

# Tour mid-century America with vintage state tablecloths

Special exhibition at Ilwaco museum relives auto touring days of yesteryear

ILWACO, Wash. — The Columbia Pacific Heritage Museum will present “Tabletop Tourism: Picturing America,” an special exhibition of over 30 vintage souvenir state tablecloths from a private collection.

Many of us have memories of traveling through the United States by car. Stops were often, since gas mileage was low and truck stops, roadside attractions and souvenir shops were plentiful.

Today, vintage souvenir linens are collectible, as more and more collectors are drawn to the charm of these pieces of our past. Not only are they collectibles you can use, but they also convey a sense of nostalgia of days gone by. They are a gentle reminder of mid-century quaint roadside attractions and rural small towns that today are rapidly disappearing.

Strong graphics, bright colors and the dizzying array of designs make them visually delightful. All states at one time sold souvenir tablecloths.

This private collection of over 30 state tablecloths gives viewers an opportunity to relive those auto touring days and even learn a bit about the states. Each state is usually depicted with its state flower, bird and other fun facts. Accompanying the textiles will be a collection of vintage souvenir salt and pepper shakers to round out the “tabletop.”

There will be an opening reception for “Tabletop Tourism” from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 21. The show will be on view from Oct. 21 to Dec. 3.



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“Tabletop Tourism: Picturing America” will be on view Oct. 21 to Dec. 3 in Ilwaco, Washington.



“Tabletop Tourism” relives auto touring days.

“Tabletop Tourism” accompanies the Columbia Pacific Heritage Museum’s annual 6-by-6 exhibition and auction. Over 60 artists have contributed a piece with this year’s theme “State of Mind.” The 6-by-6 auction

will take place Nov. 5.

The Columbia Pacific Heritage Museum is located at 115 S.E. Lake St. For more information, call 360-642-3446 or visit columbiapacificheritagemuseum.org

## Bayside Singers to perform in concert

CHINOOK, Wash. — The Bayside Singers will perform in concert at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 22 at the Chinook School Event Center, located at 810 U.S. Highway 101.

The 40-member chorus will be initiating the use of portable risers with chairs for the first time since their

summer purchase.

The concert will feature a varied program with solos and duets. The selections will include secular and sacred songs as well as several numbers that will be part of the chorus’ annual Christmas concert in December.

Barbara Bate will be

pianist. Chorus president Clay Nichols said that the chorus is looking forward to extending its music with performances in the southeast areas of the Long Beach Peninsula.

Admission is free, but donations will be accepted at the door.

## Astoria Visual Arts holds annual meeting

ASTORIA — Astoria Visual Arts will hold its Annual Meeting from 10:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 22 in the Fort George Lovell Showroom, located at 426 14th St.

The public is invited to attend. Light refreshments and coffee will be provided.

AVA Board of Directors President Rebecca Rubens will update the membership on AVA projects and plans, including the artist-in-res-

idence program and the Coastal Oregon Artists Residency.

The board also would like to hear ideas from members on how AVA might better meet its mission to enhance, strengthen and promote the arts locally. AVA seeks to pace the arts at the center of a changing rural community and economy by supporting artists, encouraging artistic opportunity and diversity, and serving as an artistic hub

of cooperation, education and information sharing.

In addition, the AVA Board Nominating Committee will present a slate of eight candidates for election to the board.

AVA thanks outgoing Board members Deborah Lindner Armington, Michael Granger and Dulcye Taylor for their service.

For more information, email [astoriavisualarts@gmail.com](mailto:astoriavisualarts@gmail.com)

## Teach-in to focus on Green Party, peace

ASTORIA — The public is invited to attend the teach-in “War, Peace, the Neocons and the Greens” at 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 21 in Room 219 of Columbia Hall at Clatsop Community College.

Stephen Berk will lead the teach-in. Berk is currently an adjunct professor of U.S. history at CCC and an emeritus professor of U.S.

history at California State University, Long Beach.

Teach-ins were commonly held at colleges in the mid-1960s as a way of informing students and others about the Vietnam War and how the U.S. got involved. They were an early stage in what became the massive peace movement of that era.

Berk will talk about

the wars the U.S. has been involved in after Vietnam, U.S. relations with Russia and China, nuclear weapons policy, as well as neoconservative ideology and interventionist foreign policy.

He will also speak about the Green Party, candidate Jill Stein, and how the party’s principles are a foundation for world peace.

## Group holds workshop on aerial spraying

MANZANITA — Parcels of forestland, including several bordering Oswald West State Park, were recently clearcut and sprayed with herbicides to control weeds, brush and invasive species that compete with tree seedlings during the early stages of reforestation.

The Rockaway Beach Citizens for Watershed Protection will hold a commu-

nity workshop about aerial spraying Saturday, Oct. 22.

Networking and workshop activities are planned from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., and experts on the issue of aerial spraying will talk at 2 p.m.

The Rockaway Beach Citizens for Watershed Protection seeks more timely public notifications from timber companies. The group also would like state

legislators to change Oregon’s forest practice laws and end aerial spraying on the Oregon Coast.

The workshop will take place at Pine Grove Community Center, located at 225 Laneda Ave.

For more information, contact the citizens group at [rockawaycitizen.water@gmail.com](mailto:rockawaycitizen.water@gmail.com) or visit [saveshortsands.org](http://saveshortsands.org)