

This is your brain on Vortex IPA

First Ales & Ideas focuses on neuroscience, art of alcohol

ASTORIA — Clatsop Community College and the Fort George Brewery announce the kick-off of the 2015-16 Thursday night Ales & Ideas community lectures at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 1.

The college's Ales & Ideas lecture series has moved to the first Thursday of each month for the season and begins with an apropos program entitled "This is Your Brain on Vortex: The Neuroscience (and Art) of Alcohol" presented by Port-

land-based neuroscientist Bill Griesar, PhD., and artist Jeff Leake of NW Noggin, an art and neuroscience education and outreach network.

Doors open with food and beverage service at 6 p.m. Seasonal beers on tap, food and other beverages are available for purchase, but no purchase is required. The Fort George Lovell Showroom is located at 426 14th St. Minors are welcome.

Humans have used intoxi-

cants like alcohol and marijuana for thousands of years, and modern humans are no different. The Northwest is home to a thriving beer, wine and spirits industry that is growing on the North Coast. "This is Your Brain on Vortex" invites participants to enjoy (or abstain from) their favorite beer while Griesar and Leake discuss the neuroscience and art of alcohol.

Find out how alcohol affects the chemistry of the brain



Submitted photo
Neuroscientist Bill Griesar will present the first Ales & Ideas lecture of the 2015-16 season Oct. 1.



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Jeff Leake will present with Bill Griesar about the neuroscience and art of alcohol at the Oct. 1 Ales & Ideas lecture.

some well-known artists have approached (and sometimes used) alcohol in the creation of their works of art.

A graduate of OHSU's Behavioral Neuroscience program, Griesar teaches neuroscience at Portland State Uni-

versity and Washington State University, Vancouver. Leake holds a Master of Fine Art from University of California, Davis and a Bachelor of Fine Art from the San Francisco Art Institute. Both currently co-teach an Art and the Brain course at WSU Vancouver and at PSU, providing reference to visual arts and visual phenomena in relation to neuroscience. They also founded the volunteer art and neuroscience outreach program, NW Noggin (nwnoggin.org) and routinely bring college students and brains to K-12 classrooms in Portland and Vancouver public schools.



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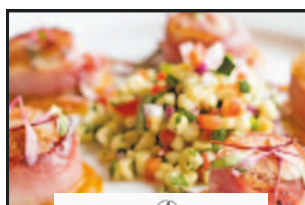
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