

Astoria Art Loft holds card exhibit

ASTORIA — Where did the custom of sending greeting cards begin? The ancient Chinese sent New Year's greetings to one another and the early Egyptians sent good wishes on papyrus scrolls. In medieval Europe, people sang or said their Valentine's greetings and by the early 1400's, paper greeting cards became popular. In the early 1800's, Valentine's Day cards became works of beauty with lace and ribbon while others were black and white.

The first Christmas cards were published in London in 1845 by Henry Cole who hired artist John Hersley to create the cards. In 1849, Esther Howland published elaborately decorated Valentine's Day cards. Louis Prang revolutionized the card industry by introducing the lithographic process to produce ele-

gant Christmas cards in 1856. In the years since, many different kinds of cards have been created for nearly every occasion or occurrence.

Recently, the card industry has been changed by the development of e-cards. However, the latest trend is a return to hand-crafted cards as well as the mass produced cards.

The artists at the Astoria Art Loft have created/painted cards for all occasions. A special exhibit of the cards will be held on Friday, Oct. 11 and Saturday, Oct. 12 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Most of the cards are one-of-a-kind. For more information, call 503-325-4442 or e-mail astoriaartloft@gmail.com. The Loft is located at 106 Third Street in Astoria.

Guitar and cello house concert set

ASTORIA — International touring guitarist Aaron Larget-Caplan returns to Astoria for a house concert of solo and chamber music celebrating Spain.

The intimate concert is Saturday, Oct. 19 at 7 pm at 1179 Jerome, in Astoria. Because of space limitations, reservations and/or tickets are required. Tickets are \$20.

He is joined by celebrated Portland-based cellist Jerry Bobbe for music by Isaac Albeniz, Enrique Granados, Manuel De Falla, Joaquin Rodrigo, Francisco Tarrega, and Esteban Sanlucar.

Purchase tickets for the house concert at aaronastoria.brownpapertickets.com or by calling Brown Paper Tickets: 1-800-838-3006 event #4397784. For more information about the house concert, contact lcaplan2010@gmail.com.

ScrapHunger event helps those in need

WARRENTON — The 14th annual ScrapHunger event — a scrapbooking, crafting and card-making fundraiser to help feed those in need — takes place from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday at the Warrenton Grade School, 820 S.W. Cedar Ave.

All are welcome to join in a day filled with prize drawings, games, demonstrations, make-and-takes and fun. Those attending can also make cards in support of Ronald McDonald House, and support Life Story Albums through donations of craft and scrapbook materials, along with leftovers, for the foster program at the local Department of Human Services office.

For entry, and to receive two raffle tickets for a chance to win one of the prizes donated by local businesses, bring eight nonperishable food items, craft projects and a soft pillow for seating. For every three additional food items brought, there is another chance to win.

In addition, each toy given in support of Toys for Tots is worth two raffle tickets for a special drawing.

Lunch is provided by Subway, snacks and dinner by the McKune family.

For information, contact Brenda McKune at 503-861-8126 or brendamckune@live.com

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