

AT WORK



Aviation Survival Technician Darren Hicks is lowered into the water as Coast Guard Aviation Maintenance Technician Chelsea Stark assists.

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Tyler Neale, assembly mechanic at Lektro Inc., works on the wiring of an 89-series airplane tug in Warrenton.

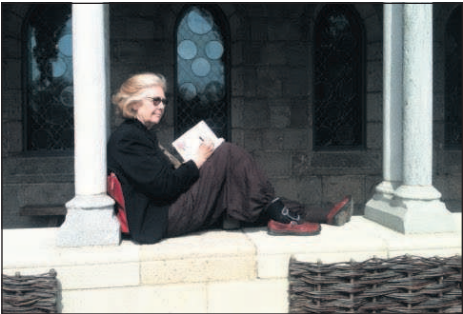


Austen Conn, lead brewer at Buoy Beer Co., works to brew a Fresh Hop Pale Ale.



Kat Zaro, lead barista, prepares to open Street 14 Cafe in Astoria. Zaro has been working at the cafe for over two years.

Local artist shares illustrations, insights on Astoria

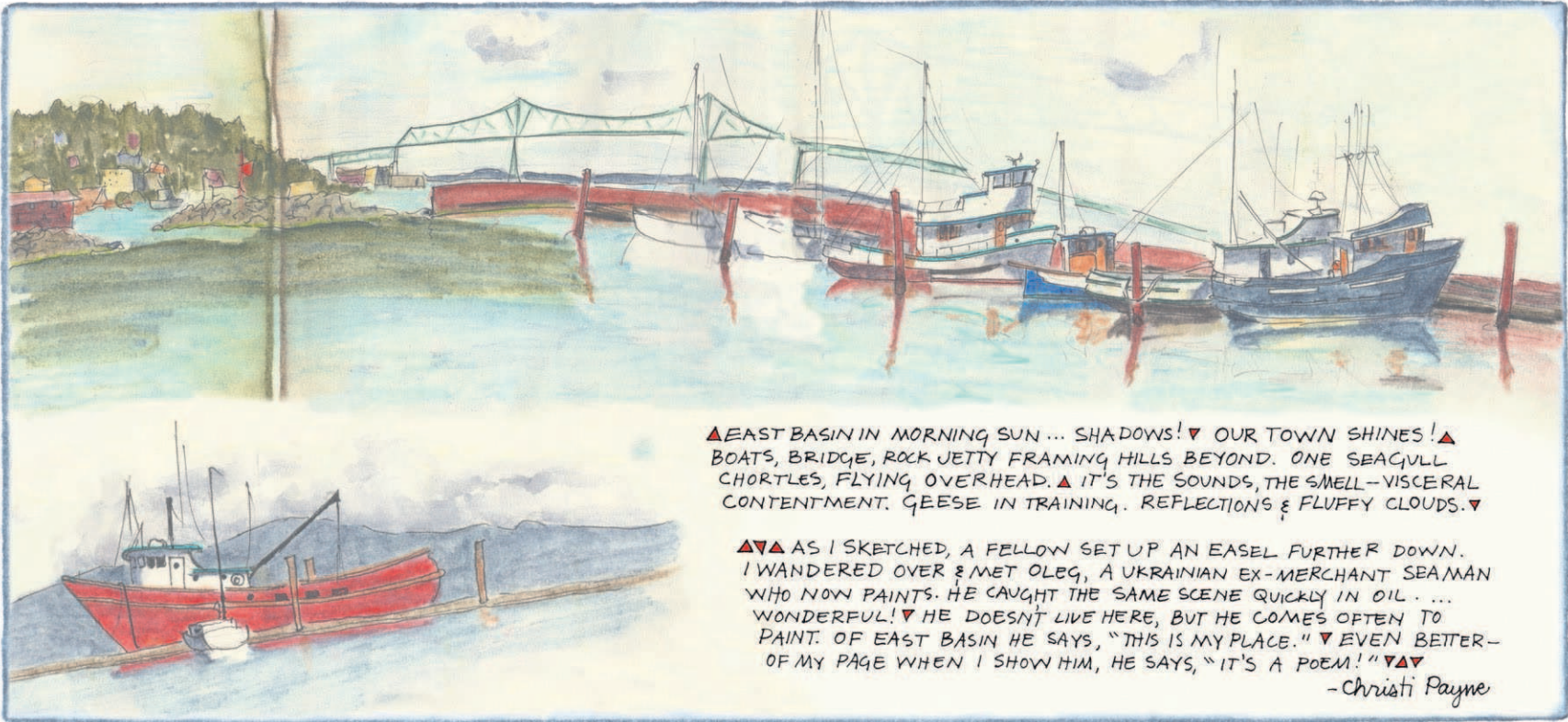
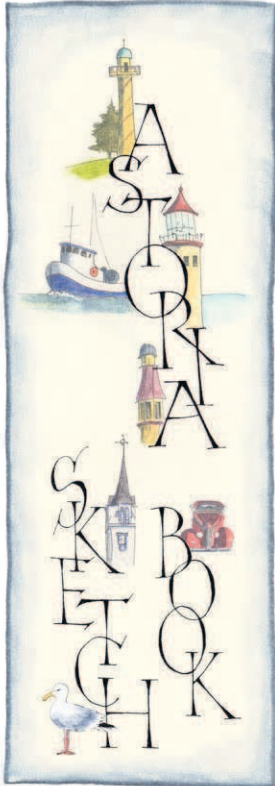


Christi Payne

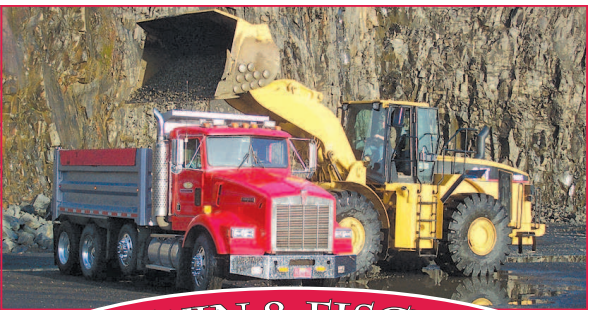
You’ve seen her sketches in Friday Extra; this week The Daily Astorian is pleased to present the “Astoria Sketchbook” by Christi Payne. Drawn from the pages of her ongoing Traveling Sketchbook, the recurring panel will feature the sights, sounds and colors she delights in discovering around Astoria and beyond. “This town is rich with images and history; it has captured my attention since the first time I saw it in 1975,” Payne said.

“What I love about Astoria are those views that haven’t really changed that much — the Astor Hotel is no longer pink, but it still stands, and Chris’s News has given way to Street 14 Cafe, but the building retains its historic integrity. “We still have working gillnet boats plying the Columbia — and I am hoping we can keep that tradition alive; Gimre’s sells shoes as it has for generations; and the Column continues to shine over us all.” Payne, an artist, calligrapher and book

designer, got her career start at The Daily Astorian in 1977 as a paste-up artist. She returned to Astoria in 2000 and immediately signed up for beginning drawing at Clatsop Community College with Royal Nebeker. You would have heard her say at that point in her life, “I can’t draw!” Now she likes to say, instead, “Anybody can draw if they have the desire. All you have to do is practice.” Payne formed a local drawing group — “Draw” — 10 years ago that is now a staple in many local artists’ schedules.



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