

Arts event comes to Cannon Beach

CANNON BEACH — Tolovana Arts Colony will host outdoor programming with its Art in the Park series, beginning Sunday from 1 to 6 p.m. at NeCus' Park.

During the events, local artists, musicians and actors will perform, creating a "street fair without the street." Sunday's event will feature a barbecue in honor of Father's Day.

Bringing picnic baskets, blankets, chairs, friends and neighbors is recommended.

Bayside Singers looking for new members

OCEAN PARK — Leaders of Bayside Singers are looking for new members to join its singing group.

The group rehearses at 1:40 p.m. on Tuesdays at the Ocean Park Lutheran Church, 24002 U St. Those interested in joining should call Andrea Patten, the group's president, at 360-642-2916 or 360-355-7863.

The ensemble is recruiting newcomers to rehearse in the early part of summer, then gear up for a December concert. The ability to read music and some experience singing in a group is preferred.

Patten said membership dwindled during the shutdown.

"We did lose a lot. We have several who are elderly or have health issues and a few moved away."

Those who remained had virtual gatherings online on Zoom, culminating in a Christmas singalong version of "Oh Holy Night."

The group has existed on the Long Beach Peninsula since 2007. It is led by Milton Williams, a former professional musician who retired to Ocean Park, and funded, in part, by a grant from the Washington State Arts Commission.

Scandinavian Midsummer Festival to begin Friday

ASTORIA — The Astoria Scandinavian Midsummer Festival will be held Friday and Saturday.

On Friday at 7 p.m., the coronation of Miss Scandinavia 2021 will take place virtually. Senior princesses will discuss their Scandinavian heritage and a panel will select one of the princesses as Miss Scandinavia 2021. The livestream can be accessed at astoriascanfest.org

A stationary optog, or walking parade, will take place from 11 a.m. to noon on Saturday on the north side of Marine Drive in front of the Columbia River Maritime Museum. Participants in Nordic folk garb will station themselves with flags along Marine Drive between 16th and 20th streets. Loran Mathews, the 2021 Grand Marshal, will be honored for his 50 years of volunteer service to the festival. Miss Scandinavia 2021, her court, and the viking, Nordic and Scandia Dancers will be present.

All Scandinavian lodges and societies are invited to participate in the optog. People driving by are encouraged to honk and show support for the festival.

At noon on Saturday, the festival will move to the future site of the Astoria Nordic Heritage Park, off the Riverwalk at 16th Street. The festival court will be introduced and the national anthems for the U.S., Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden will be played.

Authors to discuss their new works

ASTORIA — Authors Deborah Williams and Sarah Buckmaster, who were selected to participate in the North Coast Writer's Residency, will participate in an author reading and reception at 6 p.m. on Saturday and Aug. 18 at Astoria Visual Arts, 1000 Duane Street.

The residency was developed by the Astoria Writer's Guild and Astoria Visual Arts. The program offers established and emerging writers an opportunity to work on writing projects. Participants stay at the Spotted Goat Cottage on the Long Beach Peninsula, which features views of Willapa Bay, Long Island and the Willapa Hills.

Williams will work on a project titled "Hot and Strange: Reinventions of Self and School in the Middle East," which follows her experience moving to Abu Dhabi, the capital of the United Arab Emirates. Buckmaster plans to complete her first novel during the residency.



Chris Kryzaneck

Members of the 2021 Astoria Scandinavian Midsummer Festival court.

Until June 30, a virtual readers theater is available to watch through a collaboration between Astor Street Opry Company and the festival's association. More details about the video and the festival events are available at astoriascanfest.org

Children's yoga class set for Saturday

Ilwaco Timberland Regional Library will host a yoga session for children via Zoom at 11 a.m. on Saturday at events.trl.org/events/yoga-kids-1

Children will join a staff member from the Ilwaco library, who will lead a series of kid-friendly yoga poses, breathing and affirmations. Children and participating caregivers should wear comfortable clothes and have room to move.

No equipment is required. Children of all ages are welcome.

CrosswordAnswers

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