

Scandinavian-themed event will benefit heritage park

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A five-course Scandinavian Experience Benefit Dinner takes place March 16 at Carruthers Restaurant, 1198 Commercial St., to raise funds for the Scandi-

navian Heritage Park capital campaign. Local members of the Scandinavian community provided the chef with traditional Scandinavian recipes for lingonberry braised pork and balsamic spiced nut-crusted salmon.

A vegetarian option is also provided. Scandinavian-themed specialty cocktails will be served.

The event begins at 5 p.m. with cocktails and finger food; dinner and dessert are served at 6 p.m.

Following dinner, Maryann Meyers and Mark Kujula host a special appeal to raise funds for the park. Any donations made during that time receive a tax receipt from the Astoria Scandinavian Heritage

Association.

Tickets for the event cost \$150 each, and Carruthers is donating two-thirds of the ticket price to the park. The association is a nonprofit organization, and \$105 of the ticket

cost is tax deductible. To receive an invitation to this event, contact Judith Lampi at clatsop41@yahoo.com or 503-791-9156.

For information about the Scandinavian Heritage Park, go to astoriascanpark.org

Students dissect sharks for fishery class



Wendi Agaloff

On Feb. 20, as part of Lee Cain's fisheries course, students from Astoria High School dissected juvenile salmon sharks (*lamna ditropis*) and blue sharks (*prionace glauca*). The fish had stranded and died on Clatsop County beaches, and were retrieved by the Seaside Aquarium. Students worked in pairs, and gained hands-on experience with assistance from Cain and aquarium staff.

Astoria theater organization gets grant

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Thirty-one projects were awarded \$175,000 by the Oregon Arts Commission's Arts Build Communities grant program for fiscal year 2019, including \$6,000 to the Astoria Arts and Move-

ment Center to support the formation of Pier Pressure Productions, a nonprofit theater organization and venue.

The Arts Build Communities program targets arts access for underserved audiences in Oregon. In many cases these awards are

seed money to spur additional local funding. Arts Build Communities grants are made possible, in part, through a funding partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts.

The Oregon Arts Commission is supported with

general funds appropriated by the Oregon Legislature and with federal funds from the National Endowment for the Arts, as well as funds from the Oregon Cultural Trust.

For information, go to oregonartscommission.org

Au Naturel Art Show awards announced

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The opening reception of Clatsop Community College's 13th annual juried art exhibit, Au Naturel: The Nude in the 21st Century, was held Feb. 7 in the college's Royal Nebeker Art Gallery, 1799 Lexington Ave.

Juror Ashley Stull Meyers selected 43 works of art from over 400 submitted images. Works on exhibit represent 32 artists from 11 states plus Canada. Thirteen of the selected artists were present for the reception, where Meyers gave a gallery talk, and cash prizes, a purchase award, and workshop awards were announced. Awards for the Au Naturel exhibit are supported by submission fees paid by all artists who enter the competition.

Henk Pander, of Portland, won first place for his oil painting on linen, "The Photographer." Second place went to the oil painting "I Love My Sagging Breasts" by Charles Gray, of Fort Worth, Texas. This painting was also selected as this year's purchase award and will be part of the college's growing permanent



John Alarid

Pictured, some of the participants in the 2019 Au Naturel: The Nude in the 21st Century juried art exhibit. Front row, from left, Kristin Shauck, Au Naturel founding director, Ashley Stull Meyers, 2019 Au Naturel juror, Jay Giliberty, Carrie Williams, Beth Kehoe and Karen Schmidt. Back row, Charles Gray, Carol Wood, Otis Quaicoe, William Webster, Joe Lastomirsky, Drea Frost, Henk Pander, Judith Perry and Grace Flott.

collection. Jay Senetchko of Vancouver, B.C., won third place for his oil painting, "The Sleepwatcher."

All of the participating artists were invited to submit proposals for the special award exhibit and workshop awards, which were reviewed by the art faculty. The following artists were chosen for a special three-person award show:

Tom Jensen, of Everett, Washington; Beth Kehoe, of Lake Forest Park, Washington; and Drea Frost, of Cannon Beach.

This award show will open the Royal Nebeker Art Gallery's 2019-2020 exhibition season, and all three artists will conduct workshops in conjunction with the exhibit.

This year's Au Naturel

exhibit remains on display through March 14, and is free and open to the public. The hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. All visitors are invited to cast a vote for the People's Choice Award, which will be announced at the close of the exhibition.

To view images of the artwork, go to aunaturelart.

Pizazz places second at dance competition

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This year, the Astoria High School Pizazz Dance Team competition theme is "Welcome to Our Tribe," featuring the song "The Chain" by Fleetwood Mac.

The team, coached by Emily Madsen and Caroline Wright competed at Sprague High School Feb. 23 and placed second, less than a point behind Stayton, in the 1A-4A division. In the 1A-4A, 5A, 6A and Show divisions, Pizazz placed third overall; the two teams scoring highest had triple the amount of dancers.

Pizazz competes again Sunday at Liberty High School. The Oregon School Activities Association state championship is March 16 at the Memorial Coliseum in Portland.



The Astoria High School Pizazz Dance Team. Front row, from left, Makenzie Brady, Hope Womack, Head Captain Nara Van De Grift and Skylar Sturtz. Top row, Madison Yeager, Isabella Clement, and Co-Captains Aliyah Grant and Liz Varner.

Brenda Grant

RELIGION BRIEFS

Common Ground Interspiritual Fellowship

A Purification Service at Common Ground Interspiritual Fellowship is held on the first Sunday of each month from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. in the Wesley Room of the Astoria First United Methodist Church, 1076 Franklin Ave. Use the 11th Street entrance.

This service is not defined by any particular belief system, and is especially intended for the "spiritual but not religious," as well as those who draw from more than one faith tradition. For information, go to cgifellowship.org

St. Catherine Episcopal

NEHALEM — St. Catherine Episcopal Church, 36335 U.S. Highway 101 in Nehalem, holds a Labyrinth walk from 3 to 5 p.m. Sunday, and the first Sunday of every month. All are welcome. For information, go to saintcatherineoregoncoast.org

Cannon Beach Community

CANNON BEACH — Cannon Beach Community Church, 132 E. Washington St., holds an Evensong service at 6 p.m. the first and third Sunday of the month. All are welcome.

Evensong features Wes Warhmund (guitar, flute and clarinet) and meditative songs, Psalms, readings, candlelight and time for quiet reflection.

For information, call the church at 503-436-1222.

Crossroads Community

SVENSEN — Crossroads Community Church, a Friends Fellowship, at 40618 Old Highway 30, is holding a Free Family Film Friday at 6:45 p.m. Friday. Come enjoy a film and fellowship. This event is always held the second Friday of the month. All are welcome. For information, call Shawn Leonard, pastor, at 503-949-5033.

St. Mary, Star of the Sea Parish

The Knights of Columbus are hosting Sunday Breakfast after the 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. Masses in the Star of the Sea School auditorium, 1411 Grand Ave. Breakfast includes pancakes, sausage, eggs, juice and coffee.

A ministry to Catholic Women meets for a "Dutch Treat" lunch at 11:34 a.m. Tuesday at El Tapatio, 229 W. Marine Drive. Those planning to attend should call Genie Marxer today at 503-861-2945. Young children should not attend.

A Mardi Gras Celebration takes place from 4:30 to 8 p.m. Tuesday in the auditorium. Come dressed in costume to participate in karaoke, a raffle, dancing, children's games, and the Pre-Lent Potluck (meaty entrees get free admission). The suggested donation is \$25 for a 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), and there are treats for karaoke singers and children's games. Contact the Parish Office to participate or donate raffle items or prizes at 503-325-3671.

The distribution of ashes for Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent, is at 8 a.m. and 7 p.m. (bilingual) Wednesday at St. Mary, Star of the Sea, 1465 Grand Ave. (the 5 p.m. Reconciliation is canceled); and at noon at the St. Francis de Sales Mission, 867 Fifth Ave. in Hammond.

Stations of the Cross begins at 3 p.m. March 8 at St. Francis de Sales. St. Mary, Star of the Sea is offering a mini-retreat in Spanish in the main church from 3 to 6 p.m., followed by Stations of the Cross and Lenten soup.

Grace Episcopal

At Grace Episcopal Church, 1545 Franklin Ave., the tradition of "putting away the Alleluias" occurs following the 10 a.m. service. This highlights the more serious and contemplative mood during the season of Lent. Parishioners are asked to bring palm crosses or branches from Palm Sunday last year to be burned to use as ashes for Ash Wednesday.

The Labyrinth is open for walking from 3 to 6 p.m. Sunday. An introduction is offered at 3 p.m., upon request. It takes an average of 30 minutes to complete the walk.

The annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper is served from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Tuesday in the Parish Hall by the church youth. Donations will be accepted for the Acolyte Fund. The meal includes ham and all the pancakes you can eat. The palms will be burned following the meal for use on Ash Wednesday.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday. The Imposition of Ashes takes place at 7 p.m. Wednesday.

"Fridays in Lent," a weekly music series for contemplative listening and/or walking the Stations of the Cross between 12:10 and 1 p.m., begins March 8, with the Trio Sempra Sonata, with Denise Reed (piano), Sabine Moth (violin) and Mike Woods (cello). All are welcome to stay as little or as long as they can.

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

Combined Church events

SEASIDE — In anticipation of the beginning of Lent on Wednesday, Calvary Episcopal Church and Our Saviour's Lutheran Church are co-sponsoring a pancake supper and "Mardi Gras" event from 4 to 6 p.m. Sunday at Calvary, 503 N. Holladay Drive. The community is welcome.

In addition to the pancake meal, there are activities for children. Proceeds from the event will help fund camper scholarships for youth.

Also at Calvary Episcopal Church, in conjunction with Our Saviour's Lutheran Church and Seaside United Methodist Church, an ecumenical Ash Wednesday service is offered at 12:10 p.m. Wednesday. The service includes the blessing of ashes and the celebration of the Holy Eucharist. All are welcome.

For information, call 503-738-5773.

Lutheran Churches

Lenten services for Peace Lutheran Church, 565 12th St., start Wednesday at noon with a prayer service, followed by a soup/sandwich lunch, and continue every Wednesday through April 10.

Lenten services for First Lutheran Church, 725 33rd St., start Wednesday, and consist of a Soup Supper at 6 p.m., followed by evening prayer at 7 p.m., and continue every Wednesday through April 10.

Astoria Church of Christ

The Astoria Church of Christ, 692 12th St., hosts Dennis Daniels as its guest speaker for the 10:30 a.m. Sunday service.

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