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The cast of "The Octette Bridge Club" is, from left, Karen Downs, Carina Grossman, Ben Ruderman, Carolyn Olsen, Sandra Koops, Caryn Backman, Kimber Lundy, Cynthia Jones and Margaret Page.

## 'The Octette Bridge Club' hits the stage in Tillamook

TILLAMOOK — The Tillamook Association for the Performing Arts will open the dramatic comedy "The Octette Bridge Club" on stage Friday, Aug. 26.

In the play, written by P.J. Barry and directed by Brenna Sage, eight sisters of Irish descent meet to play bridge and gossip on alternate Friday evenings in Providence, Rhode Island.

Act 1 takes place in October 1934, as the sisters pose for a photograph for the local newspaper. Act 2 takes place 10 years later during a Halloween bridge party, where each sister acts out her costume's persona. The emotionally distraught youngest, who does a hilarious Salome belly dance, has just gotten out of a sanitarium and knows that she must cut the bonds to her smothering family and strike out on her own.

Don't miss this sentimental comedy about American life in a bygone era.

The cast of "The Octette Bridge Club" includes TAPA veterans Caryn Backman, Karen Downs, Sandra Koops, Kimber Lundy, Margaret Page, Ben Ruderman, Carolyn Olsen and Cynthia

Jones. Making her acting debut is Carina Grossman.

The play runs Friday, Aug. 26 to Sept. 10. Friday and Saturday performances begin at 7 p.m., while Sunday matinees begin at 2 p.m. Doors open 30 minutes prior to curtain.

The opening night gala celebration on Aug. 26 will feature complimentary hors d'oeuvres and a beverage of choice for every ticket holder.

Tickets for this production are on sale now. Reserved seating is available through Diamond Art Jewelers, located at 307 Main St.; call 503-842-7940 for reservations. Tickets are \$15 per person; children 12 and under are \$10.

For more information, email [info@tillamooktheater.com](mailto:info@tillamooktheater.com) or find TAPAs on Facebook.

Celebrating over 35 years in Tillamook, TAPA is a nonprofit community theater dedicated to providing high-quality performing arts experiences through entertainment, education and community participation. TAPA's Barn Community Playhouse is located at 1204 Ivy St.

# Clown around with your canine companion at Dog Day Afternoon

ASTORIA — Treat your pet at the Astoria Sunday Market's annual Dog Day Afternoon, set from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 28. The event will take place in the open space adjacent to the market off 12th and Exchange streets and next to the American Legion.

Clowning Around is the theme for this year's event in honor of the 50th anniversary of the Astoria-Megler Bridge and the contributions to its completion by the Astoria Clowns.

The centerpiece for the day is the Doggie Fashion Show at 2 p.m., sponsored by The Pet Works. Dogs and their owner can walk a catwalk, strut their fluff, and compete for prizes of best-dressed and other silliness. Prizes will be given to first, second and third place winners, valued up to \$100. All winners will also receive \$5 gift cards for shopping at Astoria Sunday Market.

Registration is \$5 per pet with proceeds going to Clatsop Animal Assistance. You can reg-



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Dress your dog up for the Doggie Fashion Show. The theme this year is Astoria Clowns.

ister on-site starting at 10 a.m.

"Last year our winner was a goat in the fashion show so this is open to any public-friendly pet," explained Market Director Cyndi Mudge. "We are a dog-friendly market, and we use Dog Day Afternoon as an opportunity to educate about dog etiquette while celebrating the diversity of dogs we see here

every Sunday."

Dog Day Afternoon also includes other activities. The Classy Canines 4-H group will bring its canine agility course so you and your dog can learn new skills. The dogs love it, and it's a great introduction to this 4-H program. Check it out from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Amicadia Dog Training, LLC, will also provide fun



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Dog agility obstacles will be set up for dogs and owners to explore and learn about during Dog Day Afternoon.

games to play with your dog that also provide basic training. The training games are great for dogs of any age.

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