

astoria

HOLIDAY EVENTS

High Life Twinkle Tours

5 to 7 p.m. Nov. 12 through Jan. 30
High Life Adventures
92111 High Life Road, Warrenton, 503-861-9875
www.highlife-adventures.com

Enjoy a zip line course in the dark during High Life's Twinkle Tours. Guides will lead with lanterns and guest will be provided with headlamps and served hot cocoa and apple cider around a bonfire. Twinkle Tours are every Saturday throughout the winter.

"Peace & Harmony"

7 p.m. Nov. 18
CCC Performing Arts Center
588 16th St., 503-836-2198
www.northoregoncoastsymphony.org

The North Oregon Coast Symphony, under the direction of Cory Pederson presents its fall/winter concerts featuring portions of Aaron Copland's Pulitzer-prize winning work "Appalachian Spring" and "Quiet City;" Norman Leyden's composition "Serenade for String Orchestra;" and Jay Ungar's "Ashokan Farewell." Tickets are \$10 to \$15 at the door.

Special Holiday Tastings

1 to 4 p.m. Nov. 19, 25, 26 and Dec. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
The Cellar on 10th
1004 Marine Drive, 503-325-6600
www.thecellaron10th.com

The Cellar will host Wines for Thanksgiving on Nov. 19 and its annual holiday open house Nov. 25 and 26 with wines for tasting, gourmet food items to sample and in-store specials for the holidays. In December, the Cellar will host its annual Holiday Sparkling Tasting Dec. 3, Wines for Holiday Entertaining Dec. 10, Wines for Christmas Dec. 17, Christmas Eve Surprise Dec. 24 and New Years Eve Surprise Dec. 31. Tasting fee is \$5 or free with wine purchase.

Holiday Pop Up Market

2:30 to 5:30 p.m. Nov. 22
North Coast Food Web
577 18th St., Astoria, 503-468-0921
www.northcoastfoodweb.org

North Coast Food Web is hosting a pop-up farmers market for folks wanting to feature locally grown food for their holiday cooking, featuring fresh produce, baked goods, organic cranberry products, cheese and meats.

Plaid is the New Black

10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Nov. 25
Downtown Astoria, 503-791-7940
www.astoriadowntown.com

We've all heard of Black Friday, but do you know about Plaid Friday? Think outside of the big box and shop local for the holiday season. Shift your shopping. Shop local. Shop downtown Astoria.

Sankta Lucia Festival

7 p.m. Nov. 25
Astoria High School
1001 W. Marine Drive, 503-325-6136
www.astoriascanfest.com

This annual festival of lights features live music, traditional Scandinavian dancing and the traditional Lucia procession. Afterwards, refreshments served by the Finnish lodge. Admission is \$1 or \$5 per family. All admission funds go to the Scandinavian Festival scholarship fund.

"Messiah" Sing-a-long Play-a-long Concert

4 p.m. Nov. 27
CCC Performing Arts Center
588 16th St., 503-791-5681
www.northcoastchorale.org

The North Coast Chorale and Astoria Christian Church presents the annual music of Handel's "Messiah," a sing-a-long and a benefit for local food banks. Bring an instrument and play-a-long with Debbie Loyd on piano. Admission is free, but donations to the food bank accepted at the door.

"Christmas in Many Lands"

7 p.m. Dec. 2
Warrenton Christian Church
1376 S.E. Anchor Ave., Warrenton,
503-436-0378
www.cannonbeachchorus.org

Celebrate the sounds of the season with the Cannon Beach Chorus, who will perform "Christmas in Many Lands" featuring the music of John Rutter, and arrangements by Bruce Trinkley, Stephen Paulus, Barrington Brooks and Fred Bock. Tickets are \$10 per person.

Starving Artist Faire

7 to 10 p.m. Dec. 2, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Dec. 3,
11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 4
The Armory
1636 Exchange St., 503-325-6104
www.astorstreetoprycompany.com

Sponsored by the Astor Street Opry Company, the annual Starving Artist Faire is one of the biggest local events of the season with a festive atmosphere, music and food. It features one-of-a-kind gifts ranging from photography, collage art, paintings, home and holiday décor, soap, wreaths, jewelry, candles, apparel and accessories, glass art, pottery and more. Prices are low to moderate.

"Scrooged in Astoria"

7 p.m. Dec. 2, 3, 9, 10, 16 and 17, 2 p.m. Dec. 11 and 18
Astor Street Opry Company
129 W. Bond St., 503-325-6104
www.astorstreetoprycompany.com

A melodrama adaptation of the timeless Charles Dickens' classic "A Christmas Story," combines holiday tunes with Scandinavian traditions, with special appearances by characters from "Shanghaied in Astoria." Tickets are \$5 Fridays, \$7 to \$16.

Holiday Run

9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dec. 3
The Relief Pitcher
2795 S. Roosevelt Drive, 503-325-6932
www.northcoastabate.com

North Coast ABATE's holiday run and chili feed is an annual event benefiting CCA Food Bank. Run ends at the Astoria Moose Lodge (420 17th St.) for chili, games and 50/50.

Portland Gay Men Chorus

7 p.m. Dec. 3
Astoria High School
1001 W. Marine Drive, 503-791-5681
www.northcoastchorale.org
The Portland Gay Men Chorus will perform a special holiday concert with guest performance by North Coast Chorale.

"The Nutcracker" Ballet

2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Dec. 3, 2 p.m. Dec. 4
Astoria High School
1001 W. Marine Drive, 503-861-1971
www.maddoxdancers.com

The Little Ballet Theater presents the timeless classic and holiday favorite "The Nutcracker" featuring guest artists Michael Linsmeier and Ansa Deguchi from the Oregon Ballet Theatre accompanied by 75 dancers, a 50-piece orchestra and 12-voice choir. Tickets range from \$11 to \$51.

"A Christmas Carol"

7 p.m. Dec. 7, 8, 14, and 15
Liberty Theater
1203 Commercial St., 503-325-5922
www.liberty-theater.org

The Liberty Theater presents a Readers Theater performance of "A Christmas Carol" with a special visit by Santa Clause on Dec. 10 and 17.

Clatsop Animal Assistance

Holiday Party
9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 10
Fort George Lovell Showroom
426 14th St., 503-861-0737
www.dogsncats.org

Santa is coming to town and he would love to meet you and your dog-gone good canine, purr-fect feline, and other furry or feathered friends! Why not say, "happy holidays" while helping the animals of the Clatsop Animal Assistance with a photo of Santa and your cherished pet! The event also features a bake sale, refreshments, silent auction and special raffles. Proceeds benefit the Clatsop County Animal Shelter. Woof Woof!

Gifts That Make A Difference

Noon to 4 p.m. Dec. 10
Liberty Theater
1203 Commercial St., 503-325-6886
www.giftsthatmakeadifference.org

This popular festive event returns where the public can donate in the names of friends and family. Gifts That Make A Difference provides showcasing, networking and fundraising for nonprofits.

"Holiday Harmonies"

7 p.m. Dec. 10
Liberty Theater
1203 Commercial St., 503-836-2198
www.columbiariversymphony.org

Celebrate the holiday season with your family, friends and loved ones during Columbia River Symphony's holiday concert featuring some favorite holiday musical selections, vocal soloists and Santa Clause. Admission is free.

"Here We Come A Caroling"

7 p.m. Dec. 10, 2 p.m. Dec. 11
CCC Performing Arts Center
588 16th St., 503-791-5681
www.northcoastchorale.org
North Coast Chorale presents its winter concert featuring Benjamin Britten's "A Ceremony of Carols" with local harpist Cheryl Walker and traditional holiday music.

Winter Choir Concert

6 to 8:30 p.m. Dec. 15
Astoria High School
1001 W. Marine Drive, 503-325-3911

Presented by the Astoria School District, the Winter Choir Concert Spectacular features the Astoria Middle School Choir and Astoria High School Choir performing a variety of music from traditional to modern.

Joyful Christmas

4 p.m., Dec. 17
Liberty Theater
1203 Commercial St., 503-791-5681
www.northcoastchorale.org

Enjoy joyful Christmas traditions at this joint holiday concert with North Coast Chorale and the North Coast Symphonic Band.

Plum Pudding & Tea

1 to 4 p.m. Dec. 17 through Dec. 30
(closed Dec. 24 and 25)
Flavel House Museum
441 8th St., 503-325-2203
www.cumtux.org

Enjoy a relaxing afternoon with a traditional Victorian holiday treat of fresh, warm plum pudding, tea and a self-guided tour of the museum. Tickets are \$12. Reservations are recommended for large groups of eight or more.

Old Fashioned Christmas

6 to 8 p.m. Dec. 19
Flavel House Museum
441 8th St., 503-325-2203
www.cumtux.org

Old St. Nick will be attending this Old Fashioned Christmas celebration where visitors will be treated to holiday music, cookies and hot chocolate; crafts, games and stories for the kids, too. And don't forget the camera! Regular admission applies.

New Year's Eve Ball

6 p.m. Dec. 31
I.O.O.F. Hall
95 S. Nehalem St., Clatskanie, 503-728-3403

The Clatskanie Cultural Center will host its second annual New Year's Eve ball held on the 90th anniversary of the original grand opening of the historical building. The event includes a full course dinner, dancing to live music by the Bob Nelson Band. Tickets are \$50 per person, 21 and older and reservations required.