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Janet and Len Sheridan are opening Paint with a Pint Friday through Sunday at 1139 Commercial St. Visitors create paintings and can bring their own beverages.

Paint with a pint downtown

Art teacher opens business

By EDWARD STRATTON
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For those not able to take her art class at Knappa High School, they can learn painting from Janet Sheridan on the weekends in downtown Astoria. But bring your own bottle.

Sheridan and her husband, Len, recently opened Paint with a Pint, a storefront born from her events of the same name at Fort George Brewery.

Like a teacher lecturing from her easel at the front of class, Sheridan takes up to 40 visitors at a time through the step-by-step creation of 16-by-20-inch painting. Customers bring their own drinks, although Sheridan said she is working on a liquor license to sell on premises.

Sheridan moved to Oregon several years ago from Philadelphia, where she attended the Tyler School of Art at Temple University and later started teaching, and almost got a job at a paint-and-sip business.

"I loved the concept, but the timing wasn't right," she said. "And then I got the job at Knappa, and the whole time I kept thinking, 'Man, Astoria would be such an awesome spot for a paint and sip.'"

Last March, Sheridan made contact with Fort George co-owner Jack Harris and had her first paint-and-sip class a year ago. "And from there, it just kind of took off."

Sheridan, who's built up the art program in Knappa over the past four years, said she's continuing the events at Fort George and trying to balance her two professions. "I'll



Janet Sheridan

Janet Sheridan takes visitors through the entire process of creating a 16-by-20-inch painting at Paint with a Pint.

remain at Knappa next year, then I'll take it a year at a time," she said, adding she hopes to hire a backup instructor.

Sheridan said she and Len, both first-time business owners, are learning the ins and outs of creating a website and

marketing the business. Paint with a Pint, located in the former Gypsy's Whimsy at 1139 Commercial St., opens from 4 to 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sundays, as well as doing private events.

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Port plans to dredge West Mooring Basin

Sediment is threatening marina docks

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Mart Liikane said he, son Kaleva and a friend pulled in around midnight to the Port of Astoria's West Mooring Basin, hoping to refuel their fishing boat, Two Sisters, before towing Kaleva's recently acquired sailboat, the Turtledove, to Hoquiam, Washington.

The fueling dock was closed, so the sailors spent the night at a slip in the north-eastern corner of the marina, the Turtledove tied to the Two Sisters, hoping to refuel in the morning. But they woke early Thursday to find the Turtledove listing on its side against the Two Sisters, both boats high and dry on a sand bar.

The event is a common one at the west marina, where the Port plans to spend \$323,000 dredging over the next year.

While the Port faces a sea lion occupation of the docks in its east marina, the west has been silting in, leaving some docks on the north and south end laying on the mud at low



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Kaleva Liikane's two boats grounded out at low tide on a portion of the Port of Astoria's West Mooring Basin. The agency plans to dredge the marina in the coming year.

tide. Port Executive Director Jim Knight said the Port has not dredged the west marina in 11 years, and that sediment accumulation is now threatening docks.

The Port has estimated the west basin needs 600,000 cubic yards of sediment removed, at a cost of between \$600,000 and \$720,000. Knight said the Port plans to phase the dredging of the marina over the next two to three years, dredging half of the marina this year. The \$323,000 the Port plans to spend in the coming year includes \$50,000 from the Federal Emergency Management

Agency to help recover from storms in December 2015.

Knight said the Port recently learned the soils in the marina are clean enough to allow the Port to dispose of the sediment in the river, rather than using an upland disposal site.

"This disposal method is much less expensive and will save the Port hundreds of thousands of dollars," Knight said.

Knight said the Port is gathering bids and completing dredging permits, which will determine the final cost of dredging. The dredge season occurs in winter.

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Accompanying Demi on this special day was her oldest sister Brittney Yeskie as her Matron of Honor, and her twin sister Devan as her Maid of Honor. Her Bridesmaids consisted of sister-in-law Noelle Lund, cousin Corey Sanders and lifelong friends Natalie Dwight, Jenn Johnson and Kacie Melton.

Dane's Best Man was his older brother Hans, along with groomsmen and close childhood friends Dylan Israel, Max Johnson, Marcus Brown, Taylor Landwehr, Ian Erickson and Peyton Gastelum.

Dane's Grandparents are Ardelle & the late Robert Phillips. Demi has a large group of proud Grandparents Ray & Sandy Hoy living in Salcha, Alaska, Gary & Pinky Belshe living in Ojai, California and Dan & Margo Svikhart also living in Ojai, California.

The couple both graduated from Oregon State University and reside in Astoria. They have careers with Bogh Electric & Guild Mortgage.

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