

COLUMBIA BAR

The Alder



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FOR COAST WEEKEND

I recently stopped by Charlie's Chop House, the new venture between Charlie Holboke and chef Chris Dunn, to see what they were tossing together behind the bar.

Located next to two of Holboke's other businesses, the Tiki Bar and Charlie's Chowder House, one gets the sense that this block of Marine Drive will soon be known as Holboke's Row.

This new incarnation of an old-school steak-

house features blood-red walls accented with black trim, and the dark color combination helps provide a speakeasy-like vibe. The old wooden bar from Hazel's has been saved and adorned with enough shelves to house plenty of local and top-tier spirits.

Running the bar that day was Alison Mück, who has followed Dunn from the Merry Time Bar and Grill to the Chop House. Mück is responsible for developing (or updating) many of the signature cocktails on the Chop House's list, which are all named after different types of trees. The cocktail list focuses on laid-back, old-school cool, utilizing fresh-squeezed juice whenever possible. Mück tries to steer clear of syrups.

"I'm getting too old to just go out and do shots all night," she told me. "I need to start thinking about my hangover the night before." Working in fresh-squeezed juice is at least a nod to doing good when you are doing bad.

The Alder is a gin-based cocktail perfect for a summer afternoon or evening. With the tartness of the grapefruit juice it shares some of the same DNA as a Salty Dog, but is much more floral forward with the gin base and the addition of St.-Germain, an elderflower liqueur. Following Mück's lead, might as well stock up on Vitamin C while spending a night on the town.

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1 1/2 ounces Bombay Sapphire Gin
1/2 ounce St.-Germain liqueur
1/2 fresh-squeezed grapefruit
Soda water
Ice

Juice one half of a grapefruit. Shake all the liquids except the soda water with ice in a cocktail shaker until cold. Pour contents into a pint glass. Top off the last inch or so with the soda water.

—Recipe courtesy of Alison Mück, bar manager at Charlie's Chop House

Charlie's Chop House is located at 1313 Marine Drive and open from 5 to 10 p.m. Wednesday 



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Arvie Smith, juror for the 2018 "Au Naturel" exhibit, stands before his 2002 oil painting "Luciana Dancing with Angels."

CALL TO ARTISTS: 'AU NATUREL' EXHIBITION AT CLATSOP

ASTORIA — Clatsop Community College invites artists to submit to the 2018 international juried exhibition "Au Naturel: The Nude in the 21st Century."

The 2018 exhibit will be open for viewing at the college's Royal Nebeker Art Gallery from Thursday, Jan. 25, through Thursday, March 15, 2018, with a special community reception 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 22.

The "Au Naturel" competition is open to all artists from around the globe working in two-dimensional drawing, painting or printmaking media, with a focus on the nude human figure as subject

matter in any form from representational to abstract, and in which the handmade mark is employed as the primary means of image-making.

Entrants must be 18 or older. Submitted artwork must have been executed in the last three years and available for the duration of the exhibit. Visit the exhibit website to view artwork from previous "Au Naturel" exhibitions and for further information about the show at aunaturelart.com/

Applications are now being accepted online via the CaFÉ™ website at callforentry.org/

Applications must be received on CaFÉ™ by midnight (11:59:59 p.m.) Mountain Time on Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2017. There is no additional fee to use the CaFÉ™ online application system. Enter and register a username and password. Navigate to Apply to Calls, and search the list for "Au Naturel: The Nude in the 21st Century." The site also provides detailed instructions for use.

There is a \$40 fee for the

submission of up to three images, and \$5 for each additional image submitted.

Exhibit awards will include \$1,000 in cash prizes and up to \$2,000 in purchase awards. A select number of Visiting Artist Workshop awards will also be granted.

In addition, one artist will be chosen to be featured a solo show for the following exhibition season (2018 to 2019) at the Royal Nebeker Art Gallery.

For a prospectus, download the document from the "Au Naturel" website at aunaturelart.com or send a SASE to Au Naturel International Juried Exhibition, care of Kristin Shauck, Clatsop Community College, 1651 Lexington Ave., Astoria, Ore., 97103.

Serving as juror for the 2018 exhibit is Arvie Smith, a man known nationally for his large format socially provocative figurative paintings.

For more information about the exhibition, contact Kristin Shauck at 503-338-2472 or kshauck@clatsopcc.edu

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