

Woman donates winnings to park

Gerry Swenson of Astoria was the grand-prize winner of the Scandinavian Midsummer Festival's \$1,000 raffle prize.

Swenson, who said she is "Swedish by marriage," donated the winnings to the Astoria Scandinavian Heritage Association for use in constructing the Scandinavian Heritage Park.

"I wanted to share the money with the Scandinavian community and the best way to do that was to pass it on to the Scandinavian Park project," she said.

Funds have been raised to



Courtesy Judi Lampi
Loran Mathews, Astoria Scandinavian Heritage Association president, congratulates Gerry Swenson on her win.

cover architectural and engineering fees and now the nonprofit group needs funds for park construction.

More details can be found online at astoriascanpark.org. See related story on Page 5.

Symphony presents pops concert with 100 musicians

Columbia River Symphony presents a summer pops concert Saturday with the Beacock Music, Concert, Stage and Swing Band from Vancouver, Wash.

The concert will be at 7 p.m. Aug. 11 in the auditorium at Astoria High School, 1001 W. Marine Drive.

The concert is part of Astoria Regatta.

Admission is free and families are encouraged.

More than 100 musicians from Oregon and Washington will come together through the two groups.

Cory Pederson, who is music director for Jewell Schools, conducts Columbia River Symphony. His brother, Cary Pederson, conducts the Beacock Music Band.



Courtesy CRS
Cory Pederson conducts the Columbia River Symphony.

Blooms take the stage at museum

A rose-planting, complete with a color guard and ceremony, will be held at 9 a.m. Saturday at Lighthouse Park.

The Portland Royal Rosarians have selected varieties for the small park at the four-way stop and across from Warrenton Post Office.

Admission is free and some seating will be available.



Scott Docherty/Redhare
Volunteer Irene Baltimore of Warrenton and 2017 Regatta President Dan Travers at last year's planting.

Other Regatta events

Astoria Regatta, which celebrates all things nautical, includes:

- **Grand Land Parade**, noon Saturday, downtown Astoria.
- **Highwater Boat Parade**, 4:30 p.m. Saturday, riverfront.
- **Sailboat races**, 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Astoria Yach Club at the West Mooring Basin.

Astoria park is site of free family movie nights

Astoria Parks and Recreation Department has organized three free family movies in the park.

The annual tradition provides an opportunity to experience cinematic magic in an outdoor setting.

Movies are on Wednesdays and begin at dusk in Fred Lindstrom Memorial Park,

Sixth and Niagara streets.

Last Wednesday, participants saw "A Wrinkle in Time," sponsored by Arbor Care.

Future movies are:

Aug. 15, "Peter Rabbit," sponsored by Clatsop Power Equipment, Gimre's Shoes, Aquafina and Astoria Mini Mart.

Aug. 22, "Coco," sponsored

by Recology.

The movies are projected onto a giant inflatable screen after sundown, approximately 8:30 p.m. Moviegoers should bring a blanket or low-back chairs.

Arrive early to grab a great seat, as the park fills up with an average attendance of 200 to 400 per event.

Port of Astoria releases its fall cruise ship schedule

Plenty of cruise ships will visit Astoria in the fall, with 13 expected just in September, according to the Port of Astoria.

Their arrival brings thousands of people to downtown Astoria and local attractions, where people spend money buying souvenirs, eating and playing.

The schedule follows:

Sept. 4: Celebrity Infinity
Sept. 11: Disney Wonder
Sept. 12: Silver Explorer
Sept. 14: Coral Princess
Sept. 15: Celebrity Solstice
Sept. 20: Island Princess
Sept. 20: SS Mariner
Sept. 22: Explorer of the Seas
Sept. 23: Ruby Princess
Sept. 24: Oceania Regatta

Sept. 25: Grand Princess
Sept. 26: Amsterdam
Sept. 29: Explorer of the Seas
Oct. 3: Norwegian Pearl
Oct. 6: Oceania Regatta
Oct. 9: Grand Princess
Oct. 18: Eurodam
Oct. 20: Emerald Princess
The schedule also is posted on the port's website.

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