

This art is for the birds

Create bird, mosaic art at a workshop at Astoria Art Loft

ASTORIA — Create a beautiful, foolproof, no-such-thing-as-a-mistake work of art in glass mosaic with Kai Raden on two Saturdays at the Astoria Art Loft. Celebrate spring and enjoy the theme “Feathered Friends” as you decorate a birdhouse or create your own work of art about birds.

The workshop will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

on Saturday, March 18 and March 25.

Raden, a master artist in glass mosaic, provides all the materials, the tools, and the techniques for even a beginner to be successful. A more experienced artist will find much inspiration, a wealth of materials, the space and time to create a colorful mosaic.

Call the Astoria Art Loft at 503-325-4442 to reserve your place in this workshop. The cost for all materials, supplies and instruction is \$75.

Enjoy a scenic, vintage train excursion in 2017

GARIBALDI — RailsNW and the Oregon Coast Scenic Railroad will offer two special rail excursions this year using a historic steam engine on tracks that see limited services.

The Oregon Coast Crawler will take passengers on a memorable all-day journey of exploration and beautiful Oregon scenery, all by vintage train powered by a steam locomotive.

The two excursions are scheduled for May 20 and Sept. 30. Both depart Garibaldi at 9:30 a.m., heading to Batterson, and return to Garibaldi at 5:15 p.m.

Cost is \$135 per person, and advanced ticket purchase is require. No children under 5 are allowed.

For more information, call 800-717-0108 or visit www.railsw.com/tours/charter/garibaldi_steam/garibaldi_steam.htm

Journeying from Garibaldi to Batterson, the Oregon Coast Crawler continues an ongoing tradition of arranging charter experiences using vintage train equipment on historic and scenic rail routes within the Pacific

Northwest. Passengers will be treated to stunning coastal and canyon scenery on this full-day excursion. The train will make its way northward and then inland on the Port of Tillamook Branch Line out of the fishing village of Garibaldi, passing beside Tillamook and Nehalem Bays. There will be an extended stop in bayside Wheeler. The train will then make a turn to begin following the Nehalem River with the day’s destination to be Batterson. Scenery will change dramatically as I through the rugged and not easily accessible Nehalem Canyon.

On the return trip, another extended stop is made in Rockaway Beach, affording a chance for a glimpse of the Pacific Ocean and some time to stroll the streets to grab some local taffy or ice cream.

This trip will be run using the Oregon Coast Scenic Railroad’s McCloud No.25 locomotive, an engine featured in the movie “Stand By Me.” Several stops will be made for the purposes of photography and the train includes an open-air car with outdoor seating.

Coaster Theatre holds auditions for summer plays

Audition for ‘Clue: The Musical,’ ‘Steel Magnolias’

CANNON BEACH — The Coaster Theatre will hold auditions for its two summer shows next week, “Clue: The Musical” and “Steel Magnolias.”

The community theater is also looking for a few good ladies and gentlemen to help as ushers for the 2017 performance season. All ushers receive a complimentary ticket to that evening’s performance. Call the theater box office at 503-436-1242 to sign up to usher.

‘Clue: The Musical’

Auditions for “Clue: The Musical” will be held at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 21 at the Coaster Theatre. Callbacks will be held March 22.

The show will be directed by Patrick Lathrop, and performances will take place June 23 to Sept. 3.

The internationally popular board game is transformed into a fun-filled musical, bringing the world’s best-known suspects to life. “Clue: The Musical” invites the audience to help solve the mystery: Who killed Mr. Boddy, in what room and with what weapon. Pay attention and deduce the solution from clues given throughout the fun filled evening; there are 216 possible endings! Only one hard-nosed detective is qualified to unravel the merry mayhem. Comedic

antics carry the investigation from room to room. Even after the culprit confesses, a surprise twist delights the audience.

Characters in the musical include:

- Mr. Boddy, the charismatic host of the game, husband of Mrs. Peacock, and victim of the murder. He loves to crack a joke.

- Detective, who arrives in Act II to solve the mystery.

- Col. Mustard, who fancies himself a triumphant war colonel and is having an affair with Mrs. Peacock. He is implicated in the death of Mr. Boddy’s parents and was married to Mr. Boddy’s mother after the death of her husband.

- Mr. Green, a con artist and entrepreneur, he is a former lover of Miss Scarlet and business partner of Mr. Boddy.

- Mrs. Peacock, a black widow, socialite and chair of Peacock Enterprises, married to Mr. Boddy and cheating with Col. Mustard. She was suspected in the murder of five previous husbands.

- Professor Plum, a super genius, author and imposter, his family fortune was ruined by Mr. Boddy.

- Miss Scarlet, a former Las Vegas lounge performer and former lover of Mr. Green. Shrewd.

- Mrs. White, a fun-loving chief domestic of Boddy Manor; can be played by a man.

Those who want to audition should arrive on time and come prepared with a one-minute a cappella song

and to have their vocal range tested. Come to auditions dressed for movement as you may end up rolling on the floor. Double casting may be considered due to the limited number of roles and to help with the long summer commitment.

If you are unable to make auditions on March 21, contact Lathrop at 503-436-0609 to make alternate arrangements.

Intense music rehearsals will be held March 27 to 31 and April 2 to 5. After April 5, regular rehearsals will be held Sunday through Wednesday. Beginning June 1, rehearsals will intensify until opening on June 23.

‘Steel Magnolias’

Auditions for “Steel Magnolias” will be held at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, March 22 and 23 at the Coaster Theatre.

The show will be directed by April Poland, and performances will take place June 16 to Sept. 2.

In “Steel Magnolias,” Truvy’s beauty salon in Chinquapin, Louisiana, is where all the ladies who are “anybody” come to have their hair done. Helped by her eager new assistant Annelle (who is not sure whether or not she is still married), the outspoken, wise-cracking Truvy dispenses shampoos and free advice to the town’s rich curmudgeon Ouiser; eccentric millionaire Miss Clairee, who has a

raging sweet tooth; and the local social leader M’Lynn, whose daughter, Shelby, is about to marry a “good ole boy.”

Filled with hilarious repartee and humorously revealing verbal collisions, the play moves toward tragedy when the spunky Shelby risks pregnancy against all advice. The sudden realization of their mortality affects the others but also draws on the underlying strength — and love — that gives the play, and its characters, the special quality to make them truly touching, funny and amiable company in good times and bad.

Characters include six women, with ages ranging from 20s to 60s:

- Truvy Jones, the owner of the beauty shop.

- Annelle Dupuy-Desoto, the beauty shop assistant.

- Clairee Belcher, the widow of the former mayor and a grande dame.

- Shelby Eatenton-Latcherie, the prettiest girl in town.

- M’Lynn Eatenton, Shelby’s mother and a socially prominent career woman.

- Ouiser Boudreaux, a wealthy curmudgeon. Acerbic but loveable.

All actors at auditions will read from pre-selected sides. If you wish to check out a copy of the play or the sides, contact the Coaster Theatre at 503-436-1242. Note that to check out a copy of the script requires a refundable \$20 deposit.

Stretch your art skills with students

Astoria High School’s art club to lead workshop

ASTORIA — All are invited to attend an art workshop hosted by Astoria High School’s community art club, Art Out Loud. The workshop will take place from 2 to 4

p.m. in the art classroom at Astoria High School, located at 1001 W. Marine Drive.

This fun and family-oriented event offers opportunities to create art pieces in painting, pottery and pastels. Centering around the theme of spring, guests will be able to paint a landscape, use pastels to create a floral

piece, and mold clay into a bird’s nest. All activities will be instructed by student club members.

Admission is \$3 per person and \$10 for a family. All proceeds go to Astoria High School’s art club

The Art Out Loud club was chartered in 2015 by Elizabeth Roe, now a senior

attending Astoria High School. AHS’s art teacher, Mickey Cereghino, serves as the club’s adviser.

The club seeks to provide community service through the arts. Over the past years, the club’s activities has included making and distributing cards to Clatsop Care Center, art sessions at local elementary schools, charity art shows, and outreach to local schools and community.