

Liberty Theater presents

Art a la cARTE fundraiser

Take home an original artwork at event

ASTORIA — If you're looking for a new art piece to grace a wall in your home, look no further than Art a la cARTE, a fundraiser to benefit the Liberty Theater taking place Saturday, Jan. 16. This first-come-first-served event will be short and sweet, taking place from 2 to 3:30 p.m. at the Columbia River Maritime Museum's Barbey Maritime Center, and patrons are encouraged to arrive on time.

The event features original works of art by local artists, Northwest artists, and artists from across the country. Each piece of art is the same size, offered at the same \$99 price, and signed on the back. Patrons will not know who created each piece — whether established or emerging artist — only that they love the artwork. The artist will be revealed upon purchase, and a table will be set up so that artists who are present can meet their patron and re-sign their art on the front.

New this year, Art a la cARTE has invited all artists who donated work to attend and will open its doors 30 minutes before the event begins to let the contributing artists view all of the submissions.

Local established artists who donated work include Noel Thomas, Eric Wiegardt, Carol Riley, Gin Laughery, Don Nisbett and some yet-to-be-discovered newcomers. Liberty Theater Board of Directors member and artist Darren Orange has donated a few of his own pieces to the fundraiser and encouraged emerging artists from Astoria Visual Arts' Artist-in-Residence Program to donate works as well.

"We really view Art a la cARTE as a springboard to educate people about the artist-in-residence program," said Liberty Theater Board of Directors member Betty Smith.

The event will also feature several special art pieces brought directly from Cuba.

Art a la cARTE

2 to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 16

Barbey Maritime Center

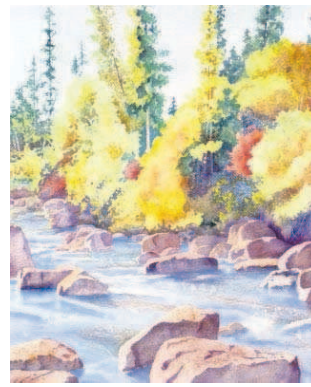
2042 Marine Drive, Astoria

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Liberty Theater Board of Directors Vice President Christine Lolich visited Cuba in December and brought back artwork from Cuban artists.

The afternoon will include live music by Acústica World Music as well as food and Northwest wine for patrons to enjoy. There will also be a drawing for three gift baskets: "The Distilled Artist" featuring a Pilot House Distillery tasting for a group of eight and spirits and drinking vinegars for a home party; "Muddy River" with two tickets to the Feb. 20 Tayla Lynn concert at the Liberty Theater plus an overnight stay at Windwater Bed & Breakfast; and a Cuba-themed basket with goodies direct from Cuba.

Tickets are \$15 and are



Submitted photo
This fall scene is one piece that will be at this year's Art a la cARTE.



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This artwork called "Plums" is one piece that will be at this year's Art a la cARTE.

available at the Liberty Theater box office or through ticketswest.com

The event is sponsored by U.S. Bank, The Daily Astorian, The Bank of the Pacific and Columbia Bank.



Photo by Jon Lingel

The Art a la cARTE fundraiser for the Liberty Theater allows art lovers to enjoy wine, hors d'oeuvres, live music and lovely art.



Photo by Hugh McKenna

Local band Acústica World Music will entertain the art lovers at Art a la cARTE at the Barbey Maritime Center on Saturday, Jan. 16.

How will climate change impact the coast?

John Stevenson to speak at Listening to the Land lecture

SEASIDE — Many people living in the Pacific Northwest are aware that rising seas will cause coastal erosion. But in what other ways will climate change impact life in Oregon — on the coast in particular? Join climatologist John Stevenson as he kicks off the 2016 season of Listening to the Land presentations, focused on the theme of water. "Climate Change and the Coast" begins at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 20 at the Seaside Public Library. Admission is free, and refreshments will be served.

A warming climate is already affecting life in Oregon, Stevenson says. Higher seas will mean changes to the

shoreline and damage to coastal structures. The impacts are being felt upstream, too, in the watersheds that support fisheries and across the mountains where many Oregonians live.

But the news isn't all doom and gloom, Stevenson says. It's his job to ask what Oregonians need to do to ensure that the things they care about will remain viable. Stevenson will explain how the choices people make today about the management of natural resources will have just as profound an impact as will climate change itself.

Stevenson is a regional extension climate specialist with Oregon Sea Grant and the Climate Impacts Re-



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Climatologist John Stevenson will talk about climate change and the coast Jan. 20 at the Seaside Public Library.

search Consortium, where he facilitates community adaptation to climate-driven changes in coastal hazards, water resources and forest

disturbance. Previously he worked with Portland-based Ecotrust to map critical fishing grounds off the Oregon Coast in a process to site renewable ocean energy. Before moving to Oregon, Stevenson worked on fisheries and ocean planning issues for NOAA in Silver Springs, Maryland. He has a master's degree in marine resource management from Oregon State University.

Listening to the Land is a monthly winter speaker series offered January through May and presented by North Coast Land Conservancy and the Necanicum Watershed Council in partnership with the Seaside Public Library. Learn more at www.nclctrust.org.

The Seaside Public Library is located at 1131 Broadway. For library information, call 503-738-6742.

Go birding at Sunset Beach

WARRENTON — Do you have an appreciation for birds and want some experience on how best to see them? Or are you an experienced birder wanting to help with bird surveys? Here's a chance to join Let's Go Birding!

Birding activities are free, and birders 8 years old and older are welcome; children 8 to 14 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Loaner binoculars are available for up to 10 birders. Bring your own binoculars if available.

In 2016, Sunset Beach State Recreation Site and the Fort to Sea Trail will be the site of weekly bird surveys. The surveys will monitor the bird species that use the park from season to season and will

be conducted weekly for an entire year. Each survey takes about two hours and will cover several habitats on the trails.

Sunset Beach surveys will meet from 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 16; Thursday, Jan. 21; Saturday, Jan. 30; Wednesday, Feb. 3; Wednesday, Feb. 10; and Friday, Feb. 19. Participants will meet at the Fort to Sea Trailhead at the Sunset Beach State Recreation Area.

There will also be a Fort Stevens monthly bird survey from 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 20. Participants will meet at Battery Russell in Fort Stevens State Park.

For questions, contact Park Ranger Dane Osis 503-861-3170, ext. 41, or email dane.osis@oregon.gov.