

# Artists, organizations converge at awards

By R.J. MARX  
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SEASIDE — Edward James left Astoria “a zillion years ago” to pursue his theatrical passion in New York, the Midwest and eventually Portland.

“I came here about 10 years ago to retire, and I discovered something significantly different than when I left,” James said. “There were few artistic galleries in the '70s. When I came back, ‘Cabaret’ was on the front page, there was music in every bar, there were community music organizations developing. It was vastly different. The cultural coalition can take a little credit for that.”

James, a director, was in attendance Tuesday night at Clatsop Community College’s South Campus to accept \$1,235 for “All in the Timing,” a live production at the Performing Arts Center. The play will be staged in January and features a cast of North Coast actors.

“It’s smart theater,” James said. “PAC is providing us a place to do that.”

The arts center was among 10 local organizations to benefit from \$11,240 in Clatsop County Cultural Coalition grants funded by the Oregon Cultural Trust and from a small arts and culture grant from the Oregon Community Foundation.

James, like other award recipients, shared not only the passion for their own organizations, but passion for the arts in the community.

Liberty Theater Executive Director Jennifer Crockett accepted a grant for \$1,000 to fund a workshop and performance for kids, “Rhythm Takes Three.”

Seaside’s library direc-

tor Esther Moberg received \$2,000 on behalf of a summer reading program for children in communities underserved by public libraries.

Nettie-Lee Calog, site manager of the Warrenton Community Library, accepted \$600 for the library’s “Libros” program for Hispanic readers.

Program coordinator Daniel Keesler accepted \$2,000 on behalf of the Lower Columbia Hispanic Council for the Teatro Milagro bilingual arts residency.

Carol Lambert of the Clatsop County Historical Society spoke about John Andrew Buchanan, founder of the Clatsop County Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution in 1920 and the Clatsop County Historical Society in 1921. Lambert’s maternal grandfather, Buchanan is best remembered as the lyricist for the state song, “Oregon, My Oregon,” chosen among 200 entries. The historical society’s grant of \$750 will provide a monument for Buchanan at Ocean View Cemetery.

Tita Montero accepted \$1,500 on behalf of the Seaside Museum and Historical Society for updating the Clatsop Nehalem Peoples social studies curriculum, in use for 390 students in 15 fourth-grade classes throughout the county.

Jane Brumfield received \$600 for Cannon Beach Arts Association “Artists Talk.” Andrew Tony accepted \$500 on behalf of the Tolovana Arts Colony’s upcoming Cannon Beach Comedy Festival.

Katherine Lacaze accepted a grant of \$1,055 on behalf of the Sunset Parks and Recreation Department for the Children’s Theater Summer Workshop presentation of “Alice in Wonderland.”

# Astoria seeks input on bridge replacement project

## Open house on Dec. 14

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Astoria will host a public open house to discuss plans to replace the six bridges that connect downtown 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, and 11th streets to the waterfront.

The event is scheduled for 6 to 8 p.m. Dec. 14 at City Hall. People are invited to drop in anytime during that two-hour period.

The Sixth through 11th street bridges provide access to businesses and attractions on the waterfront pier. But the bridges rest on aging timber foundations that cannot safely carry heavy truck loads.

The city is well into the design phase of the replacement project, which will

accommodate modern loads and maintain safe access to the piers.

At the open house, attendees will be invited to review proposed bridge surface features. The city is seeking input on the visual impacts of the new bridges after concerns were raised about the design.

According to the project schedule, the city expects to complete project designs in the spring and begin construction in late 2017. Construction is anticipated to be complete in 2019.

The city, which received 90 percent of the funding for the Waterfront Bridges Replacement Project from the state Department of Transportation, is providing the remaining 10 percent of the project cost.

For more information visit [www.astoria.or.us/Waterfront\\_Bridges\\_Replacement.aspx](http://www.astoria.or.us/Waterfront_Bridges_Replacement.aspx)

# Trial over failed log export deal has been pushed back indefinitely

## Westerlund and Astoria Forest Products at odds

By EDWARD STRATTON  
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A trial scheduled for April in the case between Westerlund Log Handlers, the former log exporter at the Port of Astoria, and its successor, Astoria Forest Products, has been pushed back indefinitely as the two sides hash out what should be revealed from their failed partnership.

The case involves Roger Nance and David Westerlund, co-owners of Westerlund Log Handlers, which returned log exports to the Port for the first time in more than a decade in 2010. On the other side is Dennis Murphy, a member of a prominent Oregon timber family and owner of Murphy Overseas USA Holdings, along with its subsidiary Astoria Forest Products. The parties filed suit against each other on the same day in July 2015. U.S. District Court Judge Michael H. Simon later consolidated the cases.



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The trial in a case between the current and former log exporters at the Port of Astoria has been pushed back indefinitely.

### Failed partnership

The complaints stem from a partnership the two sides entered in January 2014. Murphy paid for Westerlund’s operational and legal expenses after the company in 2013 broke ties with state-owned China National Building Materials Corp., which had been purchasing logs exported from the Port.

In the partnership, Westerlund Log Handlers was to handle logs procured by Astoria Forest Products for export to Asia. The partnership dissolved in December 2014. Astoria Forest Products still operates a log-processing yard on Pier 3 and exports logs to Asia from Pier 1.

Nance and Westerlund filed suit, claiming they were

cut out of a 30 percent ownership in Astoria Forest Products in exchange for their providing equipment, expertise and ending the agreement with China National. Murphy’s lawyers filed suit the same day, claiming Murphy’s company had paid for Westerlund’s past operational and legal expenses, and that Astoria Forest Products acquired the Astoria operation as a means to cover the resulting debts.

### Getting answers

Lawyers for Murphy have claimed difficulty in getting Nance and Westerlund to answer certain questions during depositions, and have filed motions to compel the two to testify.

Westerlund and Nance’s attorneys have argued that certain communications being asked for have nothing to do with the partnership. In May, the two filed suit against Murphy’s attorneys, Michael Esler and Kim Buckley, for malpractice and breach of fiduciary duty. Westerlund and Nance claim Esler’s and Buckley’s firm failed to disclose a conflict of interest in their operating solely to protect the interests of Murphy.

A judge ruled late last month that if Westerlund and Nance’s lawyers want to withhold certain information from the malpractice or contract litigation, they would need to provide documentation, which the court would review privately on a case-by-case basis.

Murphy’s attorneys also argued they will be tied up helping the state of Oregon prepare for a major price-fixing antitrust case. Pretrial filings and conferences will occupy this month, they said, and a trial starting in January could take up to two months. Discovery in and any alternative resolution to the case between Westerlund Log Handlers and Murphy are now due in late March, with no date set for a trial.

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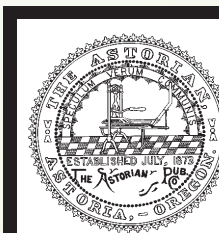
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