

# Develop your drawing skills at Astoria Art Loft four-week class

ASTORIA — Astoria Art Loft will offer a four-week Developing Your Drawing Skills class taught by Astoria artist Sheila Brown.

Class takes place from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturdays, April 16, 23, 30 and May 7. Cost for the four sessions is \$80.

Supplies will include a No. 2 and other assorted graphite pencils, an art eraser, and an 8-by-10-inch or larger drawing tablet.

Students will learn to see

the areas around an object to portray it more easily.

To register for the class, call Astoria Art Loft at 503-325-4442 or email [astoriaartloft@gmail.com](mailto:astoriaartloft@gmail.com). The loft is located above Dots 'N Doodles Art Supplies at 106 Third St. For more information, visit [astoriaartloft.com](http://astoriaartloft.com)

Known for her black-and-white linoleum block prints, Brown also ventures into other mediums like pen and ink and watercolor.

Art has always been “the thing” for Brown; it makes her happy, satisfied, fulfilled. After receiving much adoration for painting Christmas scenes on her father’s office window and posters for the local rodeo parade, she moved on to enjoy all manner of art adventures.

Brown loves the challenge of learning to work with a new “toy.” This has included clay, acrylic, linoleum block prints, colored pencil, pen and ink,

graphite and watercolor — not to mention basketry, painted bowls, and barn-door murals.

This award-winning artist was juried into the Benefit Show and Sale at the Portland Art Museum in 2009 and 2010. Brown has taught classes in linoleum block printing and drawing and donates artwork to several local nonprofit organizations each year.

As a member of three local art groups, Brown shows her work at a variety of venues.



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Opera and art-song musician Christopher Corbell will perform at the Voodoo Room.

# Polish detail in April 22 writing workshop

## Trail's End Art Association hosts author Deb Vanasse

GEARHART — Author Anton Chekhov famously advised, “Don’t tell me the moon is shining: show me the glint of light on broken glass.” Trail’s End Art Association brings author Deb Vanasse for the three-hour writing workshop “Description and Detail: The Glint and the Squint” from 1 to 4 p.m. Friday, April 22.

Vanasse brings proven success and years of experience to share and advises writers to come prepared to write. The workshop cost for Trail’s End members is \$30 and for non-members is \$35.

Whether you are an emerging or an established writer, writers know the adage “show,

don’t tell.” But how do you decide which details to include and which to leave out? How do you make sure your descriptions enhance, not distract? In this upcoming writing workshop, local writers will practice crafting powerful and evocative descriptions that reveal character, encourage emotional engagement, heighten tension and expand meaning.

Vanasse is an engaging and enthusiastic instructor who consistently earns praise for her evocative prose and narrative skill. “Vanasse is talented,” says Foreword Reviews. “She can turn ordinary words into the sublime.” Booklist

praises her use of description and detail saying, “Vanasse’s novel captures the harsh beauty of the terrain as well as the strain of self-doubt and complicated family bonds.”

She has authored 17 books, including the recent “Write Your Best Book.” Her books also include the novel “Cold Spell” and the biography “Wealth Woman.”

Trail’s End Art Association is located at 656 A St. Seating is limited. Register in advance by visiting [www.coastwriting.org](http://www.coastwriting.org) or send an email to Jane



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Deb Vanasse will lead a writing workshop focusing on detail and description.

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# Heather Christie, Christopher Corbell play Voodoo Room

## Portland songwriters share Astoria roots

ASTORIA — Two expressive songwriters return to Astoria in a double bill: Cult of Orpheus presents Songcraft at the Voodoo Room, a performance with Heather Christie and Christopher Corbell.

The music will be new, but the room is bound to evoke the community of the 1990s when both artists were Astoria residents active in the North Coast music scene.

Christie and Corbell will perform at 9 p.m. Saturday, April 16 at the Voodoo Room, located at 1114 Marine Drive. The show is open to ages 21 and older, and there is no cover charge.

Christie brings the chiaroscuro energy of her lyrical and poignant voice, woven into original tapestries of acoustic guitar and harmony, supported by multi-instrumentalist Philip Pelletier.

Well-known as a Northwest singer-songwriter and performer, Christie relocated to Portland and became the voice of the multimedia family musical “Frog-town,” recording and touring with the successful production. With nuances of Joni Mitchell, Ricki Lee Jones and Ani DiFranco, Christie has written and produced three albums.

Corbell was formerly active in Astoria poetry and roots-mu-



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Singer-songwriter Heather Christie will perform with Philip Pelletier.

He went on to engage in the Portland indie classical scene, serving as a director of Classical Revolution PDX and composing and producing a successful one-act opera, “Viva’s Holiday.” Cult of Orpheus is Corbell’s opera and art-song vehicle.

Corbell brings to the Voodoo Room song settings of original sonnets, a fusion of poetry, singer-songwriter performance, and classical art-song composition. Local cellist Andrew Emlen will join Corbell for several songs.

Christie and Corbell will collaborate on a few numbers as well. The show promises to be rich and buoyed by community reunion.

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## Astoria-Warrenton Crab, Seafood & Wine Festival

Sponsored by **Fred Meyer**

April 22, 23 & 24, 2016



### HOURS + ADMISSION

Friday: 4-9pm - \$10  
Saturday: 10-8pm - \$10  
Sunday: 11-4pm - \$5

### LOCATION

Clatsop Co. Fairgrounds  
Astoria, Oregon

### LIMITED PARKING

Shuttles available from lodging or park & ride locations. \$3/person

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