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Poster art by Iris and Maisie Siegel

Support Fire Mountain, enter to win a trip!

ARCH CAPE — Purchase a raffle ticket to support Fire Mountain School and you may be the lucky winner of a trip valued at \$4,000. The best part: You decide where you want to go!

The second-place prize is a two-night stay at The Lodge at Columbia Pointe in Richland, Washington, a premier hotel overlooking the Columbia River. Third place is a \$250 gift certificate for Breitenbush Hot Springs in the Cascade Mountains.

In addition, one ticket will get two people over 21 into the Havana Nights Party at the old Nehalem fire hall (35900 Eighth St. Nehalem), where the lucky ticket will be drawn 8:30 p.m. Saturday, March 3. The party starts at 5:30 p.m. and features a live Cuban band from Portland. Entry includes a dinner of Cuban cuisine.

There will also be a cash bar featuring beer from Bills Tavern, wine and cocktails. A silent auction will take place with local treasures

to bid on, including local art, gift certificates to local businesses and a three-night stay in an oceanfront cabin in Falcon Cove.

Tickets are \$40 each, or three for \$100. There are only 500 tickets for sale, which can be purchased from a Fire Mountain parent or online at firemountain-school.org.

Fire Mountain School is an independent school dedicated to assisting children in their ongoing work of exploring and making sense of the world.

Please note: Prizes are not redeemable for their cash value. The grand prize is airfare and accommodation to a destination chosen by the winner. All travel expenses must be paid for by Fire Mountain School and shall not exceed \$4,000. Winners need not be present to win. Prizes must be redeemed by May 6, 2018, or will be forfeited. The raffle ticket does not qualify as a charitable tax deduction.

Featured artist savors nature's moods

ASTORIA — Christa Grimm is the February featured artist at the Astoria Art Loft (106 Third St.). Her exhibit runs through Saturday, March 3.

This Oregon artist is passionate about landscapes of the Pacific Northwest and translates that passion into paintings with vibrant colors and lively movement. Featured on OPB's Oregon Art Beat, she has exhibited her paintings and murals throughout the state.

Grimm is also passionate about world religions, shamanic cultures and yoga. The wisdom and balance of her varied interests are evident in her artwork.

Raised in an artistic family — both parents are well-known ceramicists — she always had a paint



COURTESY ASTORIA ART LOFT

Oregon artist Christa Grimm paints the many moods of nature.

brush, pencil or ball of clay in hand. Now living on the Oregon Coast, Grimm indulges in savoring the

moods of nature that lead to more expressive paintings.

For more information,

call 503-325-4442, email astoriaartloft@gmail.com or visit astoriaartloft.com.

Get in some pruning practice with Master Gardeners

ILWACO, WASH. — Got spring fever? Join Washington State University Master Gardeners for a workshop on spring pruning for home gardens and orchards 10 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 17.

We'll meet indoors

at the Columbia Pacific Heritage Museum (115 SE Lake St.) in Ilwaco, where there will be hands-on opportunities to practice your pruning.

There are several important actions for gardeners to consider this time

of year. These includes pruning plants and trees while they're still dormant to ensure their health and optimize their beauty.

We will share specific techniques for pruning ornamental plants, shrubs, fruit trees and caning

berries. There will be plants and demonstrations of pruning methods and handouts to guide you in keeping your plants looking their best.

For more information, contact Elena Righettini at mrighettini@yahoo.com.



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