

COURTESY MARIANNE MONSON

A ball for booklovers

ASTORIA — The Writer's Guild, an Astoria-based nonprofit dedicated to promoting literacy in the community, announces their annual Literary Ball and Benefit, 6 to 9 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 3, at RiverSea Gallery.

Come dressed as your favorite author or book character for an evening of food, drink and wordplay. Literary auction items are sure to charm your favorite bibliophile, and all benefits go to support literacy initiatives in our community for 2019.

The event is free and open to the public. The gallery is at 1160 Commercial St. For more information, visit, thewritersguild.org.



COURTESY KATHERINE LACAZE

Part of the cast from Astoria High School's production of 'The Importance of Being Earnest.'

The importance of seeing 'Earnest' at Astoria High

ASTORIA — Oscar Wilde's classic comedy "The Importance of Being Earnest" comes to the Astoria High School stage this fall and is sure to delight audiences with colorful characters, situational comedy and clever dialogue.

The show will take place in

the high school's auditorium at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Nov. 2 and 3, and Friday and Saturday, Nov. 9 and 10. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Ten students from

the high school's drama program bring to life a cast of outrageous yet complex characters in this timeless comedy, which premiered in 1895 but highlights themes that are relevant today. "Earnest" explores with wit and satire both the charm and absurdity of the Victo-

Tickets can be purchased at the door the evening of each performance. Admission is \$8 for adults, \$5 for students and children 12 and younger.

Refreshments will be available for purchase. Proceeds go to the high school's drama program.

For more information. contact director Theater Director Katherine Lacaze at 503-741-5668 or the high school at 503-325-3911.





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Author Marianne Monson in her living room with her latest book, 'Women of the Blue & Gray.'

Astoria author highlights women of the Civil War

ASTORIA — Clatsop Community College presents "North and South in Dialogue: the Women of the Civil War" with Astoria author Marianne Monson at the next Ales & Ideas lecture on Thursday, Nov. 1.

Monson, who teaches at the college, will offer a unique twist on Day of the Dead by sharing stories of remarkable American women who lived (and died) during the U.S. Civil War era. Join her for a conversation about her process, her research trip through the South and the relevance of the project in today's

political climate.

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

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

Monson is the author of 11 books for children and adults with an emphasis on women's history. Her new book is "Women of the Blue & Gray: True Stories of Mothers, Medics, Soldiers and Spies of the Civil War."

Masters head Northwest by Northwest for Stormy Arts

CANNON BEACH — Northwest By Northwest Gallery celebrates 31 Stormy Weather Arts Festivals with original art by regional masters.

On Saturday, Nov. 3, fine art photographer Christopher Burkett, recently featured on the PBS NewsHour, will share new work at the festival at 1:30 p.m. His work is in many museums around the country.

The featured artist is bronze sculptor Georgia Gerber, whose distinctive, expressionistic bronze sculptures defines

many public places in the Northwest. Her new collection includes a bronze trout created for a lodge in Yellowstone, "Pond Dance" and tufted puffin sculptures that benefit the Friends of Haystack Rock Awareness Program.

Other gallery artists presenting are Ann Fleming, a figurative/narrative bronze sculptor, at noon, and Angelita Surmon, who explores painting and kiln-formed glass, at

The gallery is at 232 N. Spruce St.

