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Drag queen Daylight Cums is ready to leave winter behind with a dance party.

## AAMC holds dance party

ASTORIA — Spring is in the air. To celebrate, the Astoria Arts & Movement Center is throwing a Spring Awakening dance party at 9 p.m. Friday, April 8.

This is a celebration of your abilities to grow, shine, sparkle and share your beauty with others. This is the time to let your winter coats hit the floor, lift your hearts and

dance to the rhythm of life.

DJ Ali Aht will spin tunes for the dance floor. Dress to express with creative costumes. Enjoy cocktails from Jessamyn Grace.

This is a 21-and-over event. Cover is \$5 at the door, located at 342 10th St. Proceeds go to help Astoria Arts & Movement Center continue to offer its dance and yoga classes.

## ASOC presents 'The Real Lewis and Clark Story'

ASTORIA — The Astor Street Opry Company's sixth annual musical melodrama "The Real Lewis and Clark Story (or How the Finns Discovered Astoria)" opens Friday, April 8 and runs to April 30. The curtain goes up at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday nights; Sunday matinees start at 2 p.m. April 17 and 24. Doors open 30 minutes before show time at the ASOC Playhouse, located at 129 W. Bond St.

This "historical," family-friendly performance is "based" on a fantastic 2001 pioneer journal uncovered in the Uniontown area of Astoria. The musical story comes directly from the pages of that mysterious manuscript penned by an original Clatsop County pioneer, Tovo Swenson. Based on his tale of his personal adventure, struggle and fortune, ASOC turned this long-lost piece of legend into a piece of theater stagecraft. The cast of characters from Swenson's diary come alive right out of the pages through re-enactment, song, dance and bad jokes.

Behold the "real" story of how



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This Astor Street Opry Company musical mixes Scandinavian tropes with the lore of Lewis and Clark.

Astoria was discovered — not by Lewis and Clark, but by two Finnish boys, who, with the help of their Mama, saved the day. Meet Capt. Bobby Gray, Miss Jaynie Barnes, Sacagawea, the crew of the Corps of Discovery and a cast of colorful characters.

Witness as the heroes forge their way from Missouri to the Oregon Coast, suffering tragedy at the hands of evil foes while battling the wild — all without



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Sneake, Krooke, Meriwether Lewis and William Clark are all characters in "The Real Story of Lewis and Clark (or How the Finns Discovered Astoria)."

losing their beer supplies. Watch how they come to the gallant rescue of the Corps of Discovery, reach the end of the Pacific Trail first and settle the city they christen "Astoria" in honor of their relative, John Jacob Swenson-Astor.

"The Real Lewis and Clark Story" is directed by Nate Bucholz; written Judith P. Niland; original music by Stanley Azen; Joyce C. Niland of Pasadena, California and Prof. Philip Morrill of Astoria; music direction by ChrisLynn Taylor and choreography by Carleta Lewis Allen. The 2016 cast includes Jason Hippert, Jon Osborn, ChrisLynn Taylor, Stephanie Rowe Osborn, Markus Brown, Nate Bucholz, Jamie Baird, Charlotte

Mendenhall, Nancy Van Beek, Rosalina Fallin, Stacey Brown, Terry Robinett, Zachary Sandoval, Jeremy Schoenwald, Bob Goldberg, Johnathan Hendrickson, Corin Kalinowski, Dorothy Frace, Neen Dragie, Nan Schoenwald, Timothy Mendenhall, Mandi Anderson and William Grammer. To assure quality, professionalism and historical accuracy, ASOC's Lewis and Clark expert Park Ranger Cadet Elsa Nethercot will be present to oversee the show.

Tickets are \$9 to \$16 and can be purchased at the door one hour before each show time. Family Fridays offer \$5 for kids and \$10 for adults. Call 503-325-6104, or visit [www.astorstreetoprycompany.com](http://www.astorstreetoprycompany.com)

# 2nd Saturday

# ART WALK

5:00 pm

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## Trail's End Art Association hosts oil painting workshop

GEARHART — Have you ever wondered if you'd enjoy oil painting but didn't know how to find out? Trail's End Art Gallery offers the opportunity to find out with an upcoming special event with artist Blue Bond.

On Saturday, April 16, from noon to 4 p.m., Bond

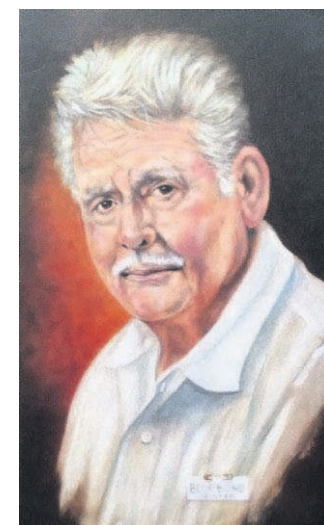
will lead participants step-by-step through the creation of their own oil paintings. Participants will leave this event with a completed painting of a charming kitten and small bird. The event is designed for novice painters working in oil and other artists currently using other media who want to

explore oil painting. All materials will be provided.

At Blue Bond Studio and Art Gallery in Cannon Beach, the artist specializes in teaching art to students while also displaying art for sale to the public. He believes that he learns from his students as he teaches them. Having had a keen lifelong interest in art, Bond finds teaching and learning to be most rewarding. He has created and sold hundreds of oil paintings throughout the United States and Canada.

The cost for this event is \$100, which covers all materials and refreshments at the break. The event location is the studio at Trail's End Art Association, located at 656 A St.

Advance registration is required. Participation in this



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A self portrait by Blue Bond.

event is limited to the first 12 responders. Register by writing to Jane McGeehan at [jsmcgeehan3@aol.com](mailto:jsmcgeehan3@aol.com)

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