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A piece by Arvi Ostrom

## 'Behind the Bar' on tap during Astoria Art Walk

ASTORIA — The Clatsop County Heritage Museum will be participating in Astoria's Second Saturday Art Walk 5 to 9 p.m. March 10.

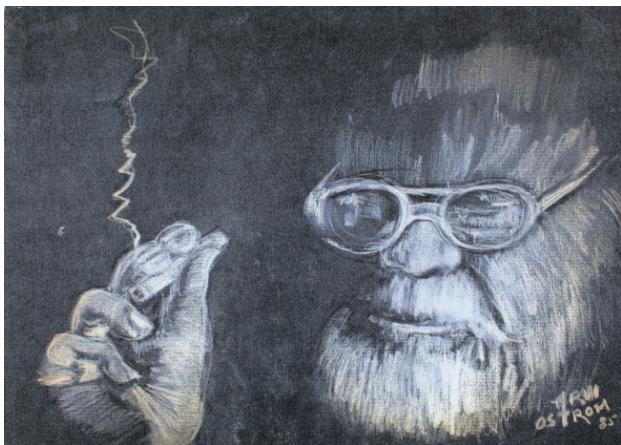
This may be your final chance to see the temporary exhibit "Behind the Bar: The Folk Art of Arvi Ostrom and the Snug Harbor," as the exhibit closes soon afterward.

"Behind the Bar" features a fraction of the more than 10,000 drawings, paintings and carvings created by Astoria's prolific folk artist and saloon operator Arvi Ostrom. Many people may recall Arvi's Uniontown tavern, the Snug Harbor, and his drawings, but few

could imagine the breadth of his work and talent.

Upon Ostrom's death in 1994, his grandson Ken Carlson became the caretaker of this vast collection. He has endeavored to preserve his grandfather's legacy and share it with the public for the first time.

The Historical Society is a nonprofit educational organization dedicated to preserving and presenting the history of Clatsop County and the surrounding area. The Society operates the Flavel House Museum, the Heritage Museum, the Oregon Film Museum and the Uppertown Firefighters Museum.



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## Image-maker tells personal story at LightBox

ASTORIA — LightBox Photographic Gallery hosts the opening and artist reception for "Correspondence," an exhibit by Austin Granger, during Astoria's Second Saturday Art Walk 5 to 8 p.m. March 10.

Granger will give a talk 4 to 5 p.m. before the opening. Contact LightBox (1045 Marine Drive) at 503-468-0238 or [info@lightbox-photographic.com](mailto:info@lightbox-photographic.com) for limited reserved seating.

Granger is a prolific image-maker living in Portland. "Correspondence" is a personal narrative of imagery from his daily wanderings. Insightful and inventive, Granger carries an array of favorite traditional film cameras everywhere. We are happy to present 60 platinum/palladium prints, covering LightBox's walls with handmade prints of Granger's work.



"Jesus in the Snow" by Austin Granger

Granger is the author of "Elegy from the Edge of a Continent: Photographing Point Reyes." Born in San Francisco in 1970, Granger first began to photograph while studying philosophy in college. Photography was a way to get out of

his head.

Preferring to use traditional film cameras, he has come to see his photography as a spiritual practice — a way to shape his life and enrich his relationship with the world.

"I've come to think of



"Telephone Pole with Birds, Portland" by Austin Granger

my pictures as an attempt to understand myself, and also as an attempt to communicate," he said. "I want to express emotions that people will recognize. I want my pictures to be a correspondence between us, to be both the place and the record of our meeting."

His exhibit runs through Tuesday, April 10. Visit [lightbox-photographic.com/shows/](http://lightbox-photographic.com/shows/) for complete exhibit and artist info.

AUSTIN GRANGER PHOTOS

## RiverSea Gallery honors Women's History Month



COURTESY RIVERSEA GALLERY

"Little Monsters About to Cross the Line," a ceramic and mixed-media piece by Jacqueline Hurlbert

ASTORIA — RiverSea Gallery presents two art shows and a book signing for Astoria's Second Saturday Art Walk in an event that pays tribute to strong, creative women of many talents.

"Fierce" is an exhibition celebrating feminine power by 14 female artists from around the Pacific Northwest who have contributed pieces addressing the theme of strong women in honor of National Women's History Month.

Joan Stuart Ross is featured in the Alcove with a solo exhibition titled "Oysters Surround Me" — a series of lush, colorful paintings in pigmented beeswax inspired by the ubiquitous oysters found near her cottage on Willapa Bay.

Both exhibitions will remain on view through Sunday, April 8.

Festivities begin 4 p.m. Saturday, March 10, with Astoria author Marianne Monson signing copies of her book "Frontier Grit: The Unlikely True Stories of Daring Pioneer Women," followed by a reception 5 to 8 p.m. Art Walk attendees will enjoy folk music by local singer/songwriter

Lucy Barna.

Asked about the title of this month's group show, gallery owner Jeannine Grafton said, "To me, 'Fierce' implies strength with passion, turning to a wild and fiery inner force to give an edge to your resolve. Sometimes it takes an edge like that to forge change in the world."

The group exhibition will showcase a variety of mediums, from paintings and works on paper to sculpture, fiber art and mixed media.

Featured artists include Alea Bone, Stephanie Brockway, Corinne Carbone, Heide Davis, Alison Eriksen, Jacqueline Hurlbert, Liz McDonald, Melissa Monroe, Alison O'Donoghue, Stacy Polson, Nicole Rawlins, Leslie Peterson Sapp, Karen Wippich and Cathie Joy Young.

Discover fine art, contemporary craft, jewelry and gifts by outstanding Northwest artists at RiverSea Gallery (1160 Commercial St.).

For more information, call the gallery at 503-325-1270, or visit [riverseagallery.com](http://riverseagallery.com).