



More info on the Miss Bea Johnson Fund for Young Artists:  
[www.astoriavisualarts.org/miss-bea-johnson-fund.html](http://www.astoriavisualarts.org/miss-bea-johnson-fund.html)

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Claude Kurtz, owner of Fernhill Glass Studio, assists Astoria High School junior Johnny Frost creating a piece of glass artwork Oct. 28.

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include a Clatsop County-wide show of high school artists (keep your eyes on the Coast Weekend calendar for details); a bookbinding workshop with fiber artist Iris Daire; and a papermaking workshop with HiiH Lights artists Lâm Quảng and Kestrel Gates. Students also get, every Friday, a special 90-minute art lesson based on the kinds of things they have specifically asked to learn and do.

The sponsors hope the program will improve overall student performance, not only in art. As Lisa says, “Arts education can serve as a critical link to student achievement and social development in many areas. Research-based evidence points to arts education as a key influence in building

broad skills and competencies in students, improving academic performance, and creating a positive school culture. The program has been very well-received so far, and we hope to go back to the community and to OCF for support in order to continue it in the next academic year. We have our fingers crossed!”

Miki, who grew up in Hawaii before visiting Astoria, says, “I never planned to stay. I came out for the summer and I just never left — that was seven years ago! People here appreciate the land and community. That’s really what I fell in love with.”

Maybe it’s also something about nature’s amazing landscape that attracts such great artists to the North Coast. Or perhaps the secret is community support for the arts.



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On Dec. 2, some Gray Alternative High School students took an art field trip to Clatsop Community College to learn about printmaking and create their own prints.



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A high school student tries out printmaking during a field trip to Clatsop Community College’s art department on Dec. 2.



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Astoria High School junior Johnny Frost adds different colors of glass to his creation Oct. 28 at Fernhill Glass Studio.