

# Have a merry time at the Maritime Museum in Astoria

ASTORIA — Join the Columbia River Maritime Museum for its next First Sunday Family Program, “A Verry Merri-time.” The program is 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6 at the Barbey Maritime Center.

First Sunday Family Programs are a time for fun-filled family experiences.

Get ready for the festivities of the coming season by decorating a gingerbread

boat or ship for the museum’s Astoria Community Sculpture.

Enjoy free hot chocolate and cider, and take a picture with Santa.

Also explore some crafts and activities to make this year a very merry nautical holiday.

This First Sunday Family Program is free. The museum is located at 1792 Marine Drive.

# Astoria Winter Market celebrates the holidays

ASTORIA — Astoria Winter Market is a celebration of the holidays featuring up to 40 artisans and craftspeople at Pier 11 the first two weekends of December. Festivities include Caroling For Change and a Holiday Cookie Bake-Off.

“This is a boutique market and a fun way to begin your holiday shopping here in downtown Astoria,” noted director Cyndi Mudge. “We hope people make this part of their holiday tradition.”

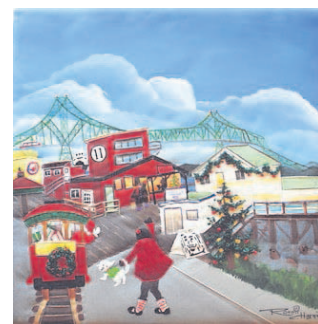
WineKraft, located on the west end of Pier 11, is already planning special holiday activi-

ties during the market and Inferno Lounge plans on being open special hours throughout both weekends. Astoria Winter Market takes place 3 to 8 p.m. Friday, and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, starting Dec. 4 and lasting through Dec. 13.

Carol for Change is for people to sing for tips to raise money for their favorite charity. “We hope they stop by Pier 11, but also take their caroling to the streets of Astoria,” added Mudge. “The holidays have always been a time for giving and our hope is that the singing raises

spirits and funds for the many worthwhile nonprofits in our community.”

The Holiday Cookie Bake-Off takes place the final Sunday. Special judges — including one of Santa’s Helpers — will choose the top three winners. Just bring a plate of your family’s favorite holiday cookie to Pier 11 by noon Sunday, Dec. 13. Each plate should have a minimum of eight cookies. Plating and presentation, as well as tasting, will be considered during the judging. There will be prizes for winners. The Pier 11 building



Submitted photo

The Astoria Winter Market poster art is by Ronni Harris.

is located between 10th and 11th streets on the waterfront,

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