

## Vendors, crafters wanted to help 'Deck the Hall'

SKAMOKAWA, WASH. — The Friends of Skamokawa is seeking vendors and crafters to participate in the group's annual holiday open house, "Deck the Hall."

Looking to sell your unique art or craft? Whether you are new to selling or have years of experience, we would love to have you at this fun community event. We offer a warm, friendly holiday shopping environment for everyone to enjoy.

Submit vendor items no later than 3 p.m. Monday, Nov. 20.

The open house takes place Friday, Nov. 24, through Sunday, Dec. 17, at the Friends of Skamokawa's River Life Interpretive Center (aka Central School and Redmen Hall) at 1394 Washington State Route 4, Skamokawa, Washington.

For more information, or to sign up, call 360-795-3007 or email fos1894@gmail.com.

## Astoria Yacht Club talks marine diesel engines

ASTORIA — At 6:30 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 2, the Astoria Yacht Club will host Mark Woolsey of Coast Diesel as part of its 2017-18 educational program.

Woolsey will discuss the maintenance, troubleshooting and selection of small marine diesel engines.

The talk will be held in the Yacht Club room

upstairs in the Chinook Building (300 Industry St.) at the West Mooring Basin and will last one to two hours. There will be no charge, but donations toward facility expenses will be accepted.

Though the presentation will be primarily oriented toward pleasure craft, it will be open to the public.



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A sailor with the Astoria Yacht Club adjusts the main sail on his boat during a leisurely outing on the Columbia River.

# At Astoria Public Library, Oregon Humanities goes 'Beyond Fake News'



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Kelly McElroy, an outreach librarian at Oregon State University

ASTORIA — Oregonians have seen how the news can both represent and misrepresent facts. From debate over the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge to the discourse around "alternative facts," it can seem difficult to find current and accurate information as we make decisions in our communities.

This is the focus of "Beyond Fake News: How We Find Accurate Information about the World," a free conversation with Kelly McElroy 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 4, at the Astoria Public Library (450 10th St.). This program is sponsored by Oregon Humanities.

McElroy is an outreach librarian at Oregon State University. She coedited the Critical Library Pedagogy Handbooks and is interested in engaging communities in thoughtful inquiry about the in-

formation they need for school, work and play.

Through the Conversation Project, Oregon Humanities offers free programs that engage community members in thoughtful, challenging conversations about ideas critical to our daily lives and our state's future.

For more information about this free community discussion, contact Senior Library Assistant Ami Kreider at 503-325-7323 or akreider@astoria.or.us.

Oregon Humanities — an independent nonprofit affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities and a partner of the Oregon Cultural Trust — connects Oregonians to ideas that change lives and transform communities.

More information about Oregon Humanities' programs and publications can be found at oregonhumanities.org.

## Ales & Ideas presents 'Imperiled: Church/State Separation in America'

ASTORIA — Clatsop Community College's next Ales & Ideas lecture, titled "Imperiled: Church/State Separation in America," takes place 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 2, at the Fort George Lovell Showroom at Duane and 14th streets. Doors open at 6 p.m.

Ed Joyce, an adjunct instructor of geology at the college, will moderate a panel discussion. Speakers will include Seth Tichenor, CCC instructor of philosophy and religion, along with the Reverend Kit Ketchum of Pacific Unitarian Universalist Fellowship and Pastor Bill Van Nostran of the First Presbyterian Church of Astoria.

Come early to the free event and visit with members of Indivisible North Coast. Seasonal ales and pub food will be available for sale, but no purchase is necessary. Minors are welcome.

"Implicit in our understanding of



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our First Amendment right of religious freedom is the idea of separation of church and state," Joyce wrote. "It has been well demonstrated throughout

history that both the church and state are more functional and effective when they are kept separate.

"The present administration in Washington is proceeding with legislation that would severely breach the wall of separation between church and state on numerous fronts."

This timely panel discussion will explore several of the more egregious breaches, including the allowance of school prayer, overt discrimination involving religious liberties, school vouchers that provide public funding to private religious entities, and clergy who endorse political candidates from the pulpit.

Before moving to Astoria more than two years ago, Joyce was president of the Philadelphia Chapter of Americans United for the Separation of Church & State.