



Alex Falcone headlines the Cheap Whiskey and Dirty Jokes comedy show at Labor Temple.

Labor Temple brings more cheap whiskey, dirty jokes

ASTORIA — Stand-up comedy comes to the Labor Temple Bar with another night of Cheap Whiskey and Dirty Jokes 8 p.m. Friday, May 18. There is a \$5 cover for this show. Only people 21 and older may attend.

A monthly event with rotating hosts, May's event promises to be one of the best yet. Host Gideon For-Mukwai has assembled an all-star lineup with headliner Alex Falcone and featuring Anthony Lopez, Mohamed Elshieky and Katie Nguyen.

Lopez is a Portland staple. He was last year's runner up in Portland's Funniest Person

and is a regular at Helium Comedy Club.

Elshieky is a comedian from Portland who grew up in Benghazi, Libya. He was named one of the Portland Mercury's Undisputable Geniuses of Comedy and has appeared on the Lovett or Leave It podcast.

Nguyen has appeared at numerous festivals including Bridgetown, Sketchfest and 10K Laughs. She was named one of the original Undisputable Geniuses of Portland Comedy by the Portland Mercury.

Falcone is a comedian and writer living in Portland. He has appeared on the IFC

show "Portlandia" a handful of times, at the Bridgetown Comedy Festival, and was named one of Portland's Funniest Five by Willamette Week. He also wrote a young adult romance novel called "Unwrap My Heart" about a girl who falls in love with a sexy mummy. Publisher's Weekly called it "unfortunate." And one time, Salt & Straw even named an ice cream flavor after Falcone ("Chocolate and Falcognac"), and it was delicious.

Despite these accomplishments, the comic has somehow remained totally down-to-earth and approachable.

Blues Band show benefits Astoria Visual Arts

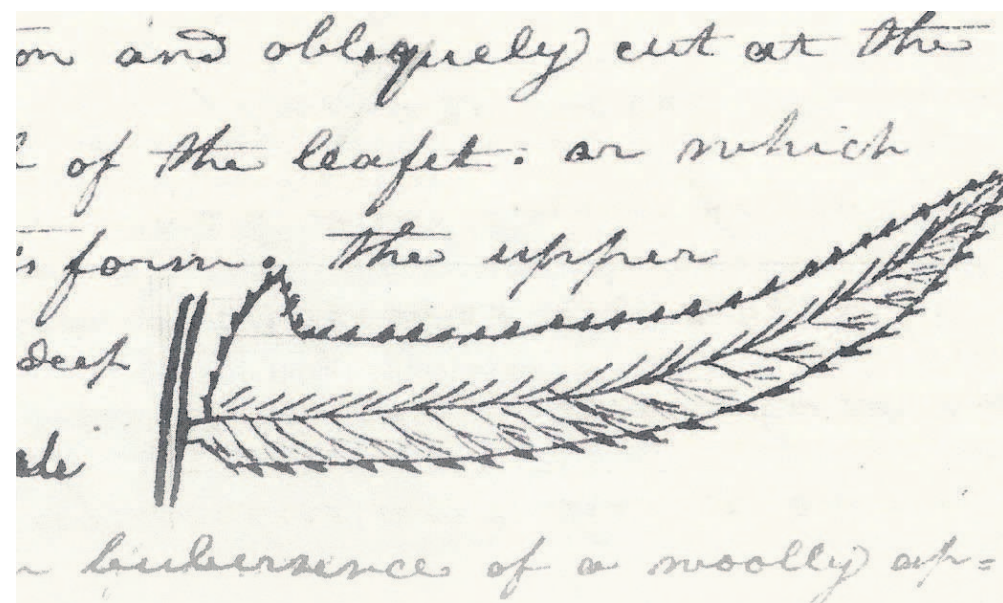
ASTORIA — Astoria Visual Arts, a nonprofit arts organization, is having a benefit 7 to 11 p.m. Thursday, May 17, at the Labor Temple Bar, 935 Duane St., in Astoria, featuring the North Coast Blues Band with Clint Carter, Richard Tomlinson

and others. Sliding scale donations and specialty drinks will be offered.

Astoria Visual Arts has been working for artists in the community since 1989 by placing arts and culture at the center of a changing rural economy.



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A sketch of a sword fern leaf by Meriwether Lewis

Ethnobotany near the mouth of the Columbia

FORT CLATSOP — Lewis and Clark National Historical Park, Fort Clatsop is pleased to announce the next In Their Footsteps free speaker series event. "Ethnobotany Near the Mouth of the Columbia River" with Judith Lampi will take place 1 p.m. Sunday, May 20.

Humans have always depended on plants for food, medicine and textiles. Ethnobotany is the study of how people of a particular culture and region make use of indigenous (native) plants. This forum will take its participants on an ethnobotanical tour of the Lewis and Clark Expedition journals and share how the indigenous people of the Lower Columbia River used the plants that Capt. Meriwether Lewis described during the winter of 1805-06.

Lampi attributes her passion for native plants and how the Chinook and Clatsop people used them to her grandfather, a retired logger who would walk with her as a child in the forest and along the shores of the river



Judith Lampi

and tell her the plant names and stories of the Native Americans who lived there.

For decades, she has been collecting and sharing information about American Indian uses of this area's native plants and studying the Lewis and Clark Expedition journals. Lampi taught ethnobotany as a science

elective at the Health Sciences Biotechnology Magnet School in Portland and later became a national park ranger at Fort Clatsop. She has guided many ethnobotany walks and lectured around the country.

In Their Footsteps is a monthly Sunday forum sponsored by the Lewis and Clark National Park Association and the park. These programs are held in the Netul River Room of Fort Clatsop's visitor center and are free of charge.

For more information, call the park at 503-861-2471, or check out nps.gov/lewi, or Lewis and Clark National Historical Park on Facebook.