

## Tuition-free ballet classes offered at Encore Dance Studio

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WARRENTON — Thanks to donations to a GoFundMe account, the Encore Performing Arts Foundation has enough funding to offer a second session of tuition-free Community Ballet. Session No. 2 is held from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Mondays from March 12 to May 7 (but closed for spring break) at the Warrenton Studio, 429 S.E. Marlin Ave., Suite B.

This class is designed for students ages 13 through adult who have felt that they're either too old to join dance classes, or who may have financial barriers to participating in dance classes. There is no cost for tuition, but there is a registration fee of \$10. Encore Dance Studio membership is not required.

To sign up, call 503-717-1637 or stop in at the Gearhart studio, 3631 U.S. Highway 101 N. in Gearhart.

## Volunteer for work party at Astoria Warming Center

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The community at large is invited to join in a work party from 9 a.m. to noon March 17 at the Astoria Warming Center, located at the First United Methodist Church, 1076 Grand Ave. Enter using the side door on 11th Street.

Work party participants

will help the staff clean up for the end of the season at the facility with litter patrol, cleaning and putting away pillows and mattresses, and doing laundry at a laundromat. A pizza party follows the event.

For information, and to sign up, contact Janet Weidman at janet.weidman@icloud.com

## Free genealogical workshop offered to help with research

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The Clatsop County Genealogical Society presents a free workshop, "Finding Your Roots 101," given by Laurel Smith, current president of the Genealogical Forum of Oregon, at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Latter-day

Saints Meeting House, 350 Niagara Ave.

The workshop is designed show those attending how to get a good start doing genealogical research correctly. RSVP to reserve a space by emailing clatsopcountygensoc@gmail.com or leave a message at 503-741-7688.

## Charitable donations and joy of giving on InFaith agenda

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WARRENTON — InFaith Community Foundation and Thrivent Financial representatives Linda Moreland and Jason Susee host an event that celebrates the joy of giving, "Spreading Joy, Changing Lives, Living Generously," from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Thursday at Lighthouse Christian Church, 88786

Dellmoor Loop.

Cindy Aegerter from the InFaith Community Foundation will speak about charitable donations through a donor advised fund. Call Dorene Sheldon at 503-738-5182 at Lighthouse Christian Church to reserve a place. Refreshments will be served. RSVP to Linda Moreland at 503-780-8704 or linda.moreland@thrivent.com



Astoria Scandinavian Midsummer Festival

The leadership at the Astoria Scandinavian Midsummer Festival Association has changed. Leila Collier, center, is the former head of the festival committee. The new co-leaders are Tony Larson, left, and Carla Oja.

## Larson and Oja take helm of Scandinavian Festival

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The Astoria Scandinavian Midsummer Festival Association has announced a change in leadership. Leila Collier, who led the festival committee for the past three years, is stepping down. The two new co-chairs are Tony Larson and Carla Oja.

Larson has a law degree from Willamette University and is of Danish descent. He's a professional mediator, chairman of the Scan Oregon Lodge, life patron in the American Branch of the International Law Association, and life

member of the Society for the Advancement of Scandinavian Studies.

Oja has a degree in resource recreational management, and is an instructional assistant at Lewis and Clark Elementary School. She's former manager at Tapiola Pool and a longtime swim teacher and coach. All four Oja children were active in the festival dance groups, courts, and flag ceremonies when they were growing up.

Other officers for the upcoming year include Carole Lyngstad, treasurer, Bonnie Fisher, secretary, Sonja Madsen, historian, and Judi Lampi, publicist.

The Scandinavian Midsummer Festival is June 15-17 at the Clatsop County Fairgrounds. The festival committee is comprised of approximately 40 volunteers who work year-round to prepare for the event, and another 40 volunteers who help in June.

The festival is also supported by the local Scandinavian lodges and their volunteers at festival time, too. Those interested in volunteering should contact the lodge of their choice or the festival committee at astoriascanfest.com. Being Scandinavian is not required to participate; all are welcome.

## Astoria Regatta announces 2018 court princesses

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The Astoria Regatta has announced the 2018 court, which consists of four Regatta Princesses.

Danielle Morinville is a junior at Knappa High School. She has been involved in the Miss Clatsop County Scholarship Program, 4-H, and her church youth

group, and plans to attend a four-year university after graduation.

Catherine Tapales attends Warrenton High School and is involved with the student council, National Honor Society, Communicare, and is also the head stats girl for the school's wrestling team. She plans to attend the University of Washington to study

toxicology and become a pathologist.

Nikkole Sasso was born and raised in Astoria, and is a junior at Astoria High School. She has been dancing at Encore Dance Studio since she was 3 years old. She teaches three classes there, and also works at the Astoria Dutch Bros. Coffee.

Katie Zagata attends Sea-

side High School. She is involved in soccer, basketball and track, sings in her high school choir and is part of the student government. After high school, she plans to go to a four-year university.

The Astoria Regatta is Aug. 8 to 11, and the theme this year is "Making Waves!" For information, go to [www.astoriaregatta.com](http://www.astoriaregatta.com)

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

**4-H** — Looking for 4-H leaders. For information, call Sandra Carlson at the Oregon State University Extension at 503-325-8573.

**American Red Cross** — Needs registration volunteers (donor ambassadors) in Clatsop County to provide customer service and enhance the blood donor experience. For information, call Angela Basurto at 503-528-5430.

**Angels for Sara Senior Dog Sanctuary** — Needs volunteers to help care for elderly dogs who are unable to stay with their owners. Anyone interested in fundraising, yard maintenance, spending quality time with the dogs or fostering a senior dog, short or long term, contact Jacque Pressly at [angelsforsara@gmail.com](mailto:angelsforsara@gmail.com) or call 503-325-2772.

**Astoria Column** — 1 Coxcomb Drive. Volunteers needed to welcome visitors, provide information and answer questions about the Astoria Column and the city of Astoria. For information, call the Friends of the Astoria Column Visitor Center at 503-325-2963.

**Astoria Riverfront Trolley Association** — 111 W. Marine Drive. Needs conductors/motormen to operate trolley and narrate points of interest. One or more three-hour shifts per month. For information, call the 503-325-6311.

**Astoria Senior Center** — 1111 Exchange St. To volunteer, call Larry Miller at 503-325-3231.

**Astoria Veteran Van Drivers** — Volunteer drivers needed for the Disabled American Veterans van for one or more trips per month. The van leaves Astoria at 7 a.m. for the Portland Veterans Administration Hospital and returns in the early afternoon. To volunteer, contact Dick Lang, Astoria DAV van coordinator, at 503-298-8757 or [dicklang@charter.net](mailto:dicklang@charter.net). Drivers receive free breakfast and lunch vouchers for the hospital canteen on every trip.

**Astoria Warming Center** — 1076 Franklin Ave. Winter overnight emergency shelter for homeless

persons needs volunteers for three-hour shifts from evening through the night to help with welcoming guests, serving dinner, cleaning the kitchen, monitoring the sleeping area overnight, and closing the shelter in the morning. Volunteers also needed for weekly litter patrols in the neighborhood. To volunteer, email [astoriawarmingcenter@gmail.com](mailto:astoriawarmingcenter@gmail.com)

**Astoria-Warrenton Area Chamber of Commerce** — 111 W. Marine Drive. Volunteers needed at the chamber and for events. For information, call 503-325-6311.

**Camp Kiwanilong** — A large variety of volunteer opportunities are available. For information, call 503-861-2933 or go to [campkiwanilong.org](http://campkiwanilong.org)

**Cannon Beach Academy** — 3781 S. Hemlock St., Cannon Beach. Volunteers needed for breakfast or lunch preparation and cleanup, reading groups, math groups, lunch/recess duty and housekeeping. Shifts are 1.25 hours or longer. For information, call 503-298-5245.

**Cannon Beach Library** — 131 North Hemlock, Cannon Beach. Volunteers needed for a variety of tasks and time commitments, including alphabetizing bookshelves, covering books, doing minor building maintenance, helping with a speakers' series, and participating in annual book sales and other events. For information email [info@cannonbeachlibrary.org](mailto:info@cannonbeachlibrary.org) or call 503-436-1391.

**Caring Adults Developing Youth (CADY) Mentoring Program** — 800 Exchange St., second floor. Needs mentors for youths ages 10 to 17 at risk of school failure. Time commitment: one year, about eight hours per month. For information, contact Laura Parker at 503-325-8601 or [lparker@co.clatsop.or.us](mailto:lparker@co.clatsop.or.us)

**Clatsop Animal Assistance Inc.** — Needs volunteers who have a strong commitment to work on behalf of the Clatsop County Animal Shelter's dogs and cats. For information, email [info@dogscats.org](mailto:info@dogscats.org) or call 503-861-0737.

**Clatsop Care Center** — Volunteers needed daily for all three meals to provide one-on-one assistance to dining dependent residents. Volunteers must participate in a 16-hour training program. For information, contact Mandy Brencley at 503-325-0313, ext. 209.

**Clatsop County Animal Shelter** — Animal care volunteers age 16 and older needed for one 3-hour shift per week. Pick up an application at 1315 S.E. 19th St., Warrenton. For information, or to schedule orientation, call Leslie Atkinson at 503-325-1000.

**Clatsop Community Action Regional Food Bank** — Volunteers needed to help hand out fruits and vegetables at the weekly produce pantries for two hours on Thursdays, from April to October, in Seaside and Warrenton. Warehouse attendants are needed for food packing or processing, picking orders for agencies, light janitorial and housekeeping, or lawn and grounds maintenance. Three to four-hour shifts are available Monday through Friday. To volunteer, call 503-861-3663.

**Clatsop Community College Outreach Literacy** — Needs volunteer literacy tutors to work with adults, native and non-native speakers. Training available. For information, call 503-338-2557.

**Clatsop County Public Works** — 1101 Olney Ave. Adopt-A-Road volunteers needed to remove litter two times (minimum) per year for two years. Safety equipment and supplies provided. Volunteers must receive safety orientation. For information, call 503-325-8631.

**Clatsop Cruise Hosts** — Looking for volunteers to meet and greet cruise ship passengers and crew, provide information and answer questions about the Clatsop County area. Ships arrive in the spring and fall, about 20 ships each year. Work all the ships or part of them. For information, go to [clatsopcruisehosts.org](http://clatsopcruisehosts.org)

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Colorectal Cancer Is the Cancer You Can Prevent



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### 3 Facts for Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month

1. Colorectal cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death in the U.S. Finding it now could save your life.
2. Everyone over the age of 50 should be screened. Ask your doctor if you should be screened sooner.
3. There are several colorectal cancer screening tests, including affordable, simple, at-home screening options.

Call **503-338-4075** now to make an appointment.

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