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Author Marianne Monson, instructor of writing at Clatsop Community College

#MeToo: What Now?

ASTORIA — Clatsop Community College and Fort George Brewery are pleased to announce the March event for the 2017-18 first Thursday Ales & Ideas lectures. On March 1, the college will kick off Women's History Month with two talented speakers at the brewery's Lovell Showroom.

Mindy Stokes, women's studies instructor and director of the Lives in Transition program, presents "#Me Too: What Now?"

Stokes will provide a historical analysis of the Me Too campaign and why it's a significant and sustainable aspect of the feminist movement.

According to Wikipedia, the phrase "Me Too," long used by social activist Tarana Burke to help survivors realize they are not alone, was popularized by actress Alyssa Milano when she encouraged women to Tweet it to "give people a sense of the magnitude of the problem."

Since then, #MeToo has been posted online millions of times, and terms such as sexual harassment and sexual assault are common expressions used in the workplace. Stokes will provide a way forward in the "What Now?" portion of the evening, discussing why the third and fourth waves of the feminist movement provide a theoretical framework for creating a society built on equity.



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Mindy Stokes, women's studies instructor and director of Lives in Transition at Clatsop Community College

The college is also pleased to introduce our newest instructor of writing, Marianne Monson, who will read an excerpt from her latest book, "Frontier Grit: The Unlikely True Stories of Daring Pioneer Women."

Doors open with food and beverage service at 6 p.m. Seasonal beers are on tap, food and other beverages are available for purchase, but no purchase is required. Minors are welcome.

The Fort George Lovell Showroom is located at Duane and 14th streets in Astoria.



COURTESY ENCORE DANCE STUDIO

Members of Encore Dance Studio's team gather for a picture at owner Denele Sweet's house. Pictured (from left) are Suzannah Hastings, April Cameron, Courtney Bangs, Tia Van Slyke, Trixie Leone, Denele Sweet, Erin Hofseth, Brittani Henderson, Kimmbry Mount and Nikkole Sasso. Other staff members not pictured include Krysti Ficker, Cheryl Cochran, Christiane Butler, Michelle Lee, Connie Mulvany, Arlene Holmes, Annie Navarjo-Rivera and Dana Larsen.

Encore scholarships on offer for aspiring dancers

GEARHART — Encore Dance Studio's non-profit Encore Performing Arts Foundation is now accepting applications for scholarships for the 2018-19 dance year.

The mission for these scholarships is to get kids dancing who have financial barriers.

Applications are due Friday, March 16. Winners of the scholarship will be announced Wednesday, April 25.

Email getyouddancing@gmail.com or visit the Gearhart studio (3631 U.S. Highway 101 N.) to pick up an application.

Servin' up soul food at Seaside library

SEASIDE — Spice up your life at our "Coastal Soul Cooking Class" 1 p.m. Saturday, March 10. The event is sponsored by the Friends of the Seaside Library and will be held in the Community Room.

The class is limited to 15 people and will be taught by LaNicia Williams. You can sign up for this special event at the Circulation Desk or by phone.

Williams' specialties include Southern-style fried chicken, cornbread, homemade mac-and-cheese, collard greens, candied yams and much more.

Williams will give

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Chef LaNicia Williams

cooking instruction and hands-on demonstrations, focusing on one of her favorite soul food dishes:

shrimp and grits. Participants will turn the kitchen at the library into a soul-food sanctuary and will learn how to cook a soul food meal seasoned with love.

Williams is a resident of Nehalem and the maker of "cornbread so good that just one piece will never be enough." She is originally from the Los Angeles area and found her way to the North Coast by way of Seattle in 2014.

The Seaside Public Library is located at 1131 Broadway St. For more information, call 503-738-6742 or visit seasidelibrary.org.