

Madsen named grand marshal of Astoria Scandinavian Festival

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The Astoria Scandinavian Midsummer Festival Association has named Jorgen Madsen of Astoria as grand marshal for the 2019 Op Tog Walking Parade, which takes place at 11:30 a.m. June 22 at the 52nd annual Scandinavian Midsummer Festival at the Clatsop County Fairgrounds.

Madsen was born in 1934 in Karleby, Denmark. His wife Berit is from Norway, and together they immigrated to the U.S. in



Jorgen Madsen

1964. In 1974, after attending their first Midsummer Festival in Astoria, they

decided to move to the North Coast.

When Madsen served as chairman of the Midsummer Festival Association for three years in the late 1970s, he added the Santa Lucia Festival of Lights to Astoria's holiday calendar and added Iceland to the festival.

Also in the late 1970s, he became involved with the Scandinavian Hour, a weekly radio show on KVAS. In 1998, he passed the torch to his daughter, Sonja Madsen, a former Junior Miss Denmark,

and she continued until the show's end in 2004.

Madsen's involvement in the Scandinavian Midsummer Festival spans 45 years. He has sung the Danish anthem at the festival every year since 1975.

His oldest daughter, Ann, was crowned Miss Scandinavia in 1984, and his granddaughter, Jodi, was crowned Miss Scandinavia in 2009.

The complete schedule of the Astoria Scandinavian Midsummer Festival events June 21 to 23 is at AstoriaScanFest.org

Volunteers needed for Day of Caring

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United Way of Clatsop County invites volunteers to the 2019 Day of Caring. On April 20, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., choose from six countywide sites to volunteer and help make a difference in our community.

The choices are: a playground cleanup at John Jacob Astor Elementary School, bathroom stenciling at Lewis & Clark Elementary School, and landscaping and planting at Hope House, all in Astoria, beautification at Oceanview Cemetery in Warrenton, rebuilding garden beds

at the Sunny Hunt Community garden in Seaside, and campus cleanup at the Cannon Beach Academy.

This event is made possible by the support of the Home Depot Foundation, Bayview Asphalt, Nygaard Logging, NW Natural, Pacific Power, Clatsop Community Bank, U.S. Bank, The Rusty Dahlia, Astoria Co-op, Baked Alaska and Hits 94.3 KRKZ.

There is work for every age and skill. Sign up at www.clatsopunitedway.org, call 503-325-1961, or go to the Day of Caring link on the United Way of Clatsop County Facebook page.

Thursday Night Talks to focus on gold rush

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The Clatsop County Historical Society's Thursday Night Talks lecture series presents speaker Mark Eifler.

Eifler's talk is titled, "The Measure of Fortune," from 7 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the Fort George Brewery Lovell Showroom.

The doors open at 6 p.m.

Eifler, an associate professor of history at the University of Portland, discusses the California gold rush, and how gold rush miners determined if they were successful.

There is no cost for this event, and registration is not required.

Minors are welcome with an accompanying adult.

For information, call 503-325-2203.



Mark Eifler

County honors Volunteer of the Year



Clatsop County

Zachary Painter receives the Clatsop County Volunteer of the Year award from Clatsop County Sheriff's Office Sgt. Matt Armstrong.

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Zachary Painter was named Clatsop County's 2018 Volunteer of the Year Tuesday night for his extensive work with the Clatsop County Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue Team and High Angle Rescue Team.

Painter, who also assists the volunteer Underwater Recovery Team, has trained his dog in search practices, worked with ham radio and practiced new rope systems to improve rescues. He is often called on to help plan and create search scenarios for training exercises.

The presentation was made at a Volunteer Appreciation Night celebration. Clatsop County has marked the second week of April as Volunteer Week to recognize the 700 volunteers who provide service to the county.

VOLUNTEER NOTES

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.

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.cannon-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 Olhaiser 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.

Training is provided. For information, call 800-522-2602 or go to oregon.gov/ltco

Lunch Buddy Mentoring Program — Adults needed to mentor elementary and middle school students once a week during lunch. For information, call (219) 331-6427 or go to bit.ly/2u3KpWe

River Song Foundation — Looking for people to assist with Trap/Neuter/Release/Feed (TNRf), especially in Seaside and Knappa/Svensen areas. TNRf involves setting and/or monitoring traps, and daily feeding of cats and maintenance of any shelters, and is a proven, science-based method that along with spay/neuter programs is the only effective and humane way of ending cat homelessness and suffering. Call 503-741-7369.

Seaside American Legion Veterans' Assistance & Rehabilitation — Volunteers needed to help knit/crochet items for hospitalized vets and cut coupons for military families. Donations of fabric/yarn especially welcome. Group meets from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. second Tuesday of the month at 1315 Broadway, Seaside. For information, call 503-738-5111.

Start Making a Reader

Family bingo night set Saturday

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The 4-H Leaders Association is holding a Family Bingo Night fundraiser on Saturday at the Astoria Elks Lodge, 453 11th St. The doors open at 6 p.m., and bingo begins at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome.

Ten Bingo games cost \$10 per person or \$30 per family. There are prizes for bingo, as well as basket drawings. Raffle tickets are \$1 each. A light snack is available for purchase.

Proceeds help fund the 4-H program. For information, call 503-325-8573.

RELIGION BRIEFS

Communities in Partnership

SEASIDE — Spiritual Communities in Partnership meets at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday at Riley's Restaurant, 1104 S. Holladay Drive, to foster better understanding among faith practitioners and to nurture one another in spirit. All faiths are welcome. For information, call Ann Souvenir at 503-738-0200.

First Lutheran

At First Lutheran Church, 725 33rd St., the Sunday services of Holy Communion are at their regular times, 8:30 and 11 a.m., preceded by a palm processional at 8:25 and 10:55 a.m.

On Thursday, Maundy Thursday, Holy Communion is at 7 p.m. The service concludes with the stripping of the altar in preparation for Good Friday.

On April 19, Good Friday, there is a Tenebrae Service of Darkness at 7 p.m.

Passion Play

The Hermitage Players present "The Astoria Passion Proclamation: The Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus" at 3:30 p.m. Saturday at the Performing Arts Center, 588 16th St. Donations will be accepted at the door.

Rev. David Janes, a retired priest, has produced passion plays annually since he was in seminary. Passion plays have been staged in various forms for at least 700 years, and in countries as disparate as Sri Lanka and the Netherlands.

"This is the third year," Janes says, "that the Performing Arts Center has asked us to present the production in their theater."

For information, call David Janes at 503-741-1898.

Pacific Unitarian Universalist

Pacific Unitarian Universalist Fellowship services are held at 11 a.m. Sunday at the Performing Arts Center, 588 16th St. This Sunday, Rev. Sarah Schurr of the Congregational Life staff, Pacific Western Region of the Unitarian Universalist Association, is the speaker. Her topic is "Change, and what it means to the congregation." All are welcome.

After the service, the monthly potluck lunch is being held at the Astoria Masonic Temple, 1572 Franklin Ave.

Grace Episcopal

Holy Week begins with a single Palm Sunday service at 10 a.m. at Grace Episcopal Church, 1545 Franklin Ave. The palms and crosses are blessed before the procession, outside as weather allows, and parishioners take part in the reading of the Gospel story from Luke.

Anyone interested in learning how to fold palm fronds into palm crosses is welcome to come at 10 a.m. Saturday. Also on Saturday morning from 10 a.m. to noon, the church building and grounds will be cleaned in preparation for Easter.

Holy Wednesday is celebrated with a Tenebrae Service at 7 p.m. April 17.

The Maundy Thursday service is at 7 p.m.

On Good Friday, April 19, the Stations of the Cross Liturgy and Procession begins at 12:10 p.m., with musical accompaniment by Vincent Centeno. The service includes the Liturgy with a Shadow Play presented by the youth of Grace, which begins at 8 p.m.

The Holy Saturday Liturgy of the Word is read at noon April 20.

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

Bethany Free Lutheran

Bethany Free Lutheran Church, 451 34th St., holds a Maundy Thursday Communion Service 7 p.m. Thursday. The service includes congregational singing and music. The public is welcome.

North Coast Ministerial Association

The North Coast Ministerial Association hosts a Good Friday gathering at noon April 19 for about a half hour at the Maritime Memorial Park under the Astoria Bridge.

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