

Special Holiday Tastings

1 to 4 p.m. Nov. 21, 27, 28 and Dec. 12, 19, 26

The Cellar on 10th

1004 Marine Drive, 503-325-6600

www.thecellaron10th.com

The Cellar will host Wines for Thanksgiving on Nov. 21 and its annual holiday open house Nov. 27 and 28 with wines for tasting, gourmet food items to sample and in-store specials for the holidays. In December, the Cellar will host its annual Holiday Sparkling Tasting Dec. 12, Wines for Christmas Dec. 19, and Wines for New Years Dec. 26. Tasting fee is \$5 or free with wine purchase.

Go Plaid in Style

10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Nov. 27 through Dec. 18

Downtown Astoria, 503-791-7940

www.astoriadowntown.com

It's a Plaid Friday shopping alternative extravaganza with refreshments and unique offerings all around town. Participate in the Discover Downtown Scavenger Hunt. Pick up a playing card at any participating business and match the cool item with the cool store. The more items matched, the more chances to win great gifts. Complete the playing card by visiting all the merchants for a chance to win the grand prize. Completed passports must be turned in by Dec. 31. Every Friday from Nov. 27, some businesses will keep their doors open to 7 p.m., or later, through Dec. 18.

Sankta Lucia Festival

7 p.m. Nov. 27

Astoria High School

1001 W. Marine Drive

www.astoriascanfest.com

This annual festival of lights features live music, traditional Scandinavian dancing and the traditional Lucia procession. Afterwards, refreshments served by the Finnish lodge.

Astoria Sparkles

5 p.m. Nov. 28

Downtown Astoria, 503-791-7940

www.astoriadowntown.com

Join the Astoria Downtown Historic District Association for merriment and fun. And add a little sparkle downtown as Astoria kicks off the holiday season. Santa and crew will be at the Carruthers Building located at 1198 Commercial St. at approximately 3 p.m. for pictures before the annual lighting ceremony at 5 p.m. near the Liberty Theater at 12th and Commercial streets. This holiday season, wear plaid, shop local and be merry! An adult must accompany children under 14 years at all events.

High Life Twinkle Tours

5 to 7 p.m. Nov. 28 through Jan. 30

High Life Adventures

92111 High Life Road, Warrenton, 503-861-9875

www.highlife-adventures.com

Enjoy a zip line course in the dark during High Life's Twinkle Tours. Guides will lead with lanterns and guest will be provided with headlamps and served hot cocoa and apple cider around a bonfire. Twinkle Tours are every Saturday throughout the winter.

North Coast Chorale

"Messiah" Sing-a-long Play-a-long Concert

4 p.m. Nov. 29

CCC Performing Arts Center

588 16th St.

www.clatsopcc.edu/community/arts-ideas

The North Coast Chorale's annual presentation of Handel's "Messiah" is a sing-a-long and a benefit for the food bank. Admission will be donations to the food bank accepted at the door.

Craft & Gift Fair

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 4, 5 and 6

Pacific Grange

90475 Hwy. 101, Warrenton, 503-791-3266

This unique craft and gift fair offers something for every shopper — young and old — for everyday uses or a special gift for the holidays. Features a variety of items from handmade gifts of crochet and quilting to direct sales from more than 20 vendors. Admission is free.

Starving Artist Faire

7 to 10 p.m. Dec. 4, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Dec. 5,

11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 6

The Armory

1636 Exchange St., 503-325-6104

www.astorstretoprycompany.com

Sponsored by the Astor Street Opry Company, the 20th annual Starving Artist Faire is one of the biggest local events of the season with a festive atmosphere, music and food. It features one-of-a-kind gifts ranging from photography, collage art, paintings, home and holiday décor, soap, wreaths, jewelry, candles, apparel and accessories, glass art, pottery and more. Prices are low to moderate.

Astoria Winter Market

3 to 8 p.m. Dec. 4 and 11, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Dec. 5, 6, 12 and 13

Pier 11, 503-325-1010

www.astoriasundaymarket.com

Sip and shop with up to 40 artisans, craftspeople and jewelers featuring interesting and unique gifts together with wineries, distillers and food vendors. Added attractions include Caroling for Change encouraging everyone to carol for tips and donate to their favorite charity, and Holiday Cookie Bake Off, a popular event sure to be lots of fun and prizes, too.

"Scrooged in Astoria"

7 p.m. Dec. 4, 5, 11, 12, 18 and 19, 2 p.m. Dec. 13 and 20

Astor Street Opry Company

129 W. Bond St., 503-325-6104

www.astorstretoprycompany.com

A melodrama adaptation of the timeless Charles Dickens' classic "A Christmas Story," combining holiday tunes with Scandinavian traditions and appearances by characters from "Shanghaied in Astoria." Tickets are \$5 to \$16.

"The Nutcracker" Ballet

2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Dec. 5, 2 p.m. Dec. 6

Astoria High School

1001 W. Marine Drive, 503-861-1971

www.maddoxdancers.com

The Little Ballet Theater presents the timeless classic and holiday favorite "The Nutcracker" featuring guest artists from the Oregon Ballet Theatre, 75 dancers, a 12-voice choir, and a full symphony orchestra. Tickets range from \$10 to \$50.

Cannon Beach Chorus Christmas Concert

3 p.m. Dec. 6

Peace Lutheran Church

565 12th St., 503-436-0378

www.cannonbeachchorus.org

Celebrate the sounds of the season with the Cannon Beach Chorus, who will perform Schubert's "Mass in G" and other seasonal favorites. Tickets are \$10 per person.

Clatsop Animal Assistance Holiday Party

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 12 • Fort George Lovell Showroom

426 14th St., 503-861-0737 • www.dogsncats.org

Santa is coming to town and he would love to meet you and your dog-gone good canine, purr-fect feline, and other furry or feathered friends! Why not say, "happy holidays" while helping the animals of the Clatsop Animal Assistance with a photo of Santa and your cherished pet! The event also features a bake sale, refreshments, silent auction and special raffles. Proceeds benefit the Clatsop County Animal Shelter. Woof Woof!

Gifts That Make A Difference

Noon to 4 p.m. Dec. 12

Liberty Theater • 1203 Commercial St., 503-325-6886

This popular festive event returns where the public can donate in the names of friends and family. Gifts That Make A Difference provides showcasing and networking as well as fundraising for dozens of nonprofits in an elegant venue complemented by the best in entertainment and food.

North Coast Chorale

Fall and Winter Concert

7 p.m. Dec. 12 and 2 p.m. Dec. 13

CCC Performing Arts Center • 588 16th St.

www.clatsopcc.edu/community/arts-ideas

North Coast Chorale presents a holiday fall and winter concert filled with musical traditions. Tickets are \$10 at the door, 12 and under free.

Plum Pudding & Tea

1 to 4 p.m. Dec. 12 through Dec. 30 (closed Dec. 24 and 25)

Flavel House Museum

714 Exchange St., 503-325-2203 • www.cumtux.org

Enjoy a relaxing afternoon with a traditional Victorian holiday treat of fresh, warm plum pudding, tea and a self-guided tour of the museum. Tickets are \$12. Reservations are recommended for large groups of eight or more.

Old Fashioned Christmas

6 to 8 p.m. Dec. 14 • Flavel House Museum

714 Exchange St., 503-325-2203 • www.cumtux.org

Old St. Nick will be attending this Old Fashioned Christmas celebration where visitors will be treated to holiday music, cookies and hot chocolate; crafts, games and stories for the kids, too. And don't forget the camera! This event is free to CCHS members; general admission applies to nonmembers.

Winter Choir Concert

7 p.m. Dec. 15

Astoria High School • 1001 W. Marine Drive, 503-325-3911

Presented by the Astoria School District, the Winter Choir Concert features the sixth grade choir, Astoria Middle School Choir, Astoria High School Treble Choir, Advanced Choir and the Port City Singers performing a wide variety of music from traditional to modern. Admission is free.

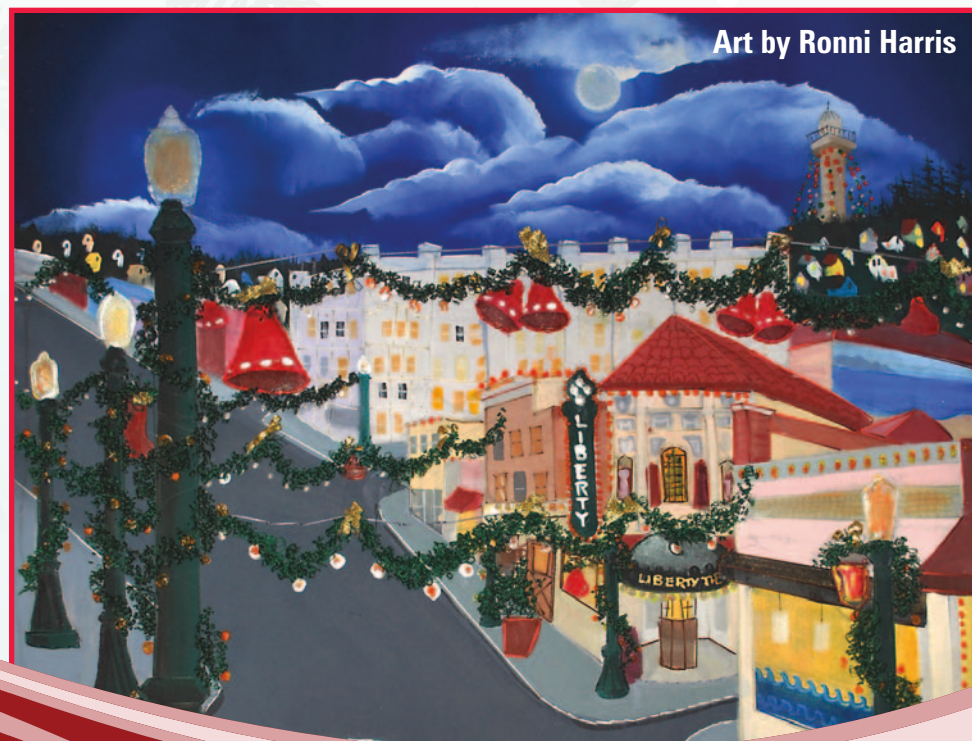
Home for Christmas

7 p.m. Dec. 19

Liberty Theater

1203 Commercial St., 503-325-5922 • www.liberty-theater.org

Take a break from the hectic pace of the holidays and enjoy a meaningful and delightful fast-paced collage of festive traditional holiday music that will appeal to young and old, includes the North Coast Chorale and Cannon Beach Chorus with special guest performers percussionist, Mark Goodenberger and his wife and violinist Denise Dillenbecke. Tickets are from \$5 to \$20.



Astoria Holiday Events