

Repair Cafe piles up pounds of salvaged materials



Courtesy Repair Cafe
Pat Clary works on a brass watering can at Repair Cafe.

ASTORIA — The next Repair Cafe takes place 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 27, at 1010 Duane St.

Repair Cafe is a community of volunteers who repair, sew, sharpen and give expert advice on pretty much anything that is broken, torn, dull or in need of repair. At our monthly event we work on bicycles, toys, clothing, scissors, knives, household appliances, garden tools or just something that needs to be glued (no gas engines).

The organization's goal is to keep 2,000 pounds of repairable items out of the local landfill. You would be amazed how the pounds add up each month.

Events are held on the fourth Wednesday of each month. Join us for repairs, or just come and enjoy watching our volunteers put things back together again.

Questions about an item? Call 503-307-0834. Follow us on Facebook <http://facebook.com/repairastoria>

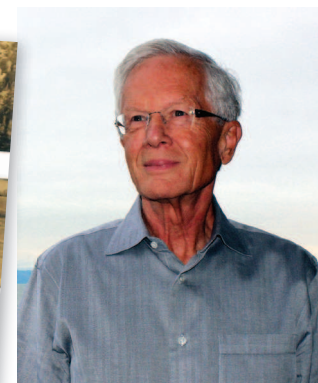
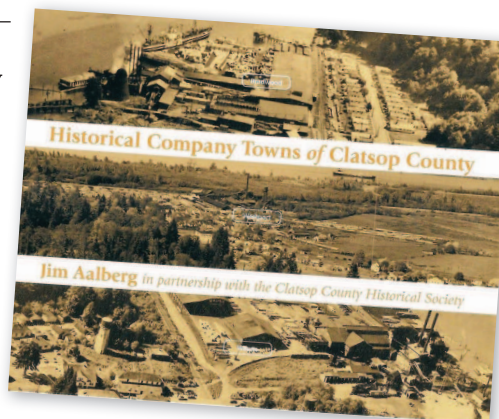
Author looks at blood, sweat and sawdust of local company towns

SEASIDE — The history of Clatsop County can't be told without mentioning the blood, sweat and sawdust of the Oregon logger and mills.

At 6 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 28, Seaside Museum's History & Hops presents author Jim Aalberg at Seaside Brewing Co. as he shares stories from his book, "Historical Company Towns of Clatsop County." Aalberg describes how the people connected to Bradwood, Wauna and Westport remember an almost idyllic existence — one filled with

hard work but also with a deep sense of community.

Aalberg, a retired senior executive for the Kroger Co., is an amateur historian and writer as well as a fourth-generation Oregonian and the great-great-grandson of Westport's founder, Captain John West.



Patrick Webb

Jim Aalberg, author of 'Historical Company Towns of Clatsop County.'

History & Hops is a series of local history discussions hosted by the Seaside Museum on the last Thursday of each month, September through May, at Seaside Brewing Co., 851 Broadway St.

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