

Sewing group quilts for world relief

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For more than 50 years the Stewardship Sewing Group has met at 9:30 a.m. Tuesdays to create quilts for use locally and around the world. Using guidelines from Lutheran World Relief, 60-by-80-inch quilts are cut, sewn and tied for distribution where needed in the U.S. or shipped overseas, typically to refugee camps.

During 2015 a large number of quilts were shared with families arriving in Europe. Their arrival meant the end of monthlong journeys with very few personal belongings. The quilts — along with personal care kits, school kits and baby care kits compiled by this same group — were a welcome relief to refugees in Serbia.

The number of migrants and refugees applying for asylum in Serbia was nearly 250 percent greater than the number of people seeking asylum over the same period in 2014. This dedicated group of volunteers has provided, on an annual basis, 200 quilts and dozens of kits per year for Lutheran World Relief. In



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The Stewardship Sewing group members are, from left, Joanne Baker, Betty Jo Heiner, Phyllis Hayrynen, Korinna Olson, Pat Heiner, Janet Kemp and Edi Roshau. Not pictured are Trish Dunn, who is a sewer, and John Jensen, who delivers boxed quilts and kits to Portland. The group not only makes quilts from donated fabric and purchased batting, but also assembles school, sewing, layette and health kits for Lutheran World Relief.

addition, quilts are given to First Lutheran Church graduating high school seniors as they venture into new beginnings.

The kits are part of

Lutheran World Relief's Project Promise. They give everyone in the community an opportunity to participate in this ministry, which impacts

lives disrupted by poverty and disasters. For information, call First Lutheran at 503-325-6252 or Janet Kemp at 503-325-4628.

Artists' panel Tuesday at the Astoria library

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The American Association of University Women Astoria Branch presents an artists' panel at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Flag Room of the Astoria Public Library, 450 10th St. The panel consists of Linden, Carol Newman and Robert Paulmenn, who will share their experiences on creativity and the influences of art on education, the community and life.

Linden began her studies at Clatsop Community College with instructors Royal Nebeker and Roy Garrison. She continued at Pacific Northwest College of Art where she earned a bachelor's degree in fine arts, focusing on painting and sculpture. In Benicia, California, she founded Linden Tree, a school dedicated to the education of fine art for all ages. She has exhibited at the RiverSea Gallery, Imogen Gallery, and Columbia River Maritime Museum in Astoria and at the Cannon Beach Gallery.

For 40 years Newman has traveled, studied and per-

formed international folk dance in Asia, the Middle East, Africa, Europe and the Americas. She graduated from Cornell University with a degree in human development and family studies. She has taught at Columbia University, City University of New York, Clatsop Community College, Tongue Point Job Corps and as a teaching artist throughout Oregon.

In 1971, Paulmenn graduated from the duCret School of Art in Plainfield, New Jersey. His principle focus was sculpture. After working at the Great Adventure/Six Flags Amusement Park in New Jersey as a sculptor and mold maker, he began painting scenery for a regional musical company. In 1980, he attended the Art League of New York and the National Academy of Art. In 2005, Paulmenn won the Art Students League of New York award for oil painting at the Audubon Artists 63rd Annual Show. His work is shown at the RiverSea Gallery.

For information, contact Sara Meyer at 503-325-7969.

Kinder Ready kicks off Saturday

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Kinder Ready, a parent and preschooler interactive workshop, is being held in Seaside and Astoria.

The first workshop is from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday at the Seaside Public Library, 1131 Broadway; the second is from 10 a.m. to noon June 4 at the Astoria Public Library, 450 10th St. There is no cost, but registration is required and space is limited.

In this class, parents and preschoolers ages 3-5 will learn easy inexpensive ways to incorporate learning through play each day at

home, and explore to learn through hands-on activities involving essential kindergarten skills such as: Learning letters, sounds and rhyming skills using games and books; building math skills with matching, counting, sorting and addition games; and building social, physical and communication skills to instill confidence to enter kindergarten. Parents will receive as a free gift all of the interactive learning materials, books, games and supplies used in the workshop.

To register for either location, contact Northwest Parenting at 503-325-8673, ext. 2.

Astoria woman inducted into Phi Kappa Phi honor society

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BATON ROUGE, La. — Carly Sproul of Astoria was recently initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, one of the nation's oldest and most selective collegiate honor societies for all academic disciplines. Sproul is pursuing a degree in psychology at Western Oregon University.

Sproul is among approxi-

mately 30,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni to be initiated into Phi Kappa Phi each year. Membership is by invitation and requires nomination and approval by a chapter. The society has chapters on more than 300 college and university campuses in North America and the Philippines.

For information, go to www.phikappaphi.org

'Source to Sea' event at the Columbian

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The Columbia Basin Transboundary Youth Network, led by tribal and non-tribal young professionals, is inviting the public to join in a "Source to Sea" storytelling and film screening event at the Columbian Theater on Sunday. The doors open at 1 p.m., and there will be free smoked salmon

snacks for everyone, and pizza available for sale.

Participants are invited to share stories about the Columbia River and their connection to its waters. There will then be film screenings of four short independent films. Several film-makers will be available on site for a question and answer period between films. Between films, those attending

have the chance to connect by video-conferencing with people holding a similar event at the river's headwaters in Canada, and to send a message "upstream."

Participants can also join a social media campaign leading up to the event. Youth are invited to post pictures of themselves next to the Columbia River, standing with a sign: "Stand-

ing up for our watershed." Photos can be posted to the Columbia Basin Transboundary Youth Network Facebook page, or on Twitter, #JoinCBTYN #SourceToSea #ColumbiaRiver.

For information, contact Adam Wicks-Arshack at adamwicksarshack@gmail.com or Kirsten Harma at kirsten.joy.harma@gmail.com or 360-488-3232.

Clatsop County diversity group gathers in Gearhart

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GEARHART — The Diversity in Clatsop County group met recently for a time of bowling, fun and pizza at Gearhart Bowl. About 20 people showed up, representing the African-American, Filipino, Caucasian, Hispanic and LGBTQ communities.

The group began about a year ago when Andy Marshall met several people of different races at a Lower Columbia Diversity Project function. Marshall, a resident since 1978, has watched Clatsop County become much more diverse in recent years than it used to be. He met with Drew Herzig of the Diversity Project, and others in the community, who thought it would be a good idea to have a diversity group just for socialization and fun.



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Diversity of Clatsop County met recently at local bowling alley.

Josie Lambert and Violeta Arney, members of the Filipino community, were invited to join and help promote a cultural exchange by doing different events.

"We've had a Christmas Tea for a neighborhood, and

have been to dinners together," Arney said. "This is an all-community effort to engage and invite people of all races to become knowledgeable about different cultures and embrace each other in a positive way on the lovely Coast."

Lambert hopes to have more of these get-togethers in the future. Anyone interested in being a part of upcoming events can keep in touch via the Lower Columbia Diversity Project's Facebook page or by emailing dandg817@att.net

RELIGION BRIEFS

Society of Friends

SEAVIEW, Wash. — The Lower Columbia Worship Group of the Society of Friends (Quaker) meets at 3 p.m. Sunday in the Peninsula Church Center Fireside Room (south building), 5000 N Place. This is a "silent" (unprogrammed) worship group. All are welcome to visit and participate. For information, call 503-895-7474.

Cannon Beach Community

CANNON BEACH — Cannon Beach Community Church, 132 E. Washington St., holds an Evensong service at 6 p.m. the first and third Sunday of the month. All are welcome.

Evensong features Wes Warhund (guitar, flute and clarinet) and meditative songs, Psalms, readings, candlelight and time for quiet reflection.

For information, call the church at 503-436-1222.

Interfaith Partnership

SEASIDE — The South County Interfaith Partnership meets at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday at the Pig 'N Pancake, 323 Broadway, to foster better understanding among faith practitioners and to nurture one another in spirit. All faiths are welcome. For information, call Ann Souvenir at 503-738-0200.

Grays River Methodist

ROSBURG, Wash. — The Grays River Methodist Church Friendship Circle Spring Tea and Luncheon is being held Sunday at the Rosburg Community Hall, 28 Rosburg Community Hall Road. The doors open at 11:30 a.m.; lunch is served promptly at 12:30 p.m.

The High Tea menu includes scones, fresh fruit, sandwiches and savories, veggies and dip, tea and punch, and a special dessert plate. The suggested donation at the door is \$8 per person. Children younger than 12 cost \$5. 4-H youths are the servers.

This year's theme is "Magic in the Kitchen," with comedian and magician Steve Hamilton as the entertainment. The program is about 20-25 minutes long, and appeals to both adults and children. Children are welcome, but must be accompanied by an adult.

The event includes a display comprised of unusual kitchen antiques, aprons and memorable cookbooks. Appelo Archives Center is selling Donna Gatens-Klint's book, "The Magic in the Backwoods Kitchen," which is filled with recipes, photos and stories from Naselle through Grays River.

There is a Pick Your Own Prize raffle, with tickets at \$1 each, and a silent auction. Proceeds from the silent auction will be donated to the West End Food Bank. The raffle is being held all throughout the luncheon rather than just at the

end of the event. The Silent Auction continues throughout the afternoon.

For information, call 360-465-2740 or 360-484-7749.

Pacific Unitarian Universalist

The Pacific Unitarian Universalist (UU) Fellowship is holding a service at 11 a.m. Sunday at the First Congregational Church, 820 Alameda Ave. The Rev. Katie Larsell is delivering a sermon, "Belonging to Each Other."

After the service, the congregation is invited to meet with Larsell, who is giving a short presentation about Oregon UU Voices for Justice, followed by a give-and-take conversation.

Larsell not only leads Oregon UU Voices for Justice, she is active in local Portland politics. She serves on the Planning and Sustainability Commission and volunteers with the East Portland Action Plan.

Cameron Brister is the service leader; Michael Rowe, Carole Elder and Tod Lundy are providing refreshments and Frank Logan is the greeter.

For information, call 503-325-5225 or go to www.pacuuf.org

St. Mary, Star of the Sea

St. Mary, Star of the Sea Catholic Church parishioners who need marriage help can attend the Retrouvaille program, a marriage ministry designed to help couples heal and renew their

marriages. For confidential information about or to register for the June program, which begins with a weekend on June 10, call 503-225-9191 or go to www.helpourmarriage.org

Grace Episcopal

Grace Episcopal Church, 1545 Franklin Ave., celebrates the Feast of Pentecost at both the 8 and 10 a.m. services Sunday. Those attending are reminded to wear red, from the story in the Book of Acts, when tongues of flame rested on each person.

There is a call for artwork for the second annual art show, "Places of Worship and Renewal." The art is to be submitted June 3. The show opens June 12 with an artist reception at noon.

Registration is now open for the Grace Preschool, with classes for 3- through 5-year-olds to begin in September. The classes are from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and parents may choose the most convenient days to enroll.

For information, call the church at 503-325-4691 or go to www.graceastoria.org

Bethany Free Lutheran

Bethany Free Lutheran Church is sponsoring a free night of roller skating at the Astoria Armory from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday. The skating is free, and all are welcome to come to this evening of fun for all members of the family.

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