

Windless kite festival set Watch choreographed performances

LONG BEACH, Wash. — The World Kite Museum will bring the beauty of kite flying indoors during the annual Windless Kite Festival.

The two-day event takes place from Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 23 and 24 at the Long Beach Elementary School gymnasium, located at 400 Washington Ave. S. Admission is by donation.

The Windless Kite Festival showcases choreographed solo, duet and group performances. Watch artistry in motion as some of the finest kite-flyers display their skills.

On Saturday from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m., the gym opens with open kite flying and lessons. At 9 a.m., come participate in the Alexa King Indoor Glider Kite Workshop. Make your own indoor glider kite in this workshop taught by festival featured flyer Alexa King. Cost is \$5, and the workshop is open to all ages. Participants will be featured in a special workshop demonstration fly. (Time will be announced).

At 11 a.m. is the single line completion. Open flying is from noon to 1:30 p.m. At

2 p.m. is the open individual competition, with open flying from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

On Saturday evening at 5:30 p.m., enjoy an Italian potluck dinner along with the awards and bag raffle at the World Kite Museum, located at 303 Sid Snyder Drive. Bring that special raffle item; the funds raised go toward supporting the museum. Bring a food item to share, and come join the antics; you could win some great kite items.

On Sunday, Jan. 24, enjoy the open gym and open flying lessons again from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. Also enjoy the Pro/Am, a fun event that encourages you to get some great instruction with seasoned fliers. You and your pro will have a relaxed practice time to learn basics. Then, just for the fun of it you and your pro will do a short demonstration to give you a taste of why everyone loves indoor kiting. Kites will be provided for you to use.

At 1 p.m., enjoy the grand finale fly, a finale fly by all of the fliers, and participants.

For more information, call the World Kite Museum at 360-642-4020.

North Coast Chorale welcomes singers Spring concerts will include 'The Armed Man: A Mass for Peace'

ASTORIA — The North Coast Chorale is beginning rehearsals for its spring concert and welcomes singers of all levels to join. Rehearsals are held from 6:45 to 9 p.m. Tuesdays at the Clatsop Community College Performing Arts Center, located at 588 16th St.

North Coast Chorale is a community-based, nonprofit organization dedicated to the presentation of great choral literature.

Each year, the chorale, led by Denise Reed, presents two performances — one in December and one in May — each devoted to various music genres, such as jazz, traditional sacred and classical. Additionally, the chorale participates in the annual Astoria Music Festival in June and hosts a Messiah Sing-a-long, a fundraiser for local food banks. Because of the chorale's commitment to music education and its af-



Submitted photo
Denise Reed has directed the North Coast Chorale since 2006.

filiation with Clatsop Community College, students are given the opportunity to perform while earning college credit.

This spring, on May 21 and 22, the North Coast Chorale will perform "The Armed Man: A Mass for Peace" composed by Karl Jenkins. This piece was originally dedicated to the

Kosovo Crisis, and although "The Armed Man" sounds like the music should be all about war, it is far from that.

Due largely to a grant from the Clatsop County Cultural Coalition, the chorale's performance of "The Armed Man" will be accompanied by a symphonic orchestra, the driving force to producing the brilliance and intensity of this beautiful piece. Meant to stir the emotions and arouse the sensitivity and the sentiments of the audience, this presentation of "The Armed Man: A Mass for Peace" will be dedicated to victims of terrorism, with thanks to those who work to keep peace.

The second half of the spring concert will be the performance of "The Hour Has Come," a choral symphony by Srul Irving Glick set to poems by Carole H. Leckner. This piece contains

description of our loving connectedness to all mankind and the earth.

"Singing opens our hearts and minds," says chorale director Denise Reed, "and I am convinced that through the message of music, we can make a difference in the way people look at their lives and the universe."

Reed has been the music director for the North Coast Chorale since 2006; under her direction concerts often have a multi-cultural focus. Reed earned a Master of Science in music education from Chicago's DePaul University and an Doctor of Education degree from Nova Southeastern University in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, ultimately teaching chorus and music theory in Tennessee, Florida, Nevada and here on the North Coast. She also composes and arranges music.

For more information, contact Reed at 503-338-8403 or Cheryl at 503-791-5681.

Sign up for cooking classes with North Coast Food Web

ASTORIA — Are you hoping to get healthier, save some money, gain a worthwhile skill, meet new friends or just eat some good food in the new year? North Coast Food Web cooking classes are in full swing, and each class offers all of the above.

In five short weeks, you can develop all the basic techniques you need to cook an endless variety of scrumptious meals. Techniques in the Kitchen meets from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays starting Feb. 6 and includes instruction on knife skills, produce, shellfish, sauting and more.

At NCFW's monthly Sunday Supper Club, join friends from your community in cooking four entrées to see your family through the week when day's end finds you too pooped to cook.

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These are not demonstration classes. Students all cook together and sit down to enjoy the results at the end of each class. Classes include all the recipes and additional materials you need to cook up a delectable meal at home.

Visit northcoastfoodweb.org to find the complete class schedule and to register online or call North Coast Food Web Cooking Class Coordinator Wendy D'agostino at 503-468-0921. Scholarships are available. Check back often to see the latest additions to the curriculum.

North Coast Food Web is a registered nonprofit organization working to cultivate healthy communities and a vibrant economy through food and agriculture.



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Us Lights will perform Jan. 24 at the Fort George, along with Portland trio Dogheart.

Us Lights, Dogheart bring dark pop, indie to the Fort

ASTORIA — Fort George Brewery welcomes two Portland bands — Us Lights and Dogheart — to perform at 8 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 24.

The brewery is located at 1483 Duane St. The show is open to all ages, and there is no cover charge.

Formed in the summer of 2013, Us Lights is an atmospheric, dark-pop five-piece

band. The group's music features moody synths, bass and drums, rich vocals, and intricate sampling. Us Lights' eight-song self-titled debut EP came out in 2014.

The trio Dogheart formed in early 2014 and plays garage and indie music. The band's name suggests that a man can be a selfish creature or a loving being.

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