

# Tickets on sale now for second annual Shore Style Wedding Faire

Learn how to incorporate local businesses into your special day

ASTORIA — The Astoria Downtown Historic District Association will once again host the award-winning Shore Style Wedding Faire in Astoria.

The event brings together a curated group of the Oregon Coast and southwest Washington Coast's top wedding vendors, including Baked Alaska and McMenamin's Gearhart Hotel, who are headlining the event.

The Shore Style Wedding Faire will be held at The Loft at the Red Building from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Jan. 28 and will feature over 25 wedding venues, photographers, caterers, DJs, florists and more. There will be how-to talks and demos; appetizers to try by caterers; and even a bridal and formalwear fashion show.

Couples searching for the perfect wedding destination will find answers to their questions about an



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The Astoria Downtown Historic District Association will hold its second annual Shore Style Wedding Faire on Jan. 28.

Oregon Coast wedding with professionals on hand to provide guidance on how to create a unique and memorable event.

Event co-chairs Becky Johnson, owner of Vintage Hardware, and Jessica Newhall, co-owner of The Loft at the Red Building, are once again leading efforts to curate a special event that showcases the style and the local businesses that can be incorporated into special events and weddings at the coast.

The Loft at the Red Building is located at 20 Basin St., Suite F.

General admission tickets are \$10 each. VIP tickets are \$20 each and include a gift bag with items from local vendors, two drink tickets, reserved parking, reserved seating at the fashion show and more.

Visit [ShoreStyleWed.com](http://ShoreStyleWed.com) for a complete schedule of events and to buy tickets.

Last year's Shore Style Wedding Faire received an Excellence in Downtown Revitalization Award for "Best Economic Vitality Activity" at the Oregon Main Street Evening of Excellence Celebration.

# Washington state poet laureate to visit Pacific County Jan. 14

TOKELAND, Wash. — The Washington state poet laureate, Tod Marshall, will lead a poetry workshop Saturday, Jan. 14 at the Shoalwater Bay Tribal Library.

The workshop will cover how to write poetry, and Marshall also plans to do a short reading of his own poetry. The free event is open to the public and will take place from 10 a.m. to noon. The Shoalwater Bay Tribal Library is located at 2373 Old Tokeland Road.

Marshall has been traveling Washington building awareness and appreciation of poetry — including the state's legacy of poetry — through public readings, workshops, lectures and presentations in geographically diverse areas of the state.

Marshall, a poet and professor at Gonzaga University, is the author most recently of "Bugle" (2014), which won the Washington State Book Award in 2015. He is also the author of two previous collections, "Dare" Say (2002) and "The Tangled Line" (2009), and a collection of interviews with contemporary poets, "Range of the Possible" (2002).

Mashall was appointed as



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Washington State Poet Laureate Tod Marshall will visit the Shoalwater Bay Tribal Library on Jan. 14.

the fourth Washington poet laureate by Gov. Jay Inslee, and his term runs from Feb. 1, 2016, to Jan. 31, 2018.

Marshall was the first in his family to attend college and has dedicated himself to bringing the humanities to underserved populations.

"Poetry matters — not just to poets, professors, and students: poetry matters to everyone," said Marshall. "I am a first-generation college student, and because of that, I understand the skepticism that many have for the arts. But I've also come to realize that the inner life that the arts and humanities can nurture is important to living deliber-

ately and introspectively. So I am interested in how poetry and all of the arts can help us find our best selves.

"When I meet people throughout the state," he said, "I hope to reinforce a message that as children they probably took for granted: their voices, their words, their songs of the self, are important and need to be heard."

The poet laureate program is sponsored by Humanities Washington and The Washington State Arts Commission (ArtsWA).

For more information, call Shoalwater Bay Tribal Library Manager Linda Rose at 360-67-8190.

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