

Museum offers new access program for low-income families

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The Columbia River Maritime Museum has joined Museums for All, an access program of the Institute of Museum and Library Services, administered by the Association of Children's Museums, to encourage people of all backgrounds to visit museums regularly and build lifelong museum-going habits.

The program supports those receiving food assistance (SNAP)

benefits visiting the museum for a minimal fee of \$3 per person, up to four people, with the presentation of a SNAP Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) card.

Museums for All is part of the museum's broad commitment to seek, include and welcome all audiences.

The museum is at 1792 Marine Drive in Astoria and is open from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

For information, go to crmm.org or call 503.325.2323



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Hunters hold annual fundraiser banquet March 16 at fairgrounds

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The Clatsop County Chapter of the Oregon Hunters Association (OHA) hosts its annual fundraiser banquet March 16 at the Clatsop County Fairgrounds. Guests will be served dinner and have a chance to bid on auction items and win a variety of raffle prizes while supporting hunting and wildlife conservation.

Ticket packages for adult singles and groups range from \$50 to \$1,200

and include dinner and a variety of raffle tickets. Raffle items include firearms, hunting, fishing and camping equipment, and a wide variety of outdoor gear. The event also includes the annual Les Schwab Raffle, this year featuring a Sig optics combo, and the new Coastal Farm & Ranch Raffle, featuring a Nosler Custom M48 Liberty rifle.

One OHA membership is required per couple or group. A one-year membership costs \$35 for individuals and

\$45 for families, and includes a subscription to Oregon Hunter magazine and the Oregon Hunter's Calendar.

All tickets must be purchased prior to March 11 by filling out a banquet form or by calling Wendell Locke at 503-359-3535. Funds raised at the banquet are dedicated to local wildlife habitat conservation projects and youth activities that the chapter sponsors each year.

For information, go to oregonhunters.org

Legion holds Salvage Chief fundraiser Saturday

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Clatsop Post 12 American Legion is hosting the fifth annual Salvage Chief Open House and Reunion Fundraiser on Saturday. The public is welcome to attend.

The Open House is from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Salvage Chief, docked at the end of Liberty Lane past the Marine and Environmental Research and Training Station (MERTS) cam-

pus. There are ship tours and capabilities information, and a chance to ask questions about the vessel.

Lunch is served at the American Legion, 1132 Exchange St. from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

There is a choice of a cheesesteak sandwich or a ham, bacon and cheese grinder for \$15.

The program includes movies, sea stories and a memorial service. Salvage Chief history books, T-shirts and

hats are available for purchase. Raffle tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5.

A dinner of prime rib au jus and cheese stuffed potatoes or chicken lasagna and pumpkin pie takes place from 4 to 7 p.m., or until gone, at the Legion. The cost is \$20. A bowl of clam chowder and a roll is \$6. Music is provided by Greg Parke.

All donations to the Salvage Chief LSM 380 Foundation are tax deductible.

Diversity coalition meets Sunday to discuss shelter

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The Lower Columbia Diversity Coalition meets this weekend to discuss the possibility of establishing a local daytime drop-in center for

unsheltered individuals.

The meeting runs from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday in Columbia Hall, Room 221, at Clatsop Community College, 16551 Lexington Ave.

Parking is available behind the

building.

The group will also discuss recent local relevant events in the news, including the drag queen story hour at the Astoria Public Library.

All are welcome.

RELIGION BRIEFS

Pacific Unitarian Universalist

Pacific Unitarian Universalist Fellowship services are held at 11 a.m. Sunday at the Performing Arts Center, 588 16th St. On Sunday, Rev. Amy Beltaine speaks about some of the theologies, traditions and histories that fall within the "Earth-Centered" label. All are welcome.

Grace Episcopal

Sunday is Hunger Awareness Sunday at Grace Episcopal Church, 1545 Franklin Ave., with an ingathering at both the 8 and 10 a.m. services for the Hunger Ministries at the church. Both monetary and nonperishable food items are requested. Canned corn and chili are especially needed.

Following the second service, there is a reception for new art work by Sandi Kelley. It will hang in the Parish Hall through March, and can be viewed weekday mornings.

The monthly Community Dinner is served at 4 p.m. Sunday in the Parish Hall, free of charge. Those willing to help should come at 3 p.m. to set up and at 5 p.m. to clean up.

For information, call the church at 503-325-4691 or go to graceastoria.org

Astoria Church of Christ

The Astoria Church of Christ, 692 12th St., hosts Ken Tipps as its guest speaker for the 10:30 a.m. Sunday service. His topic is "Out of the Windstorm," based on Ezekiel 1:1-4.

A Bible study is offered at 9:45 a.m. All are welcome. For information, call 503-791-3235.

St. Mary, Star of the Sea Parish

A Mardi Gras Celebration on Fat Tuesday, March 5, is being held from 4:30 to 8 p.m. in the Star of the Sea School auditorium/gym, 1411 Grand Ave.

Come dressed in costume to participate in karaoke, a silent auction, dancing, children's games and the pre-Lent potluck (meaty entrees get free admission). There is a suggested donation of \$25 per family or \$10 per adult; all proceeds fund religious education programs.

Prizes are being given to Best Costume (child, adult and family categories) and Best Entree (food categories). There are treats for karaoke singers and children's games.

To participate or donate auction items or prizes, contact the parish office at 503-325-3671.

A presentation on how to use the formed.org app is after morning Masses on Sunday in the St. Benedict Room. The app can be used on mobile devices as well as PCs to learn more about the Catholic faith. These online resources will be used to examine the Creed, and to continue the series through Lent.

VOLUNTEER NOTES

4-H — Looking for 4-H leaders. For information, call Sandra Carlson at the Oregon State University Extension at 503-325-8573.

American Red Cross — Needs registration volunteers (donor ambassadors) in Clatsop County to provide customer service and enhance the blood donor experience. For information, call Angela Basurto at 503-528-5430.

Angels for Sara Senior Dog Sanctuary — Needs volunteers to help care for elderly dogs who are unable to stay with their owners. Anyone interested in fundraising, yard maintenance, spending quality time with the dogs or fostering a senior dog, short or long term, contact Jacque Pressly at angelsforsara@gmail.com or call 503-325-2772.

Astoria Column — 1 Coxcomb Drive. Volunteers needed to welcome visitors, provide information and answer questions about the Astoria Column and the city of Astoria. For information, call the Friends of the Astoria Column Visitor Center at 503-325-2963.

Astoria Riverfront Trolley Association — 111 W. Marine Drive. Needs conductors/motormen to operate trolley and narrate points of interest. One or more three-hour shifts per month. For information, call the 503-325-6311.

Astoria Senior Center — 1111 Exchange St. To volunteer, call Larry Miller at 503-325-3231.

Astoria Veteran Van Driv-

ers — Volunteer drivers needed for the Disabled American Veterans van for one or more trips per month. The van leaves Astoria at 7 a.m. for the Portland Veterans Administration Hospital and returns in the early afternoon. To volunteer, contact Dick Lang, Astoria DAV van coordinator, at 503-298-8757 or dicklang@charter.net. Drivers receive free breakfast and lunch vouchers for the hospital canteen on every trip.

Astoria Warming Center — 1076 Franklin Ave. Winter overnight emergency shelter for homeless persons needs volunteers for three-hour shifts from evening through the night to help with welcoming guests, serving dinner, cleaning the kitchen, monitoring the sleeping area overnight, and closing the shelter in the morning. Volunteers also needed for weekly litter patrols in the neighborhood. To volunteer, email astoriawarmingcenter@gmail.com

Astoria-Warrenton Area Chamber of Commerce — 111 W. Marine Drive. Volunteers needed at the chamber and for events. For information, call 503-325-6311.

Camp Kiwanilong — A large variety of volunteer opportunities are available. For information, call 503-861-2933 or go to campkiwanilong.org

Cannon Beach Academy — 3781 S. Hemlock St., Cannon Beach. Volunteers needed for breakfast or

lunch preparation and cleanup, reading groups, math groups, lunch/recess duty and housekeeping. Shifts are 1.25 hours or longer. For information, call 503-298-5245.

Cannon Beach Library — 131 N. Hemlock, Cannon Beach. Volunteers needed for a variety of tasks and time commitments, including alphabetizing bookshelves, covering books, doing minor building maintenance, helping with a speakers' series, and participating in annual book sales and other events. For information email info@cannonbeachlibrary.org or call 503-436-1391.

Caring Adults Developing Youth (CADY) Mentoring Program — 800 Exchange St., second floor. Needs mentors for youths ages 10 to 17 at risk of school failure. Time commitment: one year, about eight hours per month. For information, contact Laura Parker at 503-325-8601 or lparker@co.clatsop.or.us

Clatsop Animal Assistance Inc. — Needs volunteers who have a strong commitment to work on behalf of the Clatsop County Animal Shelter's dogs and cats. For information, email info@dogsncats.org or call 503-861-0737.

Clatsop County Animal Shelter — Animal care volunteers age 16 and older needed for one 3-hour shift per week. Pick up an application at 1315 S.E. 19th St., Warrenton. For information, or to schedule orientation, call Leslie Atkinson at 503-

325-1000.

Clatsop Community Action Regional Food Bank — Volunteers needed to help hand out fruits and vegetables at the weekly produce pantries for two hours on Thursdays, from April to October, in Seaside and Warrenton. Warehouse attendants are needed for food packing or processing, picking orders for agencies, light janitorial and housekeeping, or lawn and grounds maintenance. Three to four-hour shifts are available Monday through Friday. To volunteer, call 503-861-3663.

Clatsop Community College Outreach Literacy — Needs volunteer literacy tutors to work with adults, native and non-native speakers. Training available. For information, call 503-338-2557.

Clatsop County Public Works — 1101 Olney Ave. Adopt-A-Road volunteers needed to remove litter two times (minimum) per year for two years. Safety equipment and supplies provided. Volunteers must receive safety orientation. For information, call 503-325-8631.

Clatsop Cruise Hosts — Looking for volunteers to meet and greet cruise ship passengers and crew, provide information and answer questions about the Clatsop County area. Ships arrive in the spring and fall, about 20 ships each year. Work all the ships or part of them. For information, go to clatsop-cruisehosts.org

Coast Community Radio — Volunteers needed for a variety of opportunities and time commitments including weekday front desk, music library digital conversion, graphic and sign making, booths at farmers markets and special events, landscaping, and mailing parties. For information, email janet@coastradio.org or call 503-325-0010.

Columbia Memorial Hospital — Needs volunteers to provide assistance to patients, visitors and hospital staff. Training provided. For information, go to columbiamemorial.org. To schedule an interview, call 503-325-4321.

Columbia River Maritime Museum — 1792 Marine Drive. Volunteer opportunities for those with an interest in maritime history. For information, call the volunteer coordinator weekdays at 503-325-2323.

Columbia Senior Dinners — 1111 Exchange St., Astoria Senior Center. Volunteers needed weekdays to serve tables and for kitchen help. To volunteer, call 503-325-9693.

Community Emergency Response Team — CERT volunteers needed for community events and disaster response with local police, fire and emergency medical service agencies. Training includes fire safety, first aid, traffic and crowd control, communications, damage survey, disaster planning and civic events within city limits. For information, contact CERT coordinator Kenny Hansen at khansen@

astoria.or.us or leave a voicemail at 503-325-4411.

Friends of Seaside Library — 1131 Broadway, Seaside. Volunteers needed to staff the fundraising store. For information, call 503-738-6742 or stop by the library.

Haystack Rock Awareness Program — Needs volunteers for general office assistance and to assist lead interpreters on the beach with signage, ropes and set up during low tides and talking to visitors about the rock and the local flora and fauna. Must pass a basic background test. Children are always welcome; must be supervised by a parent. For information, contact Lisa Habecker at 503-436-8064 or habecker@ci.canon-beach.or.us

Knappa Rural Fire Protection District — Needs volunteer firefighters. Training provided. For information, contact any of the active personnel or call Chief Paul Olheiser at 503-458-6610.

Long-Term Care Ombudsman — Certified ombudsman volunteers advocate for the rights, care and dignity of the elderly and disabled living in licensed long-term care facilities. Many residents have no one to watch out or speak up for when things go wrong. Volunteer Ombudsmen talk to the residents, investigate complaints, and work to resolve problems. Flexible schedule, four hours a week, mileage reimbursement available.

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