

## Enjoy lunch in the loft with Katherine Bolger Hyde

SEASIDE — Beach Books will host author Katherine Bolger Hyde for Lunch in the Loft at noon, Thursday, July 21. Attendees can enjoy a delicious catered lunch and a signed copy of Hyde's new book "Arsenic with Austen."

In the novel, when retired literature professor Emily Cavanaugh inherits a fortune from her great aunt, she expects her life to change. She doesn't expect to embark on a murder investigation, confront the man who broke her heart 35 years before, and nearly lose her own life.

Emily travels to the sleepy coastal village of Stony Beach, Oregon, to claim her inheritance, centered in a beautiful Victorian estate called Windy Corner. There she hears hints that her aunt may have been murdered, and soon another murder confirms these suspicions.

While Sheriff Luke Richards, her once-and-possibly-future love, does the police work, Emily turns her literary mind to analyzing



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Author Katherine Bolger Hyde will share her novel at Beach Books on July 21.

suspects as she would the characters of her favorite novelists. Beneath the placid surface of Stony Beach she discovers secrets that would put Jane Austen's most reprobate characters to shame.

Cost to participate is \$30, which includes lunch. RSVP is required; call Beach Books at 503-738-3500. The independent book store is located at 616 Broadway.

## Jim Page plays Blue Scorcher

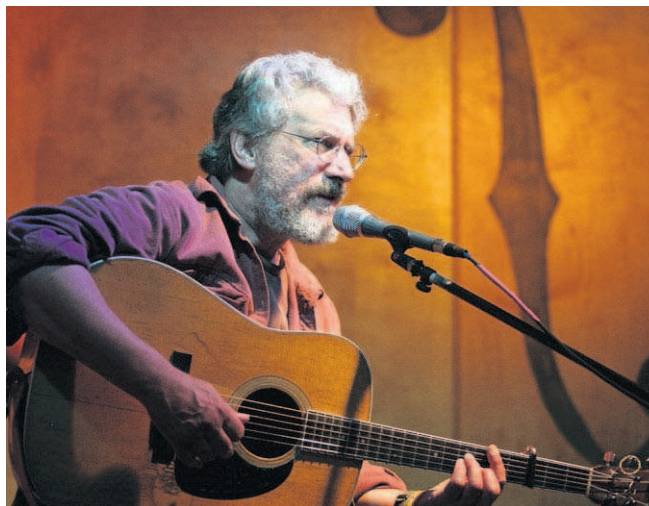
ASTORIA — Singer-songwriter Jim Page will perform an intimate concert at 7 p.m. Thursday, July 14 at the Blue Scorcher Bakery & Cafe, located at 1493 Duane St.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Admission is \$10 to \$20 on a sliding scale at the door. Beer, wine, coffee, kombucha, bread, pastry and pizza by the slice will be available to nourish along with the music and message.

Named by Seattle Metropolitan Magazine as "one of the 50 most influential musicians in Seattle history," Page has written a mountain of songs and recorded 21 albums over the course of a 40-plus year career.

Page's songs have been covered by The Doobie Brothers, Christy Moore, The Moving Hearts, Dick Gaughan, David Soul, Leftover Salmon and Michael Hedges. He has received awards from Artist Trust and Jack Straw Productions. His music has been included on many compilations, including the Grammy-nominated "Best Of Broadside."

Page continues to write and perform and to experiment with form and ensemble. His songs continue to be pertinent and expressive. To quote the late Utah Phillips: "If you're ever going to get the message, this is the messenger to get it from."



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Folk singer-songwriter Jim Page will perform July 14 in Astoria.



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The Peninsula Players will put on their 10th Mystery Dinner Theater production July 20, 21 and 22.

## Help solve the crime at Mystery Dinner Theater

OCEAN PARK, Wash. — Long Beach Peninsula year-rounders and visitors who enjoy murder mysteries will be happy to know the Peninsula Players theater group has a new Mystery Dinner Theater coming up.

At 6 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, July 20, 21 and 22, mystery lovers can gather at Ocean Park Lutheran Church and enjoy a full-course dinner while also helping assist in solving a possible heinous crime in the play "Murder Me Always," directed by Rob Lindberg and written by Lee Mueller.

This mystery comedy has a cast of 11 local actors. As the story unfolds, it may become clear to the audience that this play has a mysterious quirk. And, in the midst of all this alleged murdering going on, suddenly the play pivots 180 degrees and morphs into another play.

The actors descend upon diners at the tables, sitting with them, eating, chatting and dropping hints as to who the killer is.

The audience is asked to give opinions as to who the criminal is. Sometimes it is a camouflaged audience member. Other times, it may be a cast member, or some-

times "the once thought to have expired" rises again.

Mueller is an independent playwright based near St. Louis, Missouri, and has been an actor, writer and director for over 30 years. He is known for comedy murder mysteries, such as "Murder Me Always" and "Death Of A Doornail." He has also written one-act plays ranging from tragedy to comedy.

"Murder Me Always" is the 10th Mystery Dinner Theater production by the Peninsula Players. Last year's "I'm Getting Murdered in the Morning," also by Mueller, was presented to receptive audiences.

Tickets are \$20 per person or \$150 for a reserved front table of six people. Tickets are available by reservation only and can be obtained at the box office at Ocean Park Lutheran Church, open 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday or by calling 360-665-6344 or 360-665-0590.

Tickets are on sale now; no tickets will be sold after July 18. There will be no ticket sales at the door.

The church is located at 24002 U St. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and performances are at 6 p.m. July 20, 21 and 22.

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