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Submit your 'Secret Astoria' for AVA, 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, 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 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.



Annie Eskelin



Jeannine Grafton, owner of RiverSea Gallery.

RYAN HUME PHOTO

Publish your poetry, win money

MANZANITA — The Manzanita Writers' Series is sponsoring a poetry contest in January. Here's your chance to see your poem in print and win a \$100 cash prize.

Submit poems of 30 lines or less on any subject. Up to three poems will be accepted in a single submission document.

Each submitter must

state a clear connection to the North Coast in the biographical statement that accompanies the submission.

The contest will be limited to the first 50 poets who submit. The submission window runs from Tuesday, Jan. 1, to Thursday, Jan. 31. All submissions will be anonymously judged by Lana Ayers. The winner will be notified in March.

There is a \$7 fee to enter the contest. All submissions must be made online at hoffmanarts.org. Please follow the specific guidelines.

The winning poem and poet will be featured in the Hoffman Center Newsletter in April, as well as in the next issue of North Coast Squid (November) with a full-page spread including the poem, author photo and an interview-based profile.

Ayers, creator MoonPath Press, has authored nine collections of poetry and recently released her first novel.



COURTESY HOFFMAN CENTER FOR THE ARTS

Lana Ayers, creator MoonPath Press, will judge the submissions to the Manzanita Writers' Series Poetry Contest.

The Manzanita Writers' Series is a program of the Hoffman Center for the Arts and will be held at the Hoffman Center, 594 Laneda Ave. More information is available at hoffmanarts.org, or contact Kathie Hightower: kathiejhightower@gmail.com.

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