

Hoffman Center holds ceramics sale

MANZANITA — The Hoffman Center for the Arts' clay studio will hold a ceramics sale from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 7, the day before Mother's Day, in the

Hoffman Gardens.

Find something special for mom (or yourself) and feel great about supporting a good cause. Proceeds benefit the clay studio at the

nonprofit Hoffman Center, where the entire community — both residents and visitors — can enjoy and explore arts and culture.

The Hoffman Gardens

is located on the corner of Division Street and Laneda Avenue, across the street from the Hoffman Center, located at 594 Laneda Ave

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Celebrate Cinco de Mayo with a fiesta

Lower Columbia Hispanic Council event offers food, salsa contest, music

ASTORIA — The Lower Columbia Hispanic Council will host its third annual Cinco de Mayo Fiesta & Festival this weekend.

The event will take place from 4 to 8:30 p.m. Saturday May 7 at the Astoria Event Center, located at 255 Ninth St. The festival is an all-ages indoor/outdoor event with entertainment and activities for the whole family. Admission is free.

Ninth street between Commercial Street and Marine Drive will be closed to traffic, and tents will be setup for food vendors. Monte Alban, the Lower Columbia Hispanic Council and various other individuals will sell an assortment of Mexican foods. Local



PHOTO BY DAMIAN MULINIX

Young girls wait along the edge of the stage at the Astoria Events Center as mariachi Corona Continental prepare to play during the Cinco de Mayo Fiesta and Festival in 2014.

vendors will also sell artisan crafts. The Hispanic council will sell margaritas and beer.

The event will feature live music by local DJ Sonidos Eres, cultural musical performances, and interactive Zumba dance lesson by Nayelli Dalida of the Astoria Arts and Movement Center.

There will be a salsa

recipe contest in which participants will bring their homemade salsa and a panel of judges will select the best salsa in Astoria.

There will be indoor and outdoor family activities, a balloon darts game, bean bag toss and other arts and craft activities.

Although many people

CINCO DE MAYO FIESTA & FESTIVAL

4 to 8:30 p.m.
Saturday, May 7

Astoria Event Center
255 Ninth St., Astoria

All ages

Free

mistake Cinco de Mayo as being Mexico's Independence Day, the holiday is actually a celebration of a victory over the French in the Battle of Puebla in 1862. Over the years, however, the holiday, which is arguably more popular in the U.S. than in Mexico, has evolved into less of a commemoration of that victory and more into a day of cultural celebration. That is the spirit in which this event is planned.

The event is possible thanks to a grant from the city of the Astoria.



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The Nehalem Bay Garden Club will host a plant sale May 7.

Find plants for sale in Nehalem May 7

NEHALEM — The Nehalem Bay Garden Club will hold its annual Plant and Flower Sale from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, May 7 at the old Nehalem Fire Station, located at 35900 Eighth St.

Club members select and grow an assortment of plants suitable for North Coast gardens, including annuals, perennials, succulents, shrubs, trees, vegetables and herbs. Garden art will also be available.

The purpose of the sale is for members to share surplus or propagated plants (many of which are not readily available in the retail trade). Master Gardeners will be present to answer questions and help with problems.

Nehalem Bay Garden Club is in its 67th year and has about 40 members. In early years, members were likely to be found wearing white gloves to tea. Today they're more likely to be found with dirt under their fingernails. The club's mission is to cultivate knowledge and a love of gardening through educational programs and activities. It is also a service organization.

Proceeds will help fund the club's charitable giving program, which centers on gardening education, food and the environment. Those interested in being recipients should send a one-page proposal to P.O. Box 261, Wheeler, OR 97147.



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American Legion throws lobster festival May 7

SEASIDE — The Seaside American Legion will hold its fourth annual New England Lobster Festival from 4 to 8 p.m. Saturday, May 7.

The fundraiser, which supports military veterans and the Seaside community, will feature lobster or New York strip steak, baked

potato, baked beans and coleslaw. There will also be a live music performance by the Rusty Spurs Band.

Tickets are \$29 (or \$20 for the steak dinner option). Tickets must be purchased in advanced; call 503-738-5111 or email seaside.post99@yahoo.com