



Santa waves from a float during the Seaside Parade of Lights.

## Seaside prepares for Parade of Lights

SEASIDE — Applications for the Parade of Lights are now open in Seaside.

The annual event is the kick-off for the holiday season followed by the official lighting of the Seaside Christmas tree.

A contest is held every year, and judges select the best walking group, commercial motorized vehicle, non-commercial motorized vehicle and best walking and motorized combination.

The parade formation is Nov. 26 at 6 p.m., the parade begins at 7 p.m. and the tree will be lit at 8 p.m.

For more information, visit [seasidechamber.com](http://seasidechamber.com).

## Fort Clatsop debuts new exhibit in honor of Veterans Day

ASTORIA — Lewis and Clark National Historical Park will debut a new temporary exhibit honoring Veterans Day in the Visitor Center exhibit hall.

“Men of Many Capabilities” commemorates the 50th anniversary of when the U.S. Army Special Forces, also known as the Green Berets, retraced the route of the Lewis and Clark Expedition. Twenty-two men of the Special Forces’ 5th and 7th groups from Fort Bragg took part in the 1971 expedition. The exhibit is open now through Dec. 11 during regular hours at Fort Clatsop.

The 1971 expedition represented only the second U.S. military expedition across North America — the first since Lewis and Clark’s journey.

All the men had recently returned from service in Vietnam, where the U.S. was still actively engaged in combat. While officially a training exercise, the Green Berets’ retracing of the Lewis and Clark Expedition also served as an important source of goodwill ambassadorship at a time of growing dissolution over U.S. military intervention in



The Green Berets ceremony at Fort Clatsop.

Vietnam.

The exhibit features details and original objects from the expedition. A matching game for children is also available. Military veterans are encouraged to share their reflections on teamwork and leadership from their service years on comment cards at the exhibit.

## Oregon launches search for the next poet laureate

PORTLAND — The Oregon Poet Laureate Program is now accepting nominations for the state’s next poet laureate.

Over the course of a two-year term, the poet laureate fosters the art of poetry, encourages literacy and learning, addresses central issues relating to the humanities and heritage and reflects on public life in Oregon.

During their term, the poet laureate will give a minimum of 10 public readings and events per year in settings around the state, demonstrating the value and importance of poetry and creative expression to business, community and state leaders.

Nominations for the position will be accepted through Jan. 10, 2022. The next poet laureate will begin their term in May 2022.

Nominees must be residents of Oregon and have lived in the state for at least 10 years. They must be publicly recognized as poets and well regarded for excellence in their work; have a significant body of published or performed work; and agree to the conditions and the term of the appointment.

To nominate a poet, fill out the online nomination form at [oregonpoetlaureate.org](http://oregonpoetlaureate.org).

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