

# Wedding wonders showcased at Astoria event

*The Daily Astorian*

Couples from all over Oregon and southern Washington traveled to Astoria to attend the Shore Style Wedding Faire Jan. 23 at The Loft at The Red Building, hosted by the Astoria Downtown Historic District Association. The goal of the event was to acquaint

couples and event planners with the amenities and services offered by Astoria and neighboring Columbia Pacific communities.

More than 125 people attended. Vintage Hardware and Eventscape, operators of The Loft at The Red Building, transformed the space for the event where attendees could enjoy views of the

Columbia River while tasting food from local caterers, getting ideas for decor, learning from industry talks and meeting an array of vendors.

One of the highlights of the event was a “ready-to-buy” fashion show curated by Evie Larson of Eventscape. The dresses modeled by local women were pro-

vided by M’s Alterations and were complemented with sample bouquets from Bloomin’ Crazy Floral and Erickson Floral Co.

A 2017 event is planned.

**Submitted Photo**  
**Tablescape and displays by Vintage Hardware at the inaugural Shore Style Wedding Faire, held in January.**



## RELIGION BRIEFS

### First Presbyterian

Jeff Hunt, past recipient of the International Angel Award for album of the year and male vocalist nominee, is in concert at 4 p.m. Sunday at the First Presbyterian Church, 1103 Grand Ave.



Jeff Hunt

Southern gospel music from his latest CD, recorded in Los Angeles, is being presented along with songs he has written. Vocals, stories, humor and Biblical principles for a successful life today round out the concert. All are welcome.

A love offering will be taken, and his products will be available following the concert.

### Great Vow Zen

CLATSKANIE — The Great Vow Zen Monastery, located at 79640 Quincy-Mayger Road in Clatskanie, holds a Jizo Ceremony for Children from 3 to 5:30 p.m. March 5. To help families and friends in their process of grief over the death of a child, lost children are honored in a ceremony in the Jizo Bodhisattva remembrance garden.

Time is spent making a personal memorial for the child, by writing a message, making a simple toy or necklace, or sewing a small garment. There are materials available, but participants may wish to bring scissors, thread, needle, and a small piece of red cloth. Many also bring a picture of the child or other personal token of remembrance. These memorials are left on the Jizo statues. Families and friends are welcome to revisit the garden any time.

The ceremony is very simple, and done in silence. There is no charge, and anyone of any religious affiliation is welcome. An RSVP is appreciated at <http://bit.ly/1RTkLcK>

For information, call 503-728-0654 or go to [www.zendust.org](http://www.zendust.org)

### First Lutheran

Movie night is being held from 5 to 7 Saturday at First Lutheran Church, 725 33rd St., including a free movie, popcorn and drinks.

Sunday services are at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m., with an attended nursery. Sunday school for children of all ages is at 9:45 a.m.

An Italian Lunch/Supper is being held at 12:15 p.m. Sunday at Fulio’s, 1149 Commercial St. Questions can be answered, and reservations made, by calling the church office at 503-325-6252.

Lenten services are held each Wednesday. The noon service of Bible study and prayer is held in the downstairs chapel. A soup supper at 5:30 p.m. is followed by the Holden worship service at 6:30 p.m.

### St. Mary Star of the Sea

A Lenten Scripture class, “Four Gospels in Three Hours” is being given by the Rev. Ben Innes at 7 p.m. Tuesday and March 8 and 15 in the Star of the Sea School auditorium, 1411 Grand Ave. All are welcome.

The Stations of the Cross are being held at 6 p.m. every Friday of Lent in the church. A soup supper follows in the auditorium.

For information, call the church at 503-325-3671 or go to [www.stmaryastoria.com](http://www.stmaryastoria.com)

### Pacific Unitarian Universalist

The Pacific Unitarian Universalist Fellowship is holding a service at 11 a.m. Sunday at the First Congregational Church, 820 Alameda Ave. Sandra Ray-Hunter and the religious education class are presenting “Learning About Sacred Dance.”

Arline LaMear leads the service, Veja Lahti and Christine Yeigh are providing refreshments and Veja Lahti is the greeter.

For information, call 503-325-5225 or go to [www.pacuuf.org](http://www.pacuuf.org)

### Grace Episcopal

Sunday is Hunger Awareness Sunday at Grace Episcopal Church, 1545 Franklin Ave., and there is an ingathering for the Hunger Ministries of both monetary and nonperishable food items. Paper products, chili and macaroni and cheese are especially needed, as are can openers.

A reception for the latest art show begins at 11:30 a.m. Sunday. The exhibit features art from the Northwest Artists’ Guild.

The monthly community dinner is served at 4 p.m. Sunday in the Parish Hall, free of charge. Those willing to help should come at 3 p.m. to set up, or at 5 p.m. to help clean up.

During Lent, the noon series “Fridays in Lent” offers contemplative music for listening or for walking the Stations of the Cross. Laurie Drage (piano and voice) and Phyllis Taylor (cello) are featured March 4, beginning at 12:10 p.m.

Grace Church has issued a call for art for the sixth annual Jean Barney Art Exhibition, with the theme of “Amazing Grace.” The show, judged by nationally acclaimed regional artists, is June 12

through July 15. Art submissions are due June 3. Entry forms and details are on the church’s website and are also available in the church office, which is open from 9 a.m. to noon Tuesday through Friday.

For information, call the church at 503-325-4691 or go to [www.graceastoria.org](http://www.graceastoria.org)

### Bahá’í Faith

SEASIDE — A presentation of artwork by local Bahá’ís supporting the Education is Not a Crime project is being held at 7 p.m. Saturday at the Mary Blake Playhouse, 1222 Avenue A. Parking is at the Bob Chisholm Community Center across the street.

There is no cost for this event, and all are welcome. Refreshments will be served.

Education Is Not A Crime’s latest global campaign is to raise awareness and pressure the Iranian government — through murals, street art and social media — to change its policies and encourage universities to admit Iranian Bahá’í students.

For information, call 503-717-1209.

### First Baptist

First Baptist Church of Astoria, 349 Seventh St., is hosting a weekly Bible study, “Believe,” on Sunday evenings in the church fellowship hall. Those who do not have a church home, but have questions about what part faith has in their life, are welcome. There is a soup dinner at 5 p.m., followed by the Bible study from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. For information, call the church at 503-325-1761 or go to <http://fbcastoria.org>

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