

Tour four of Astoria's historic churches

ASTORIA — The Lower Columbia Preservation Society announces a self-guided tour of four Astoria historic churches, which will take place from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13.

The tour will be preceded by a social hour from 1 to 2 p.m. at Francis Apartments, which houses the LCPS office, located at 1030 Franklin Ave. Attendees will find homemade cookies, other refreshments, flyers and directions to the churches.

Four churches will be on the tour: First United Methodist Church, First Presbyterian Church, Grace Episcopal Church, and St. Mary's Star of the Sea Catholic Church.

The tour is free, and no tickets are needed, but donations will be accepted. All churches will have donation baskets, and any donations will be used for the historic restoration of the churches.

The First United Methodist is located at 1076 Franklin Ave., and during the tour it will have a collection of nativity scenes on display. The Astoria Methodist congregation was founded in 1840 and met in a log house. The first church was completed in 1853 and located at 15th Street and Franklin Avenue. In 1878, a larger church was built on pilings at 11th Street, but by 1912 was surrounded by commer-

cial establishments, so a new location was chosen. Built in 1916, the present church is a Colonial Revival structure designed by Morris A Whitehouse and J. Andre Fouilhoux.

First Presbyterian Church is located at 1103 Grand Ave. The Carpenter Gothic church building was constructed in 1903 with money from its congregation, including Capt. George Flavel and his family, and features stained glass windows installed by the Povey Brothers of Portland.

In 2014, the First Presbyterian Church embarked on a three-year campaign called "Let's Get Dressed Up" to restore its now 112-year-old sanctuary and nearly 80-year-old Fellowship Hall. The first priority of restoring the church was repainting the sanctuary its distinctive yellow, which took place in 2014 and cost more than \$50,000. This past summer, Astoria native Chris Gustafson, a graduate of Clatsop Community College's historic preservation and restoration program, worked to restore windows in the church's Fellowship Hall, focusing on the south and west facades, which have long been battered by wind and rain. The hall, a Carpenter Gothic-style structure designed by famed local architect John Wicks, was built in 1936 as an annex



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Grace Episcopal Church, a Gothic Revival building designed by Carl Leick, who was also the architect of the Capt. George Flavel mansion, was built in 1885.



Photo by Alex Pajunas

The First Presbyterian Church has towered overlooked downtown Astoria from its hillside location on the corner of 11th Street and Grand Avenue for more than a century.

to the church and boasts more than 50 windows. Gustafson will continue restoration of the north and east windows in the summer of 2016.

Grace Episcopal Church is located at 1545 Franklin Ave. and is Astoria's oldest church in continual use. The parish was incorporated in 1864, and the first church building was near Eighth and Commercial streets. The current church, a Gothic Revival building de-

signed by Carl Leick, who was also the architect of the Capt. George Flavel mansion, was built in 1885. Four items from the original church are incorporated in the current sanctuary: the sacraments window behind the altar; the Robert Trenchard window dedicated to a young man; the baptismal font made from Bellingham Bay stone; and the larger bell, which was the first church bell in Astoria.

Grace Episcopal Church is carrying on its "Keeping Grace" fundraising campaign. Phase I and II resurfaced and painted the south and west exterior walls, and Phase III finished the east side. The final Phase IV, currently underway, is the repair and repainting of the north wall and bell tower.

St. Mary's Catholic Church is located at 1491 Grand Ave. The Catholic parish in Astoria was established in 1874, and the first school was built in 1896 as the Young Ladies Catholic Academy. (When a fire leveled the school building in 1923, the parish built a new one.) The parish replaced its first church building with the current one in 1902, a Christopher Wren-inspired structure. Students flowed through the doors of the three-story, white stone building for 115 years. After decades of financial difficulties, the Star of the Sea School closed in 2011, the oldest and last Catholic school on the Oregon Coast.

Local B&Bs hold Holiday Open House, food drive

Long Beach Peninsula inns dress up for the holidays, serve treats to visitors

LONG BEACH, Wash. — Three peninsula bed-and-breakfast inns are participating in this year's annual Holiday Open House and Food Drive. The event takes place from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 12 and 13.

This event has a long-standing 25-year tradition on the Long Beach Peninsula, and the community is invited to visit each bed-and-breakfast decorated in its holiday finest. Open house visitors will enjoy homemade treats by the fireplaces at each of these inns, located in three of the peninsula's villages.

The three inns — Boreas Bed & Breakfast Inn, Campbell House at Klipsan Beach and the Shelburne Inn — are

requesting non-perishable food donations at each site so they can help feed community neighbors who are in need this holiday season.

The Shelburne Inn is located at 4415 Pacific Highway in Seaview; call 360-642-2442 for more information or driving directions.

Boreas Inn's address is 607 Ocean Beach Blvd. N. in Long Beach; call 360-642-8069 for more information.

Campbell House is located at 904 227th Lane in Ocean Park; call 360-665-4030.

For more information about the Holiday Open House and Food Drive, contact Susie Goldsmith at 360-642-8069 or email boreas@boreasinn.com

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Astor Street Opry Company presents ninth annual 'Scrooged in Astoria' play

ASTORIA — The ninth season of "Scrooged in Astoria" is playing now at the Astor Street Opry Company Playhouse, located at 129 W. Bond St.

The show will run Friday and Saturday, Dec. 11, 12, 18 and 19 at 7 p.m.; doors open at 6:30 p.m. There will be two Sunday matinees Dec. 13 and 20; doors open at 1:30 p.m. and curtain rises at 2 p.m.

"Scrooged in Astoria" is written and directed by Ju-

dith Niland with original songs by Philip Morrill and music direction by ChrisLynn Taylor. This melodramatic adaptation of "A Christmas Carole" by Charles Dickens winds holiday tunes with Scandinavian traditions to create a night of festive entertainment.

You'll find penny-pinching Max Krooke Jr., the not-so-beloved character from "Shanghaied in Astoria," be-

ing guided by of the Ghosts of Christmas Past, The Big Krooke; Present, Miss Yul Macie; and the Future, Saint Lucia, to learn the errors of his ways. Also watch hero Eric Olsen, all grown up with a family of his and Virginia's own, along with a cast of characters to warm your hearts as they show Krooke the way to happiness.

Starring in the 2015 show are: Dena Tuveng, Jason

Scanlon, Charlotte Mendenhall, Dorothy Frace, Mandi Anderson, Tim Murphy, Nancy Van Beek, Timothy Mendenhall, Sadie Blacksten, Malachi Keefe, Torin Keefe, Josie Posie, Colton McMaster, Austin Brown, Dave Bennett, Bill Carr, Mae Loya, Nate Bucholz, ChrisLynn Taylor, and introducing elf-in-training Terry Robinette.

Tickets are \$8 to \$15; group pricing is available. Family Friday tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids age 14 and younger. For tickets or to make reservations, all 503-325-6104 or visit www.astorstreetoprycompany.com

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