

Learn about the history of movie making in Astoria

ASTORIA — The Clatsop County Historical Society's Thursday Night Talks lecture series continues Thursday, Jan. 19 with a presentation by Executive Director Mac Burns explaining the history of film and filmmaking in Oregon.

Before there was Hollywood there was Astoria. Oregon Film Museum Executive Director Mac Burns will explore the origins and history of movie making in Astoria and the state of Oregon dating back to 1909 — before there was a Hollywood and long before "The Goonies." Come and share some of your own stories of when the movies came to town.

The Thursday Night Talks lecture series is a free event at the Fort George Lovell Showroom on the

third Thursday of each month. Doors open at 6 p.m. with lectures beginning at 7 p.m. Seasonal beers on tap, food and other beverages are available for purchase. Minors are welcome with an accompanying adult.

For more information about this event or other Clatsop County Historical Society activities, call 503-325-2203 or e-mail cchs@cumtux.org

Clatsop County Historical Society is a 501(C)(3) nonprofit educational organization dedicated to preserving and presenting the history of Clatsop County Oregon and the surrounding area. The society operates the Flavel House Museum, The Heritage Museum, the Oregon Film Museum and the Uppertown Firefighters Museum.

Enjoy free admission to parks for MLK Day

ASTORIA and PACIFIC COUNTY, Wash. — In honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, which is Monday, Jan. 16, you can enjoy free admission to several local area parks that normally charge a day-use fee.

Lewis and Clark National Historical Park will offer free admission Monday. The Fort Clatsop Visitor Center is located at 92343 Fort Clatsop Road in Astoria. Normal park hours apply.

Additionally, the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission announced that Sunday, Jan. 15 and Monday, Jan. 16 are Washington State Parks free days, when visitors are not required to display the Discover Pass for day visits at state parks.

Local Washington State Parks include Cape Disappointment State Park in Ilwaco, Washington; Leadbetter Point State Park north of Oysterville, Washington; and Fort Columbia State Park east of Chinook, Washington.

Lewis and Clark Park

More entrance fee-free days are scheduled for the coming year.

The National Park Service turned 100 years old in 2016. Celebrate the start of its second century by visiting a park in 2017. During 10 days of the year, all National Park Service sites that charge an entrance fee — including Lewis and Clark National Historical Park — will offer free admission to everyone. The fee waiver includes entrance fees, commercial tour fees, and transportation entrance fees. Other fees such as reservation, camping, tours, concession and fees collected by third parties are not included unless stated otherwise.

Future free admission days at Lewis and Clark National Historical Park are:

- Feb. 20: Presidents' Day



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Surfers catch a wave at Cape Disappointment State Park's Waikiki Beach in Ilwaco, Washington, in this file photo. You don't need a Discover Pass to access and enjoy Washington State Parks Jan. 15 and 16 in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

- April 15 and 16 and 22 and 23: Weekends of National Park Week
- Aug. 25: National Park Service 101st Birthday
- Sept. 30: National Public Lands Day
- Nov. 11 and 12: Veterans Day Weekend

Fee-free days make parks accessible to more people. In addition, any fourth grade student can get a free annual pass through the Every Kid in a Park program, and active duty military and citizens with a permanent disability can also get free passes. For more information, visit www.nps.gov/planyourvisit/passes.htm

Washington State Parks

Washington State Parks free days for 2017 are in

keeping with legislation that created the Discover Pass, a \$30 annual or \$10 one-day permit required on lands managed by Washington State Parks and the Washington departments of Natural Resources and Fish & Wildlife. The Discover Pass legislation provided that State Parks could designate up to 12 free days each year when the pass would not be required to visit state parks. The Discover Pass is still required to access lands managed by WDFW and DNR on these days.

In 2017, Washington State Parks offers 12 free days, the first of which was on Jan. 1 and the following two are Jan. 15 and 16. The remaining future free days for 2017 are:

- March 19: State Park's

- 104th birthday
- April 15: Springtime free day
- April 22: Earth Day
- June 3: National Trails Day
- June 10: National Get Outdoors Day
- Aug. 25: National Park Service 101st Birthday
- Sept. 30: National Public Lands Day
- Nov. 11: Veterans Day
- Nov. 24: Autumn free day

Washington State Parks hopes the free days will encourage people to get out and discover a new park or revisit an old favorite and then consider supporting recreation on state lands by purchasing a Discover Pass. More information about the pass is here: www.discoverpass.wa.gov

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