

## Author Andrea Larson Perez releases Astoria book

ASTORIA — The Columbia River Maritime Museum will host local author Andrea Larson Perez as she releases her new book “Postcard History Series: Astoria” at 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 13. The event will take place in the museum store.

This collection of images pays homage to the many facets of life in and around Astoria. Its scenic beauty remains a constant alongside traditional industries and the evolution of Astoria as a tourist destination.

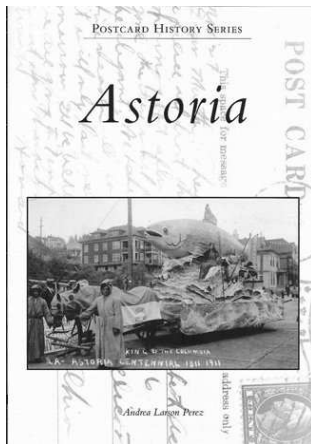
Located in the northwest corner of Oregon, where the mighty Columbia River flows to the Pacific Ocean, Astoria has always inspired residents and visitors. The



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Angela Larson Perez is an Astoria author.

town's natural beauty and accessible everyday life invites documentation.

More than a century ago, it was a place of big fish, big trees, big dreams and



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Perez's newest book gathers together historic postcards of Astoria.

big personalities. Luckily, many professional photographers and everyday

shutterbugs made it their business to capture life on the lower Columbia from the earliest days of photography. Today, there are fewer giant Chinooks and the remaining old growth is protected, but the town, dreams, personalities and photographs remain.

Perez, 52, relocated to the lower Columbia region in 1994 and resides in Astoria. A native of St. Petersburg, Florida, she is married and a mother of two sons, 23 and 20. She graduated from California State University, Sacramento with degree in public relations and a minor in Journalism.

The museum is located at 1792 Marine Drive.

## Audition for Neil Simon's 'Barefoot in the Park' play

### Astor Street Opry Company to stage romantic comedy

ASTORIA — The Astor Street Opry Company will hold open auditions for its fall production of Neil Simon's “Barefoot in the Park” play at 6 p.m. Sunday and Monday, Aug. 14 and 15.

Auditions will be held

at the ASOC Playhouse, located at 129 W. Bond St. Rehearsals will begin the following week in a nearby off-site venue.

Set in the 1960s, this romantic comedy play revolves around a young couple battling the day-to-day ups and downs of being newlyweds, coming to terms with whom they married, and who they really wanted to begin with.

With a surprise visit from the loopy mother-in-law, and the continued rub of differing sensibilities, anything that can go wrong, does, leaving the audience in stitches and engaged as they watch this all-too-familiar story unravel.

Performance dates are Fridays and Saturdays, Oct. 7, 8, 14, 15, 21 and 22. There will be one matinee on Oct. 16.

Lisa Fergus will direct this fall show. Fergus is a veteran director from the Coaster Theatre in Cannon Beach and comes with many years of experience directing such shows as “Beauty and the Beast” and her current show, “9 to 5: The Musical.”

For more information, visit [www.astorstreetycompany.com](http://www.astorstreetycompany.com) or email [info@astorstreetycompany.com](mailto:info@astorstreetycompany.com)



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Drag queen Daylight Cums will lead the cast of “Dragalution: Love Wins” on Friday, Aug. 12 at the Columbian Theater in Astoria.

## Dress up and experience 'Dragalution: Love Wins'

ASTORIA — With Dolly Parton as a central inspiration for its latest iteration, the drag show “Dragalution: Love Wins” will hit the Columbian Theater stage on Friday, Aug. 12.

Audiences should prepare to embark on a journey of love, filled with joy, sadness, sexual longings, awakenings, passion, community and acceptance. Enjoy the ride as the Cums drag family perform numbers spanning from Broadway shows to Dolly Parton and around again.

Surprises will be in store — one of them being that DJ Gray Matter will lead everyone with his mad beats — but shh... As lead

drag queen Daylight Cums says, “One has always got to maintain an aura of mystery; keeps you wanting more.”

“Dragalution: Love Wins” will give you more.

Get inspired, take a chance and step beyond your comfort zone. In the spirit of “The Rocky Horror Picture Show,” the audience is highly encouraged to dress up in costume. The drag show is a safe space for creativity and self-expression.

The show is for a 21-and-over crowd. Some material may be explicit.

Admission is \$10. Doors open at 9:30 p.m.; the show starts at 10 p.m. Attendees will find a pre-party in the Voodoo Room.

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