

Golden age of postcards showcases Astoria's past

Local author to talk at In Their Footsteps speaker series Oct. 16

ASTORIA — The next In Their Footsteps free speaker series event will feature local author Andrea Larson Perez giving the talk “Astoria During the Golden Age of Postcards,” based on her new book.

The presentation will take place at 1 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 16 in the Netul River Room of Fort Clatsop's visitor center, which is located at 92343 Fort Clatsop Road. The event is free and open to the public.

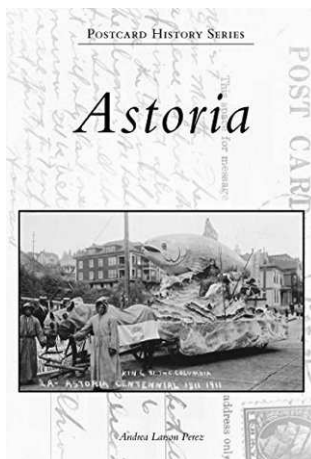
Perez's new book “Astoria” is in Arcadia Publishing's Postcard History Series. The postcards in this visual history book have been shared by local residents. They have been lov-



SUBMITTED PHOTO
Angela Larson Perez is an Astoria author.

ingly handled and carefully organized by Perez to give an inspiring glimpse of the past industry and spectacle that created today's Astoria.

Astoria has continually inspired residents and visitors. The town's natural



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Perez's book showcases historic postcards of Astoria.

beauty and accessible everyday life invites documentation. Those lucky enough to experience Astoria sense they are witnessing something special.

More than a century ago, the city of Astoria at the mouth of the Columbia River was a place of big fish,

big trees, big dreams and 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 salmon and the remaining old-growth trees are protected, but the town, dreams, personalities and photographs remain.

Perez's “Astoria” book is available from the Lewis & Clark National Park Association bookstore in the Fort Clatsop visitor center. There will be a book-signing following her presentation.

This monthly Sunday forum is sponsored by the Lewis & Clark National Park Association and the Lewis and Clark National Historical Park.

For more information, call the park at 503-861-2471 or visit www.nps.gov/lewi

Celebrate Oktoberfest, fundraiser for historic Chinook School too

CHINOOK, Wash. — The Friends of Chinook School will hold the 12th annual fundraiser “Oktoberfest: Chinook Style” at 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 15 in the Chinook School Event Center.

For the past decade, the friends have been working to restore the historic Chinook School, built in 1924. The gym has been restored and is now called the Chinook School Event Center. Current efforts focus on the restoration of the main school building, which is nearing completion.

The fundraiser unites friends and neighbors for an evening of food, live music and auction items all to support this community project.

Admission at the door is \$20 for adults and \$10 for children age 6 to 12 and includes dinner. Admission without dinner is \$5. The Chinook School Event Center is located at 810 U.S. Highway 101. All proceeds go to the restoration of the Chinook School building.

This year, enjoy a German dinner by Joanne Leech. Local brews by

North Jetty Brewing and Buoy Beer Co. will be available, as well as wine and cocktails. The Beach Buddies band will perform on stage, and visitors can preview the changes in store for the restored school.

Dinner will be served from 5 to 7:30 p.m., and the silent auction will run 5 to 8:45 p.m. The live auction will go from 7:30 to 8 p.m.

Every year sees fabulous auction items to bid on, including art, event packages, and local restaurant gift certificates. The popular Columbia River Bar Pilot boat ride will be a live auction item again this year. Be sure to buy your raffle tickets for a chance to win a Sun Dolphin Bali 10SS Kayak with paddle and car-top straps — good for paddling on Baker, Willapa and Young bays.

The Friends of Chinook School, a nonprofit, is the primary fundraising entity for the restoration and is in charge of the operation and maintenance of the property.

For more information, call 360-244-3627 or visit www.friendsofchinookschool.org

Join community conversation about power, place, home and belonging

Oct. 14 event is part of This Place series by Oregon Humanities

ASTORIA — “Place” is a complicated and powerful idea that informs our identities and the way we live our lives, whether we're talking about the communities we're a part of, the neighborhoods where we live, or the lands that people before us called “home.”

Oregon Humanities is sponsoring This Place, a series of 90-minute community discussions happening across the state this fall. The Astoria Public Library will host a This Place commu-

nity discussion at 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 14. The talk is free and open to the public; the library is located at 450 10th St.

The discussions provide Oregonians with an opportunity to explore their relationship to the places they've come from and the places they're in now; to consider how communities have lost or gained land and power, and how this has affected people within these communities; to consider the history of neighborhoods, communities and the state, and how those places have changed over time; and to explore options for meaningful engagement with their places and communities going forward.

Participants will come away from this conversation with a strengthened sense of community support and collective engagement around their exploration of place, as well as a resource list and information to help them continue the conversation.

This Place is part of a statewide initiative by Oregon Humanities to bring 25 conversations about place to communities across the state in September and October. The community conversations will culminate in a one-day gathering Oct. 28 at the Chehalem Cultural Center in Newberg. These conversations will be led by trained facilitators from the fields of tribal resource management, anthropology,

conflict resolution, applied theology, natural resource management, ethnic studies, and fisheries science.

For more information about this free community discussion, contact Ami Kreider at 503-325-7323 or akreider@astoria.or.us. To learn more about the one-day gathering, visit <http://oregonhumanities.org/programs/this-place>

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