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Learn how to capture Pacific razor clams with a class April 9 at Fort Stevens State Park.

## Fort Stevens to offer razor clam lessons on Saturday

HAMMOND — Curious about razor clamming? Don't have a clamming gear? No problem: The Oregon Parks and Recreation Department will host a Let's Go Razor Clamming event at Fort Stevens State Park from 7 to 9 a.m. Saturday, April 9. Participants should meet at the beach access at the Peter Iredale shipwreck.

Park staff and volunteers will be available for hands-on lessons and an introduction to one of the state's most popular outdoor activities: razor clamming. The event will include clam identification, equipment instruction, how to clean and

prepare clams, and regulations.

Participants should dress for spring on the Oregon Coast. Rubber boots and clothes that can get wet and muddy are suggested. Bring your own bucket or container for your clams. A limited amount of clamming equipment will be provided. Anyone 12 and older will need an Oregon Shellfish License to clam, available from the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, [http://www.dfw.state.or.us/resources/licenses\\_regs](http://www.dfw.state.or.us/resources/licenses_regs)

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## Learn about timebanking at April 14 meet and greet

ASTORIA — Timebanking facilitates getting and giving services without using money. How timebanking works in the local area will be part of a discussion from 3 to 5 p.m. Thursday, April 14 at the Blue Scorcher, located at 1493 Duane St. Guest speaker will be Astoria Mayor Arline LaMear.

The Lower Columbia TimeBank has been around for

four years. What it is and how it works are questions that will be answered for newcomers. Current timebank members will talk about timebanking services: trading neighborly help for hours not money.

"Right now, gardening trades are popular," observed Christopher Paddon, who serves on the board. "Members give other members seeds or vegetable starts and some-



Photo by Joshua Bessex

Astoria Mayor Arline LaMear will speak at the meet and greet April 14.

times there's a work party where several members bring

their tools to one member's house where they lay out a whole new garden in the backyard."

LaMear, who will speak at 3:30 p.m., will give a brief talk, "Update from the Mayor." LaMear also holds regular "Meet the Mayor" question and answer sessions open to the public on the first Wednesday of each month at noon in the City Council chambers.

For more information, call 503-325-6886, or visit the timebank's website at [www.lowercolumbiatimebank.org](http://www.lowercolumbiatimebank.org)

## Bay Avenue Gallery celebrates sixth anniversary with new artwork, demonstrations, artist meet and greets

OCEAN PARK, Wash. — Bay Avenue Gallery will celebrate its sixth anniversary Friday and Saturday, April 8 and 9. The gallery, located at 1406 Bay Avenue, will show new artwork, and many artists will be present to talk about their processes and work.

Visitors will see work by new artists who recently moved to the coast. Glass mosaic artist Bonnie McBride makes bright and colorful pieces. David Shipley's work has returned with his striking acrylics and pastels of local scenes. There are new crab line mats, painted bouys and glass floats.

"I think we have honed our selection of art until we have got a winning combination," says owner Sue Raymond.

The two-day anniversary celebration will begin from noon to 8:30 p.m. Friday with a Meet the Artists Day — the gallery will be bursting with artists. Andrea Trap-hagen, whose work is filled with mystery and emotion, will have two new paintings. William Van-Dorin and Joe Chasse will be on hand to discuss their assemblage and wood sculptures. There will be new flowers and a new bird species from Raymond. Many painters, potters and jewelers will be in the gallery ready to discuss their work and inspiration.

On Saturday, there will be demonstrations in the studio from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Danni Pederson will throw mugs on the potters wheel from 10 a.m.



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Bay Avenue Gallery features many art mediums, including paintings, jewelry and pottery.



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Mosaic flowers brighten up the garden at Bay Avenue Gallery.

to noon and then demonstration hand-built and textured mugs at 2 p.m. From noon to 2 p.m., Bette Lu Krause will give a painting demonstration. Her view of nature invites the viewer to enjoy the wild spaces of the Northwest.

In addition to art exhibitions, Bay Avenue Gallery offers art classes for children and workshops and open studio gatherings for teens and adults.

For more information, call the gallery at 360-665-5200.



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Bette Lu Krause shows off a work-in-progress landscape painting.



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