

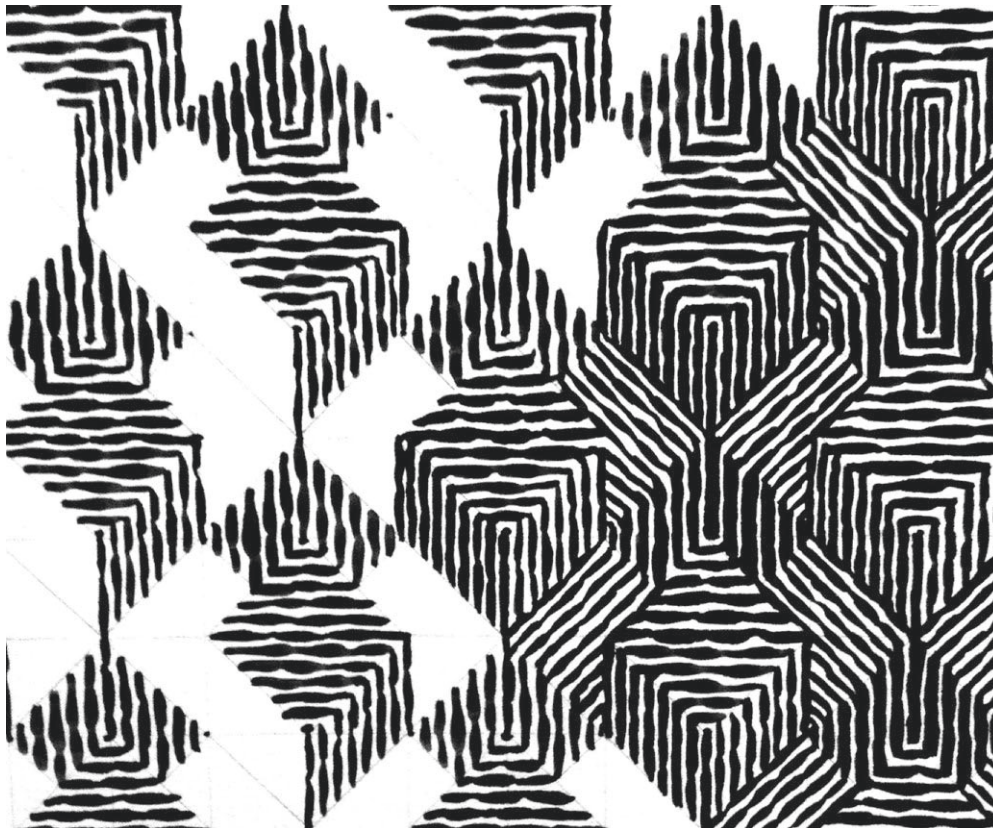
Astoria Visual Arts artist-in-resident Liz Harris opens art studio to the public

ASTORIA — Liz Harris will welcome the public into her art studio from 5 to 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 19 and present finished paintings, new T-shirt editions, and a vinyl records set. Her studio is located upstairs at 1170 Commercial St.

Harris is one of two artists currently in Astoria Visual Arts' artist-in-residency program. Her ink and paint work is incredibly detailed repeating patterns woven into exquisite mind-dancing arrangements, expressing tension between

cohesion and dissolution. On the side of buildings or in the palm of your hand, size has no bounds for her fingers and toes.

AVA's a-i-r program is chosen by a professional selection panel every three months.



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A work by Liz Harris.

Audition for 'Nothing Serious' in Tillamook

TILLAMOOK — Tillamook Association for the Performing Arts is announces open auditions for the ensemble

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comedy "Nothing Serious," written by Rich Orloff and directed by Rikki Reid.

"Nothing Serious" is a collection of Orloff's most popular 10-minute comedies. From Antarctica and Disneyland, to the Garden of Eden and inside the womb, Orloff creates theatrical worlds that are both imaginative and hilarious.

TAPA is looking for up to 10 men and 10 women, ages 10 to 80 years old, to complete the ensemble cast of various roles. No previous

Harris's residency will end Dec. 30. She and the other resident artist, Kinzi Gordon, have been able to work unencumbered since Oct. 1 in studios provided rent-free by AVA, with support from Astoria Coffeehouse & Bistro, Astoria Co-op Grocery, City Lumber, Dots 'N Doodles Art Supplies and the Fort George Brewery.

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

AVA was founded in 1989 as a nonprofit membership organization to enhance, strengthen and promote the arts in the greater Astoria area. For more information about AVA or to support or learn more about the AVA a-i-r program, visit www.astoriavisualarts.org

Open studio

5 to 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 19

AVA a-i-r studio, upstairs at

1170 Commercial St., Astoria

www.astoriavisualarts.org

Holiday skate party on tap Lower Columbia Q Center hosts event

ASTORIA — The Lower Columbia Q Center will host a Nightmare Before Christmas Skate Party from 8 to 11 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 19 at the Astoria Armory.

The skate night supports the local LGBTQ community. Take to the floor with holiday cheer, and move to the beats of DJ imcodefour. This is an all-ages skate party, so everyone is welcome. Festive costumes are encouraged.

Admission is \$3; skate rentals are \$3. The Astoria Armory is located at 1636 Exchange St.

Donations are welcome and support the mission of the Lower Columbia Q Center to provide a safe and welcoming

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All ages

resource and peer-support service for the LGBTQ community, friends, family and allies in the lower Columbia region.

The Q Center is housed in The Harbor offices at 1361 Duane St. and welcomes all interested individuals to get involved.



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The Littlenecks band will appear at the Merry Time Bar & Grill on Saturday, Dec. 19.

The Littlenecks bring dance tunes to Merry Time Bar

ASTORIA — Get your holiday off to a rousing start as the Merry Time Bar & Grill presents an All-Holiday Dance Party featuring blues shouter Ron Baldwin's new band The Littlenecks on Saturday, Dec. 19.

Baldwin is the former frontman and lead vocalist for Astoria-area bands Big Fish Blues Band, Thunder Road

and the celebrated Bond Street Blues Band. He's teamed with four musicians from the Longview/Kelso, Washington area music scene in a unit that plays a danceable mixture of soul, blues, R&B and rock.

The action starts at 8:30 p.m. Wear your dancin' shoes.

The Merry Time Bar & Grill is located at 995 Marine Drive.

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