

You an artist? Need a studio?

ASTORIA — Astoria Visual Arts seeks applications from local artists interested in working in a rent-free studio Jan. 1 through April 30.

The deadline for applications is midnight Wednesday, Dec. 19. Notification of selection takes place Saturday, Dec. 22.

Successful candidates will be provided with studio space in the Astoria Downtown Historic District free of charge for a four-month residency, beginning Jan. 1.

The AVA a-i-r Program is designed to encourage the creative, intellectual and professional growth of local artists. Residency finalists are chosen on the basis of merit by an independent selection panel of working artists and arts patrons. Those who have applied in the past are encouraged to reapply with an updated portfolio and statement reflecting updates and changes.

For more information and to apply online, visit astoriavisualarts.org/ava-a-i-r.html.

AVA a-i-r is supported by membership dues and contributions from supporters of Astoria Visual Arts and by the generosity of the Astoria Coffee House & Bistro.

Submit your 'Secret Astoria' for AVA and RiverSea show

ASTORIA — Astoria Visual Arts seeks artists for a members' exhibit at RiverSea Gallery, Saturday, Jan. 12, through Tuesday, Feb. 5. Artwork must explore the theme "My Secret Astoria." All media are welcome.

Current members are invited to submit one to three pieces to RiverSea from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday or Monday, Jan. 6 or 7. Artwork must not exceed 36 inches wide and must be for sale.

As wall space is limited,



Annie Eskelin



Jeannine Grafton

Betsy Millard, executive director of the Columbia Pacific Heritage Museum, will select artwork to be included in the exhibit. The opening reception will take place during

Astoria's Second Saturday Art Walk, 5 to 8 p.m. Jan. 12.

A portion of sales will support AVA's Miss Bea Fund for enhanced, community-based arts learning in our area high schools.

For more information about AVA, visit astoriavisualarts.org. For questions, contact AVA Executive Director Annie Eskelin at astoriavisualarts@gmail.com or 503-791-0575.

RiverSea Gallery is at 1160 Commercial St.

Where the wild things are

ASTORIA — The next Nature Matters event features staff at the Wildlife Center of the North Coast and takes place 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 13, at the Fort George Lovell Showroom, 1483 Duane St.

Executive Director Josh Saranpaa and Rehabilitation Coordinator Pauline Baker give the audience an inside look at what wildlife rehabilitation is, its importance and the impact people have on wildlife.

The audience will learn more about their local wildlife rehabilitation facility and the care and education services it provides the community. The presentation will share how the community can get involved.

The free event is open to the public. Doors open at 6

p.m. to purchase dinner or beverages at Fort George beforehand.

Nature Matters is hosted by Lewis and Clark National Historical Park in partnership with the North Coast Watershed Association, the Lewis & Clark National Park Association, and Fort George Brewery + Public House.

For more information, call the park at 503-861-2471, or check out www.nps.gov/lewi



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Josh Saranpaa, executive director at the Wildlife Center of the North Coast.

or Lewis and Clark National Historical Park on Facebook or Instagram @Lewisand-ClarkNHP.

Take a look at zooplankton changes on the Oregon Coast

CANNON BEACH — The first talk in The World of Haystack Rock, a Library Lecture Series, is scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 12.

Samantha Zeman, research assistant at Hatfield Marine Science Center in Newport will present "Zooplankton: Indicators of ocean change."

The lecture series is held 7 to 8:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month through May at Cannon Beach Library, 131 N. Hemlock St.

Zeman works in an ocean-monitoring program that collects oceanographic data on biweekly research cruises. She will discuss the changes in zooplankton along the Oregon Coast and what the changes mean.

The series is sponsored by the library and the Friends of Haystack Rock, a nonprofit focused on keeping Haystack Rock healthy and thriving in cooperation with the Haystack Rock Awareness Program and other partnerships.



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