

COMMUNITY NOTES

SATURDAY

Cannon Beach American Legion Women's Auxiliary Breakfast — 9 to 11:30 a.m., American Legion, 1216 S. Hemlock St., Cannon Beach.

Sit and Stitch Group — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Custom Threads, 1282 Commercial St. Knitting, crocheting and needle work. For information, call 503-325-7780.

Columbia Northwestern Model Railroad Club — 1 p.m., in Hammond. Group runs trains on HO-scale layout. For information, call Don Carter at 503-325-0757.

SUNDAY

Line Dancing — 5:30 to 8 p.m., Seaside American Legion, 1315 Broadway. For information, call 503-738-5111. No cost; suggested \$5 tip to the instructor.

MONDAY

Scandinavian Workshop — 10 a.m., First Lutheran Church, 725 33rd St. Needlework, hardanger, knitting, crocheting, embroidery and quilting. All are welcome. For information, call 503-325-1364 or 503-325-7960.

Mothers of Preschoolers — 10 to 11:30 a.m., Crossroads Community Church, 40618 Old Highway 30, Svensen. MOPS group is a time for moms to relax and enjoy each others' company. For information, call 503-502-3118.

Senior Lunch — 11:30 a.m., Bob Chisholm Senior Center, 1225 Avenue A, Seaside. Suggested donation \$3 for those older than 60; \$6.75 for those younger than 60. For information, call Michelle Lewis at 503-861-4200.

Columbia Senior Diners — 11:30 a.m., 1111 Exchange St. Cost is \$5. For information, or to have a meal delivered, call 503-325-9693.

Warrenton Senior Lunch Program — noon, Warrenton Community Center, 170 S.W. Third St. Suggested donation of \$5 for seniors and \$7 for those younger than 60. For information, or to volunteer, call 503-861-3502 Monday or Thursday.

Astoria Rotary Club — noon, second floor of the Astoria Elks Lodge, 453 11th St. Guests always welcome. For information, go to www.AstoriaRotary.org

Knocklers Pinochle Group — 1 p.m., Bob Chisholm Community Center, 1225 Avenue A, Seaside. Cost is \$1 per regular session per person. Players with highest and second highest scores split the prize. Game is designed for players 55 and older, but all ages are welcome.

Diabetes Class — 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., Providence Seaside Hospital, 725 S. Wahanna Road, Seaside. Free help managing diabetes. Topic is "Healthy Eating — A Closer Look at Carbs." All are welcome. For information, go to www.providence.org/diabetes or call 503-717-7301.

Line Dancing for Seniors — 6 to 7:30 p.m., Astoria Senior Center, 1111 Exchange St. For information, call 503-325-3231.

Clatsop County Democrats — 6:30 to 9 p.m., Astoria Yacht Club, 300 Industry St., Suite 201 (at the West End Mooring Basin, above Tiki Charters). Ron Morgan, Democratic Party of Oregon, talks about becoming a delegate to the Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia. For information, call 503-717-1614 or go to <http://clatsopdemocrats.org>

TUESDAY

Stewardship Quilting Group — 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., First Lutheran Church, 725 33rd St. All are welcome. Donations of material always appreciated. For information, call Janet Kemp at 503-325-4268.

Review: A Concert for Valentine's Day

By DWIGHT CASWELL

For The Daily Astorian

On Valentine's Day, the Astoria Music Festival presented an extraordinary event for more than 50 people that combined extraordinary music and fine food in an intimate setting, the home of Deborah and Bill Armington. On the Friday before, world-class musicians Sergey Antonov, cello, and Ilya Kazantsev, piano, gave three workshops to young musicians at Astoria High School. At each class they began with a short concert and then followed with a Q&A period, about what it's like to be a professional musician, and of course, how much they practice.

Saturday saw the two Russians, with help from Deborah Armington, doing prep work for the dinner. Surprised that Antonov can both cook and play the cello? The dinner they prepared was, Antonov said, "What Russians do when they have a party."

The Sunday program consisted first of a large table laden with appetizers, heavy on Black Sea caviar, followed by a concert featuring, among other selections, sublime music for cello and piano by Chopin, Rachmaninov, Mozart, and Tchaikovsky.

Then back to the dinner. Guests helped themselves to a buffet of Russian salads, such as shuba, or "herring in a fur coat," a variety of Siberian dumplings, European wines, and finally a dessert buffet and Russian bonbons.

"It was a wonderful evening," said County Commissioner Sarah Nebeker. "I don't believe if we lived in New York or San Francisco it could have been finer." Of course, her judgment may have been affected by the fact that the "Special Surprise Guest Performer" promised on the program was her son, Israel Nebeker, who sang a short set of what he called, "sweet songs for Valentine's."

Do Nothing Club — 10 a.m. to noon, 24002 U. St., Ocean Park, Wash. Men's group. For information, call Jack McBride at 360-665-2721.

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Astoria Lions Club — noon, Astoria Elks Lodge, 453 11th St. Prospective members welcome. For information, contact Charlene Larsen at 503-325-0590.

Line Dancing for Seniors — 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., Astoria Senior Center, 1111 Exchange St. For information, call 503-325-3231.

Nehalem Bay Garden Club — 1:30 p.m., Pine Grove Community House, 225 Laneda Ave., Manzanita.



Photos by Dwight Caswell/Submitted Photo

Ilya Kazantsev, left and Sergey Antonov at Astoria High School, answering questions from student orchestra members.



Ilya Kazantsev, left, and Sergey Antonov preparing Russian salads in the Armington kitchen.



Israel Nebeker performing at the Astoria Music Festival Valentine's Day event at the Armingtons.

ta. Jim Karnofski presents "Your Soil: The Basis of Health." Focus is on soil mineral balancing and use of biochar. Bagged No. 40 Biocharm Farms Ideal Soil, 4-gallon bags of Biochar, and Brix Refractometers with manuals available for purchase. All are welcome; light refreshments served. For questions, contact Teri Maragos at helidon@nehalem.net or 503-368-5203.

A Course in Miracles — The Astoria ACIM study group meets weekly from 3 to 4 p.m. For information and location, call Nelle Moffett at 916-307-9790 or email moffett@cglFellowship.org

Spinning Circle — 3 to 5 p.m., Astoria Fiber Arts Academy, 1296 Duane St. Bring a spinning wheel. For information, call 503-325-5598 or go to <http://astoriafiberarts.com>

North Coast Chorale Practice — 6:45 to 9 p.m., Performing Arts Center, 588 16th St. Looking for more singers. Just show up or call 503-791-5681 or 503-338-8403.

WEDNESDAY

Warrenton Sunrise Rotary Club

— 7 a.m., Dooger's Seafood & Grill, Youngs Bay Plaza, 103 S. U.S. Highway 101, Warrenton. For information, call 503-325-4030.

Help Ending Abusive Relationship Tendencies — 10 to 11:30 a.m., The Harbor, 1361 Duane St. HEART covers subjects related to the effects of domestic violence on children, parents and other family members, dynamics of power and control, and how to recognize red flags. For anyone in an abusive relationship, or who knows someone who is. Call Juli Hol to reserve a spot at 503-325-3426, ext. 103.

Caucases and Primaries and Elections — 10 a.m. meet and greet, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. discussion, Bagels by the Sea, Vault Room, 210 S. Holladay Drive, Seaside. Hosted by Nancy Holmes, vice chairwoman, Clatsop County Democrats. For questions, email nholmes105@yahoo.com

Open Sewing Gathering — 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Hometown Quilts, 108 10th St. For information, call 503-325-3300 or 800-298-3177

or go to <http://hometownquilts.com>

Wickiup Senior Lunches — 11:30 a.m., Wickiup Grange Hall, 92683 Svensen Market Road. Free for those older than 60 (\$3 suggested donation), \$6.75 for those younger than age 60. For information, call Michelle Lewis at 503-861-4200.

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Blood Pressure Checks — noon to 2 p.m., Astoria Senior Center, 1111 Exchange St. For information, call 503-325-3231.

INTERNATIONAL LONGSHORE AND WAREHOUSE UNION PENSIONERS

— noon luncheon, 1 p.m. meeting, Local No. 50 Longshore Hall, 491 Industry St.

Warrenton Kiwanis Club — 1 p.m., Doogers Seafood and Grill, 103 U.S. Highway 101, Warrenton. For information, call Darlene Warren at 503-861-2672.

Sit and Stitch Group — 1 to 3 p.m., Custom Threads, 1282 Commercial St. Knitting, crocheting and needle work. For information, call 503-325-7780.

Ukulele Players — 1:30 p.m., Warrenton Masonic Lodge, 66 S.W. Fourth St., Warrenton. All are welcome, including beginners. Loaner ukuleles available. For information, call Roger Williams at 503-717-5645.

Fat Quarter Quilters — 5:30 to 8 p.m., Hometown Quilts, 108 10th St. Not limited to quilts. For information, call 503-325-3300 or 800-298-3177 or go to <http://hometownquilt.com>

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Seaside Rotary Club — noon, Shilo Inn, 20 N. Prom, Seaside. For information, go to <http://seasiderotary.com>

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Lower Columbia Chief Petty Officers Association — 1 p.m., Astoria Moose Lodge, 420 17th St. For information, call Dave Kinney at 415-827-5190.

Clatsop County Republicans — 7 p.m., old Port of Astoria offices, 422 Gateway Ave. For information, call 503-738-6474 or go to www.clatsop-countyoregon.republican

FRIDAY

AAUW Walking Group — 9:30 a.m. Seaside Branch of American Association of University Women weekly low-impact group walk, followed by coffee and fellowship. For information, call 503-738-7751.

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Community Skate Night — 5 to 9 p.m., Astoria Armory, 1650 Exchange St. Admission \$3. Limited roller skate rentals available for \$3; roller blades available. For information, call 503-791-6064 or go to www.astoriaarmory.com

Knappa Schools Foundation raises \$85,000 at dinner

The Knappa Schools Foundation dinner and auction drew 274 guests to the Knappa High School gymnasium Saturday, Feb. 13, and raised \$85,000. The money was raised through a variety of sources including raffles, silent auction, live auction and a special ask by state Sen. Betsy Johnson. In about ten minutes, Sen. Johnson raised \$31,600. Art projects by Knappa

High School and Hilda Lahti Elementary students were sold for a total of \$4,200. Foundation Board Chair Sara Rohne-Tanner expressed gratitude "for the enormous generosity of our community. We want our students to have every opportunity they can — through tools and resources we put back into the classrooms, as well as scholarships to launch them further into the world."

Silver Salmon hosts 15th annual coloring contest

The Silver Salmon Grille, 1105 Commercial St., is holding its 15th annual Coloring Contest and Open House, with hosted appetizers, from 2 to 8 p.m. Tuesday. All artists are welcome.

The judging is at 8 p.m., with winners announced directly following the judging. All entrants are given a 20-inch-by-20-inch sheet of white paper, a pencil and a new box of 24 color crayons, which are all that can be used for the entry. Contestants have from 2 to 8 p.m. to

produce their work. All entries turned in for judging become the property of the Silver Salmon Grille. The judges' decision is final.

The first-place winner receives \$300 cash; second place receives a \$150 gift certificate to the Silver Salmon Grille; and third place receives a \$50 Silver Salmon Grille gift certificate. Winning entries will be framed and displayed at the restaurant.

For information, call (503) 338-6640.

Oregon State kicks off monthlong food drive for Clatsop County

February kicks off a month-long Oregon State University Food Drive for Clatsop County. The 4-H Leadership Club is holding a community food drive from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at the Astoria Safeway. The items received will be given to the Clatsop Community Action Regional Food Bank and stay in the local community.

Items that are most wanted are: soup, chili, macaroni and cheese,

cereal, peanut butter, tuna, canned fruit and vegetables, pasta and pasta sauce. Glass containers, perishable or homemade items cannot be accepted.

For those who can't make it Saturday, donations are being accepted until the end of February and can be dropped off at the OSU Extension, Room 210, 2001 Marine Drive.

For information, call 503-325-8573.