

Art and antiques walk offers a glimpse of spring

OCEAN PARK, Wash. — February on the Long Beach Peninsula brings winter's chill, the beauty of storm-driven waves crashing against cliffs in Cape Disappointment State Park, and a yearning for the light and bright colors of spring. Spring is still away over the horizon, but you can bundle up and head "up peninsula" to the Ocean Park Art & Antiques Walk. From 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11, the artists and shopkeepers of this coastal town promise a respite from the winter doldrums.

Forgotten Treasures Antiques and Collectibles' theme for the walk is Spring Fling: Ready for Spring! Knowing that so many customers are itching to get into the garden and dig around, booths offer an alternative idea: Dig around here to find blooming treasures. Yard art, vintage gardening books, small furniture for porches and garden-inspired artwork will be on hand throughout the two buildings. Weather permitting, Big Foot holds reign at an outdoor market filled with bargains. And for those wishing to engage in a little pre-spring DIY project,

shopkeepers Vince and Alissa Stevens have brought in a new wood gel stain product called Unicorn Spit. Colors of the rainbow enhance your woodworking project while allowing the beauty of the grain to shine through. They also offer a large selection of Dixie Belle chalk paint.

New to the Ocean Park Art & Antiques Walk is Adelaide's. This espresso, chocolate, pastry and ice cream shop also carries vintage linens, handcrafted items, Bette Lu Krause-painted apparel and books by local writers. Adelaide's is also home to local spinning and weaving group the Peninsula Fiberistas. The 19th annual Spinners & Weavers Open House will be going on Saturday and Sunday. Find yourself mesmerized by demonstrations of tabletop looms and spinning wheels. Sit by these artisans and enjoy their skills while nibbling on a treat or two and a cup of coffee or tea.

If you want to be immersed in color and art, Wiegardt Studio Gallery is a must see. Floor to ceiling, paintings bring color on top of color throughout



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Vintage prints, retro decor, painted small furniture and more are at Forgotten Treasures Antiques & Collectibles.

the two floors of this working studio-gallery cottage. Bins holding unframed originals, printed art greeting cards, limited-edition giclee prints and tools of the trade are everywhere you look. Eric Wiegardt is an award-winning artist with an international following. His School of Painting workshops are held nation and worldwide.

Sven and Andrea Weir's Studio stained glass work. For

this walk, they have brought out pieces from their personal collection of stand-ups. Most of these stained and painted glass pieces, with specially designed and decorated bases, have personal stories attached to them. Also find fanciful dreamscapes by Andrea Weir made with a mixed-media template of ink, graphite and water color, as well as handmade jewelry, beading and smaller glass work.



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Colorful stained and painted glass stand-ups from the Weirs tell stories of life lived in Ocean Park.

Bay Avenue Gallery is a hub of activity all year round. Sue Raymond and her art squad of painters, potters, jewelry designers, knitters, woodworkers and artists have a bright event planned that will help bring the feel of spring a little closer — for at least one day. The gallery is planning a Yarn Bomb, a form of street art where yarn in any form is attached to an object in the public environment. Plans began last summer when Arizona artist Katie Bechtel began working with local artist Lisa Mattfield. The first piece will cover the gallery's downspout.



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At Eric Wiegardt's studio, enter one of three downstairs rooms to find unframed and framed original paintings by Eric Wiegardt.

Forgotten Treasures Antiques & Collectibles is at 1904 Bay Ave.; Adelaide's is at 1401 Bay Ave.; Wiegardt Studio Gallery is at 2607 Bay Ave.; Weir Studios is at 2217 Bay Ave.; and Bay Avenue Gallery is at 1406 Bay Ave.

Maps are available at all locations, the Long Beach Peninsula Visitors Bureau, the Ocean Park Area Chamber office and on the Ocean Park Art & Antiques Facebook page. For more information, visit oceanparkartandantiques.vistaprintdigital.com or email shopoceanpark@gmail.com

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