades later, many veterans and their families are realizing that these flags might be the only tangible evidence of a beloved family member lost in a war fought long ago.

Although these Japanese soldiers never saw their families again, their flags are now returning home.

Join the Columbia River Maritime Museum, in partnership with Astoria-based nonprofit OBON 2015, to witness this story in a new exhibit, "A Peaceful Return: The Story of the Yosegaki Hinomaru." The exhibit opens from 3 to 5 p.m. Friday, Sept. 25. The museum is located at 1792 Marine Drive.

Hear Depression-era swing in Long Beach Portland-based Boy and Bean to play Peninsula Arts Center

LONG BEACH, Wash. — Portland-based swing/jazz trio Boy and Bean will perform at 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 26 at the Peninsula Arts Center.

Depression-era music is Boy and Beans' primary musical focus, covering songs by artists such

as the Mills Brothers, the Boswell Sisters and Ella Fitzgerald.

The trio features Luke Short on guitar and vocals, Amber Short on vocals and Andrew Jones on upright bass.

Amber Short grew up surrounded by black and white film

and always longed to perform the music dearest to her heart. Luke and Amber Short married and have since worked to make their music together.

Jones is an accomplished West Coast upright bass player. In his hands the bass is like a lead instrument.

The Peninsula Arts Center is located at 504 Pacific Ave. N. Admission is \$11 online through Brown Paper Tickets or \$12 at the door or by calling 360-901-0962.

Act like a tourist in your hometown Local museums, sites offer free and reduced admission

PACIFIC and CLATSOP COUNTIES — Pacific and Clatsop counties are known throughout the region for their attractions, but have you visited these sites?

If it's been a while, Hometown Tourism Day on Saturday, Sept. 26 might be just the ticket. Several local sites are working together to offer free or reduced admissions or special programs during this fifth annual event to encourage neighbors to come and see what they offer.

In Clatsop County:

• Astoria Riverfront Trolley, board at any trolley stop, Astoria, ride for free, noon to 6 p.m.

• Hanthorn Cannery Museum at Pier 39, 100 39th St., Astoria, free, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

• Columbia River Maritime Museum, 1792 Marine Drive, Astoria, free Quarter Deck magazine for local residents, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

• Astoria Column, Astoria, free parking and free poster, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

• Lewis and Clark National Historical Park, Fort Clatsop, Astoria, free, ranger programs, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

• Seaside Museum & Historical Society, 570 Necanicum Drive, Seaside, free admission, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

• Cannon Beach History Center & Museum, 1387 S. Spruce St., Cannon Beach, free, coffee, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

In Pacific County, Washington:

• Northwest Carriage Museum, 314 Alder St., Raymond, Washington, \$1 off admission, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

• Pacific County Historical Society Museum & Visitor Center, Hwy. 101, South Bend, free, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

• Cranberry Museum, 2907 Pioneer Road, Long Beach, free, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

• World Kite Museum, 303 Sid Snyder Drive, Long Beach, free, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

• Cape Disappointment

State Park, Ilwaco, free park admission, \$5 admission to Lewis & Clark Center, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

• Columbia Pacific Heritage Museum, 115 S.E. Lake St., Ilwaco, free admission and Pieces of the Puzzle exhibit, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

• Fort Columbia State Park, Chinook, free, dawn to dusk.

• U.S. Public Health Service Quarantine Station Museum at Knappton Cove, 521 Washington State Route 401, free, 1 to 3 p.m.

Crossword Answer

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