

Wanted: artwork of Northwest birds

ASTORIA — Each April, the Astoria Art Loft honors an endangered species with an exhibit, along with a special reception and speaker. This year, we are focusing on Northwest birds, especially those who migrate across wild-fire areas.

We invite adults and children to create art featuring a Northwest bird for this judged exhibit. A modest award will be given to the Best in Show.

The exhibit will run April 2 through May 2, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Art Loft.

The gala opening will be part of the Second Saturday Art Walk, April 13, 1 to 4 p.m., with the speaker's program taking place at 2 p.m.

Art may be two- or three-dimensional in any medium, and must not exceed 500 square inches. It should be professionally presented and ready to display. Deliver the art to the Art Loft, 106 Third St. (above Dots 'N Doodles), from Tuesday, March 26, through Thursday, March 28, between 10 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

Exhibit in Seaside honors Oregon's women veterans

SEASIDE — The Seaside branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) brings the Oregon Department of Veterans Affairs exhibit "I Am Not Invisible (IANI)" to the Seaside Public Library on Wednesday, Feb. 13.

The exhibit features 20 portraits of Oregon women military veterans. These portraits will be displayed in the library through Saturday, Feb. 16, when Elizabeth Estabrooks, the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs' women veterans coordinator, will speak at 10 a.m. in the library's Community Room.

Estabrooks' presentation is meant to create awareness of Oregon's women veterans, their service to our country and the challenges they face. Women veterans continue to face significant barriers and challenges in accessing necessary health care



Sally Sheldon

Elizabeth Estabrooks, the women veterans coordinator for the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs.

and other services, while experiencing a lack of recognition, unlike their male counterparts.

There are more than 28,000 women veterans in Oregon, representing almost one-tenth of Oregon's veteran population.

Women veterans in particular are asked to attend so they can be honored for their service.



Chris Jordan

An albatross.

Film documents albatrosses, plastic pollution

ASTORIA — A free screening of Chris Jordan's documentary "Albatross," a powerful love story about birds and the plastics that pollute the marine environment, will be held at the Liberty Theatre at 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 10. The show-

ing is hosted by the Friends of Haystack Rock.

The film's running time is 97 minutes and will be followed by a Q-and-A panel consisting of marine science professionals.

Jordan began making the movie in 2008 as

a collaboration with Manuel Maqueda. Studying the newly emerging issue of ocean plastic pollution, they learned of an environmental tragedy taking place on a tiny atoll in the center of the North Pacific Ocean. On the first trip to Midway

Atoll in 2009, their team filmed thousands of dead albatrosses. Returning to Midway over the next four years, the filmmakers experienced the birds' beauty and grace.

The theater is at 1203 Commercial St.



Clatsop Community College

Unleash your literary creativity at Promptpalooza, a writing workshop at Clatsop Community College.

A world of wordplay at writing workshop

ASTORIA — Promptpalooza, an upcoming one-day writing workshop offered through the Community Education Department at Clatsop Community College, takes place 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 9.

Participants will work with an abundance of creative writing prompts. With a focus on wordplay, the writing workshop, taught by J. Brennock, will move through a series of fantastic catalysts at a semi-rapid pace, creating laughter and a lighthearted atmosphere. Let curiosities inspire

you and poignant vignettes help you get your words on paper. Using all five senses, we'll go on a little scavenger hunt, plugging into your sense of lyric and rhythm. This class is great for both beginning and more practiced writers.

The class will be held in Towler Hall, Room 208. The cost is \$20. To register, call 503-338-2411, or feel free to just drop in.

For a list of upcoming classes and workshops, visit clatsopcc.edu/community-ed or follow the college's Community Education Department on Facebook.