

BEST ANTIQUE STORE

ASTORIA VINTAGE
HARDWARE

By KATIE FRANKOWICZ

Runner-up: Farmhouse Funk,
Astoria**Honorable mention:** Phog
Bounders Antique Mall, Astoria

Cascades of brass instruments, ducks in flight, herbivores in suits having a drink together, the perfect small doorknob tucked away on a shelf: At Astoria Vintage Hardware, there's always something you missed the first time.

Becky Johnson and Paul Tuter opened the eclectic antique and hardware store 11 years ago. In that time, they have had to move shop six times, crisscrossing the city before landing at their current location on Marine Drive between Sears and the Chart Room bar. The building, formerly the home of Bargains Galore, fell into their lap when the owner and current tenant, George Brugh, offered Tuter and Johnson the street-level space.

As always, Vintage Hardware continues to offer vin-



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There's so much to catch the eye at Astoria Vintage Hardware.

tage furniture and Tuter's own unique creations along with vintage building materials, interior flourishes, strange and beautiful items that you didn't know you wanted until you saw them in a display.

While the types of items on offer at Vintage Hardware have more or less remained the same, the feel of the store has definitely varied based on the

location. But the set up on Marine Drive perhaps best reflect Johnson and Tuter's aesthetics.

"It was a blank canvas here," Johnson said.

They are focusing on bringing in new products for do-it-yourself interior design. They hope to continue expanding these offerings and become a source for cool, hard-to-find materials, Tuter said. 

BEST THRIFT SHOP



Colin Murphey

Employees at the NW Community Alliance Thrift Store in Astoria.

NW COMMUNITY
ALLIANCE THRIFT STORE

ASTORIA

By BRENNA VISSER


Runner-up: Watch Me Grow, Gearhart
Honorable mention: GoodWill, Warrenton

After coming in second place multiple times, Darin Hocking of NW Community Alliance Thrift Store said it feels good to get chosen Best Thrift Store in this year's Readers' Choice Awards.

"We keep coming in second place, so this is nice," Hocking said. "We appreciate the customers and the people who voted."

NW Community Alliance prides itself on serving as a starting point for people looking to gain job skills and has focused on supporting people with intellectual and developmental disabilities through sales of donated, gently used items since 1973. The goal is for workers to advance into jobs in the community.

Hocking attributes the store's success to low prices and friendly staff.

"We've kept the pricing down low, so it's pretty economical for people to come in and shop," he said. "Thank the people that voted for us. That's what keeps us open." 

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