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Janet Sheridan teaches Paint with a Pint nights inside the Fort George Lovell Showroom in Astoria. Students start with blank canvases and end the night with completed paintings.

'WE ALL HAVE AN INNER ARTIST'

Take a sip, pick up your paintbrush and follow along with the instructor — local businesses are offering paint and sip nights on the North Coast

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A common theme emerges when you talk to anyone who has experienced tipsy painting: enter as strangers, leave as friends. A feeling of camaraderie is just one of the many phrases used to describe the attraction to the paint and sip industry. Hardly a new trend, the concept has been wildly popular on the

East Coast for the past eight years but just recently hit Clatsop County.

Tipsy painting is, in essence, an alcohol-fueled paint class typically led by a local artist; participants work from an example painting to create their very own version of the same artwork to take home as a souvenir. Participants paint while enjoying a glass of wine or beer along with painting instruction and conversation; all art supplies are provided, and the over-

arching theme is fun. All levels are welcome, from those who have never picked up a paintbrush to professional artists.

Local Knappa High School art teacher Janet Hockman Sheridan has been hosting Paint with a Pint nights at the Fort George Lovell Showroom in Astoria on Fridays each month for the past nine months. Sheridan first approached Fort George co-owner Jack Harris with the idea in March 2016 and held the first event two

months later. Although only eight people attended that first Paint with a Pint, word of mouth and social media quickly spread the word; Sheridan was soon selling out each month as well as hosting corporate events and private parties.

WineKraft Wine Bar in Astoria, has seen similar success for over a year with a Tippy Painting event every Wednesday

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