Feel the hygge at Astoria Library

ASTORIA — Have you heard of "hygge" (pronounced hoo-ga)? It's the Danish concept of contentment achieved through all things comfortable and cozy.

Treat yourself to a taste of the Hygge Lyfe from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 27, in the Astoria Library Flag Room. Bring a book, or a quiet craft like knitting or coloring, and kick back. Snack on cake and warm beverages as local artist Larkin plays ambient music — original compositions and improvisations on the hammered dulcimer — and feel the hygge.

Larkin has performed in 15 countries, four continents and at the occa-





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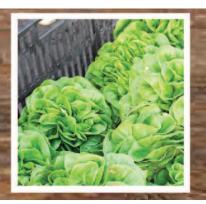
Astoria Library Larkin will play ambient music for the Astoria Library's program Hygge Lyfe.

sional Astoria Art Walk. He has released 12 albums including "Inside the Astoria Column," a solo flute recording.

The Astoria Library is at 450 10th St. For information about library programs and services, contact 503-325-7323 or visit astorialibrary.org.







North Coast Food Web

Image from Farmer-Chef Connect poster.

Meet your farmer through Food Web

ASTORIA — Each winter, North Coast Food Web sponsors two events in support of local food producers and to improve access to healthy, farm-direct food for shoppers.

The first is Farmer-Chef Connect, taking place 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, Feb. 25, at Food Web headquarters, 577 18th St.

With more and more area restaurants working to feature locally produced products on their menus, the Food Web provides an opportunity for both groups to come together to find out what chefs would like to buy locally and introduce them to what is available here at home.

Meet Your Farmer — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, March 3, at Food Web headquarters — is a chance for community members to see what's available from local farmers

This is the time of year when farms that offer Community Supported Agriculture programs take registrations. When harvest season begins, CSA members receive a weekly box of fresh produce to inspire the next seven days of meals. Visit with the folks who grow your food, enjoy a light snack and see what's in store for spring.

Get out in the garden

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— Master Gardeners offers a spring pruning workshop 10 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 23, at the Columbia Pacific Heritage Museum with presenters Kelly Rupp and Hugh Barrett.

Spring is coming, but it's not here yet. This is the time to get out in the garden and examine your dormant plants and trees. What kinds of pruning will ensure their health and optimize their beauty?

Master Gardeners will share specific techniques for pruning ornamental plants, shrubs, fruit trees and caning berries. There will be plants and demonstrations of pruning methods, hands-on opportunities to practice your pruning methods and handouts to guide you in keeping your plants looking their best.

The museum is at 115 S.E. Lake St.

