

LightBox opens 'Members Group Exhibit'

ASTORIA — LightBox Photographic Gallery will host an opening and group artists' reception for the "LightBox Members Group Exhibit" from 6 to 9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12.

This exhibit celebrates the work of 25 members of the group. Featured photographers include Rebecca Akporiaye, Mickey Anderson, Chris Bryant, David Carter, Dwight Caswell, Michael Dattoli, Roger Dorband, Chelsea Granger, Michael Granger, Eleanor Gorman, Friderike Heuer, Darryl Hodson, Deborah Jaques, Thomas Kittel, Leigh Oviatt, Jim Leisy, Bob Levine, Jon Lingel, Jody Miller, David Lee Myers, R.L. Potts, Donna Lee Rollins, Jeff Ross, George Willse and Mark Wiltrakis.

The exhibit will show in the gallery through Jan. 5.

LightBox members are a community of photographers who support the mission of the gallery: to promote and educate in the photographic arts through exhibits, education, events and members gatherings. Members meet twice a month on the first and third Wednesday for educational nights and print and image critique nights.

Michael and Chelsea Granger, owners of LightBox, juried the images that were submitted for the show.

LightBox Pop Up shows are a new event for the gallery. Every image is printed by



Submitted photo by Jon Lingel



Submitted photo by Bob Levine

LightBox, hung on the gallery walls for a week and featured during the monthly openings. Every month, renowned jurors select the images, submitted from around the country, to be featured in the gallery loft exhibit. Each print is then mailed to the photographer after the show.

LightBox is located at 1045 Marine Drive. For more information, call 503-468-0238, email info@lightboxphotographic.com, or visit www.lightbox-photographic.com



Submitted photo by George Willse



Submitted photo by Donna Lee Rollins



Submitted photo by Jody Miller

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Artists: Apply for Astoria artist-in-residence program

ASTORIA — Astoria Visual Arts Artists-in-Residence Program seeks applications from local artists interested in the upcoming artist's residency term, which runs from Jan. 1 to March 30.

Residency finalists (currently limited to locally based artists) are chosen on the basis of artistic merit by an independent blind selection panel of established working arts professionals and arts patrons.

The selected artists are provided with a studio in the Astoria Downtown Historic District free of charge for a three-month residency period.

Artists who have applied in the past are encouraged to reapply with an updated portfolio and

statement reflecting updates and changes.

The deadline for application is Dec. 28.

AVA a-i-r is designed to encourage the creative, intellectual and personal growth of emerging artists. While no exhibition, publication or performance is required of the selected artist, community responsibility includes a weekend open studio event before the end of each AVA a-i-r session.

For more information and to apply online, visit <http://astoria-visualarts.org>

AVA was founded in 1989 as a nonprofit membership organization to enhance, strengthen and promote the arts in the greater Astoria area.

Tickets on sale now for Festival of Dark Arts

Fort George's stout celebration is set

ASTORIA — Advanced tickets are now on sale for the Fort George Brewery's 2016 Festival of Dark Arts.

This one-day carnival of stouts is the centerpiece to Fort George Stout Month, a month-long celebration of the darker ales.

Ticket holders will be granted entrance into a magical menagerie of dark art and macabre entertainment, all the while surrounded by the boldest collection of rare specialty stouts ever assembled in one place.

Mark your calendar for Feb. 13: The Festival of Dark Arts begins at noon and ends at 10 p.m., pouring all over the Fort George campus in Astoria. Attendees will be greeted with live music, roaming entertainment, and over 60 stouts on tap.

Festival-goers will behold artisan demonstrations from the iron forge, tattoo artists, a glass blower, an ice sculptor, and lots of stout servers. Delight in the fire dancers,

a tarot card reader, a tintage photographer, belly dancers, and much more — all with stout in hand.

All festival information can be found at www.festivalofdarkarts.com. Entertainment and stout lists will be added as they are confirmed.

Stout tasting tickets are \$40 (plus a service fee). These entitle the bearer to entrance, a festival glass, and 12 tasting tokens.

Additional tokens will be available for \$1 each at the festival.

Admission-only tickets for non-drinkers and minors are \$10 (plus a service fee).

All sales are final and there are no upgrades on the day of the festival. Children under 5 do not require a ticket.

In an effort to maintain the intimacy of the festival, only a limited number of tickets are available. However, Astoria will be filled to the brim.

For festival inquiries, email festivalofdarkarts@fortgeorgebrewery.com

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