



A sign for Astoria Art Loft sits beside dried flowers.

Astoria Art Loft

106 Third St., Astoria

Open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday or by appointment

www.astoriaartloft.com

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Jeannette Davis, left, and Jo Pomeroy-Crockett are the artists behind a unique Astoria makerspace.

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CREATIVE COLLABORATION

Astoria Art Loft offers space for crafting

BY HEATHER DOUGLAS

With a rotating series of classes, workshops and events in addition to a dedicated studio space, Astoria Art Loft aims to inspire a collaborative approach to creating and sharing artwork.

“It’s a labor of love and we are committed to providing a space where artists and emerging artists can create, learn, support and be supported by other artists,” Jo Pomeroy-Crockett, co-owner of the Art Loft, said. “We hope we have created a warm, welcoming art home.”

Pomeroy-Crockett and fellow owner Jeanette Davis, artists themselves, aim to foster that creative potential.

The pair’s studio space opened in 2015 and has since grown to offer themed monthly art exhibits, classes, workshops and collaborations. The space’s Saturday Art Experience for children, art book lending library and storage area add to the mix. The loft offers 10 art studio spaces for rent including a space for resident artists to create with access to the facility. The loft also offers artwork, cards, prints, jewelry and framing services.

The loft’s location directly above an art store creates a symbiotic relationship. “Classes and workshops grow out of people’s requests for instruction,” Pomeroy-Crockett said.



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A lending library at Astoria Art Loft.

When the downtown space, formerly housing an upholstery business, became available, Pomeroy-Crockett was the first to imagine its possibility as a makerspace. “Since we were already artists and friends, the two of us founded the Asto-

ria Art Loft,” Davis said. Outside of managing the space, the pair draw, collage, paint and create multimedia art pieces. Pomeroy-Crockett’s specialty is watercolor painting, while

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