

Holiday events

Christmas comes to Clatsop County

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The final weekend before Christmas is filled with holiday treats – the edible kind and the viewing kind.

There are two plays, music and dance events, plus some family-friendly activities with food.

HOLIDAY OPERA, DEC. 20

North Coast Chorale presents "Amahl and the Night Visitors," a one-act opera, as well as other holiday favorites at 7 p.m. Fridays, Dec. 20, and 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 22, at the Clatsop Community College Performing Arts Center, 588 16th St., Astoria.

HOMETOWN 'ROCKETTES,'

DEC. 20

"The Holiday Spectacular" hosted by Encore Dance Studio begins at 6:30 p.m. Friday at the Liberty Theater, 1203 Commercial St., Astoria.

The Radio City Rockettes are the inspiration for the Warrenton dance group's performance. It's a nonticketed event, although donations will be accepted at the door for Encore Performing Arts Foundation. Doors open a half-hour before the

performance.

PLUM PUDDING, DEC. 20-23

The Flavel House Museum will have its traditional Tea and Plum Pudding event in the festively decorated museum from 1 to 4 p.m. daily Dec. 20-23 and from 1 to 4 p.m. Dec. 26-30.

Admission is \$12 for non-members and \$8 for members of the Clatsop County Historical Society. It includes warm plum pudding, hot tea and a self-guided tour of the museum. Reservations are recommended for groups of eight or more.

The event is sponsored by the historical society and Providence Seaside Hospital.

For more information, call 503-325-2203.

GINGERBREAD TEA, DEC. 21

Gingerbread Tea at the Butterfield Cottage, 570 Necanicum Drive in Seaside, is at 1 p.m. Saturday. The tea is sponsored by Seaside Museum and Historical Society.

It includes homemade gingerbread cake baked by the museum "grandmothers," warm drinks, candy canes and music by the Seaside Strummers.

WHITE CHRISTMAS, DEC. 21

A "White Christmas" sing-along will be held at 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 21, at the Liberty Theatre.

There are many Irving Berlin classics from the 1954 film, including "The Best Things Happen When You're Dancing," "Snow," "Sisters," and the title song.

Admission is \$8 and available at libertyastoria.showare.com. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

VISIT SANTA, DEC. 21

Visits with Santa, sponsored by the Liberty Theatre and the Astoria Downtown Historic District Association, will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Saturday between Thanksgiving and Christmas.

The event is free inside the lobby of the Liberty Theatre, 1203 Commercial St., Astoria. Parents should be sure to bring a camera to capture the moment.

SCROOGED, DEC. 20-22

"Scrooged in Astoria," loosely based on the traditional holiday story, "A Christmas Carol," will be performed at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Dec. 20-21, and 2



Courtesy ASOC

Above: A scene from Scrooged in Astoria. **Below:** Plum pudding, a traditional holiday cake, will be served with tea at the Flavel House.



The ticket booth opens an hour before performances.

p.m. Sunday, Dec. 22.

The musical melodrama is a production of Astor Street Opry Company and held at the playhouse, 129 W. Bond St., Astoria.

Tickets are \$10 for everyone on Friday. On Saturday, tickets are \$30 for front-row seats and \$15 for all others. Children 10 and younger are \$10. Tickets are available at the door and at asocplay.com.

Ft Clatsop has after-Christmas plans

Lewis and Clark National Historical Park will offer special programs about the Corps of Discovery's winter at Fort Clatsop on the days following Christmas.

Starting Dec. 26, Fort Clatsop will feature scheduled living history programs by park rangers from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. each day through Jan. 1.

Rangers in period clothing will present flintlock muzzle-loading programs, demonstrations, talks and walks about various aspects of the explorers' winter at Fort Clatsop.

"A Clatsop Winter Story," a 22-minute movie about the 1805-06 winter from a Clatsop Indian perspective, and "Lewis and Clark: Confluence of Time and Courage," a 34-minute movie about the entire voyage, will be offered every hour.

The park is closed on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

Admission is \$7 per adult – increasing to \$10 on Jan. 1.

Do your kids a favor.

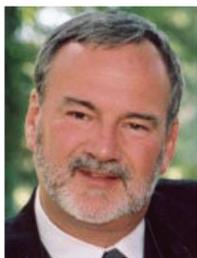
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