

# Maritime museum and Hispanic council host Day of the Dead celebration

ASTORIA — Join the Columbia River Maritime Museum and the Lower Columbia Hispanic Council in a celebration of the Mexican and Central American tradition of Dia de los Muertos, aka Day of the Dead, at the Barbey Maritime Center.

The Day of the Dead Community Celebration is free to the public and will take place 1 to 6 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 1.

Visitors of all ages will enjoy learning about this ancient festival that serves as a way to honor and memo-

rialize the lives of deceased loved ones while celebrating the continuity of life.

Explore displays of altars, participate in family activities and shop for Day of the Dead trinkets and treats at a traditional Mexican *mercado*, or street market, as you learn more about this observance.

The celebration will include a community altar. Visitors are invited to bring a photo or memento of a family member or friend who has passed to a place on the communal altar as an offering.



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Explore the haunted Astoria Public Library at 7 p.m. on Halloween.

## Astoria Public Library is haunted this Halloween

Explore the sinister side of the stacks

ASTORIA — What lurks in the library after dark? Find out if you dare Astoria Public Library's fourth annual Haunted Library event.

The event takes place from 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 31 at the library, located at 450 10th St. The cost of admission is one can of food for the CCA Regional Food Bank or \$1 to support library programs.

The Haunted Library may be too frightening for young children. Children 10 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

For more information about the Haunted Library and other library programs and services, contact staff at 503-325-7323 or [comments@astorialibrary.org](mailto:comments@astorialibrary.org), or visit [www.astorialibrary.org](http://www.astorialibrary.org)

# Have a rock 'n' roll Halloween

## Count Valters and the Zombie Band offers haunting tunes at the River City Playhouse

ILWACO, Wash. — Count Valters and the Zombie Band will be taking the stage at the River City Playhouse for their second annual Halloween Rock Concert at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 30. The band will play some Halloween favorites that have stood the test of time.

Count Valters and the Zombie Band is the brainchild of former Ocean Beach School District music instructor Bob Walters.

Walters — whose birthday is on Halloween — started by singing Halloween rock 'n' roll songs to his classes, then realized he had enough material to present a concert to elementary students in the school district. With the help of his three sons — Lucas, Evan and Burton — they became Count Valters and the Zombie Rock 'n' Roll Band.

The group spent 10 years performing for local elementary schools.

The band has also performed for KMUN's Troll Radio Revue live radio variety show and has been featured in two concerts of the North Coast Symphonic Band.

Count Valters and the Zombie Band is unable to continue its concerts for the schools.

## Count Valters and the Zombie Band

7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 30

River City Playhouse

127 S.E. Lake St., Ilwaco, Wash.

All ages

\$5 suggested donation

The sons have moved on to their careers and are no longer residents of the Long Beach Peninsula, and their work schedules make it impossible to perform during the school day.

Because of the fun the band has had playing together, they get together from time to time to blend their family talents. This is one of those times. This weekend's concert gives another opportunity to watch the band and fall under its spell.

Admission is a \$5 suggested donation fee and free to those 18 and under who are in costume. The River City Playhouse is located at 127 S.E. Lake St.

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