

Chamber Works

Astoria Needs Your Votes

Budget Travel Magazine has selected 20 towns that stand out as America's Coolest Small Towns and Astoria made the list. The top towns will be included in the September issue of the magazine. You can help to ensure our community a spot in the magazine by going online to www.budgettravel.com and voting. We also have the link on our Facebook page "Travel Astoria Warrenton." Voting is open until February 11, and you can vote every 5 hours, upload photos or leave comments about your choice.

A contingent of local residents rallied together in January and pushed Astoria up from 6th place to 2nd (as of this writing) and we have our sights on FIRST! You can help by voting every day and spreading the word to your friends, family, coworkers, organization members, etc.

Remember - Vote early, vote often!



"Chamber Checks" Program Set to Launch!

With the incredible success of the Clam Bucks program that has driven customers to participating member businesses during the Great Columbia Crossing weekend, we've been searching for a year around "shop local" program that's more than just stickers in windows! A very successful program used by Chambers across the country will be launched here for our Chamber members later this month.

"Chamber Checks" are unique checks that can be used to purchase goods and services from any member of the Astoria Warrenton Area Chamber of Commerce. "Chamber Checks" are legal tender, and if you accept checks at your business you can accept these and deposit them in your bank account the same as regular checks. Simple - no extra processing needed!

The Chamber will be marketing "Chamber Checks" year around for gift giving and for employee reward and incentive programs. "Chamber Checks" will be available for purchase at the Chamber in denominations of \$10, \$20, \$25, \$50 or \$100 and each check includes a listing of all Chamber member businesses so the recipient knows where it can be redeemed.

More information about this program will be provided prior to launch, so stay tuned. If you have any questions please give us a call and ask for Skip or Rose.

Warrenton Business Association 2011 Officers Elected

Stephen Fulton, a land-use consultant, was named chairman of the Warrenton Business Association taking the helm in January from outgoing Chairwoman Krista Bingham, owner of Serendipity Deli Cafe & Catering.

The WBA, an advisory committee appointed by the Warrenton City Commission, represents the city's business community and addresses issues affecting the local economy.

Kristin Talamantez, manager of the Bank of Astoria's Warrenton branch, was elected secretary. She'll replace outgoing secretary Cindy Yingst, owner of The UPS Store. Carla Sowins, owner of Sowins Real Estate & Property Management, was elected to a second term as treasurer.

The WBA meets at 6:30 pm on the first Tuesday of each month in Commission Chambers at Warrenton City Hall. All businesses that pay city business license fees are members of the WBA and urged to attend the monthly meetings.

Goal Setting Session Scheduled

Have some thoughts to improve Warrenton's economy or the climate for businesses in the city?

Business owners are urged to attend the Warrenton Business Association's annual Goal-Setting Session at 5:30 pm, Thursday, February 10, at City Hall, 250 S. Main Ave.

The WBA sponsors the annual Old Fashioned Fourth of July parade and carnival as well as the Christmas Tree Lighting event. Projects in the past have included the purchase of Christmas banners and lights, the community Christmas tree and downtown flower baskets, adding lighting to the "Welcome to Warrenton" signs and promoting the beautification of area businesses.

One of the topics likely to be discussed is the possible cancellation of the Old Fashioned Fourth carnival, due to its cost. Members of the public are urged to attend to add their input.

Coastal Focus at Bridal Show

The Lower Columbia Tourism Committee is going to participate in the Coastal Room at the Bravo Wedding Affair in Portland on Sunday, February 20th. We'll be staffing a table and talking about the variety of venues and services available in the Astoria-Warrenton area. About 300 brides attend the show each year, with a total attendance of more than 600 guests. We'll be bringing general information about the area with us to hand out to attendees.

If you'd like to supply your brochure, flyer or business card to be available for attendees to pick up, reserve your spot on the table for \$25, by calling or emailing Regina (325-6311 or regina@oldoregon.com).

Director's Corner - Annual Award Edition

2010 George Award

As one letter stated, our 2010 George is a tireless volunteer who is definitely an asset to our community. Our George quietly, yet confidently, works behind the scenes to help others and in the process touched so many lives throughout the years. Our George is always positive, professional and her enthusiasm has been an inspiration to many.

If this George was looking for a "real" job, her resume would be hard to overlook. Here is just a sample of her involvement; instead of standing by and letting "the other George" do it. Please note that NONE of these come attached to a paycheck:

- Active member of the Astoria Regatta Association during the last 45 years. She has been President, Co-Administrator, secretary, treasurer and is a current Board member. She is a past Skipper of the Anchor Club and has chaired every Regatta event at one time or another.
- She is a member of the Danish Society and has volunteered for the Scandinavian Festival Association for several years, even filling in as a Viking/Nordic Dancer when needed.
- She is currently the President of the Astoria Lions Club.
- She is the Current Chairperson of the Board for the North Coast Symphonic Band as well as sharing her talents on the string bass with the group.
- Our George was one of the first to get involved as a member of the Clatsop County Long Term Disaster Relief Program after the "big blow" of 2007 and is currently President of this organization. She is also the current Vice President of the Rural Oregon V.O.A.D., which is a state organization that provides help to people who had damage from some form of disaster.
- She is a Past Church Council President at First Lutheran and is currently Director of the Congregational Advocates to coordinate fund raising efforts.
- She has a passion for helping kids and is on the Board for the Lutheran Community Services "Hope House," which offers counseling services. She was also one of the pioneers who helped start the free summer lunch program. She is also a very active member of the "Assistance League," a newly formed organization that helps provide school clothes for children.
- And finally, our 2010 George is also a member of the FORD Foundation Institute for Community Building.
- To those who know her, she is an advocate, a mentor, a confidant and a friend who is always willing to listen and to serve.

At this time, it is our honor to introduce to you, your Astoria-Warrenton Chamber's 2010 George Award winner.....**Charlene Larsen.**

2010 Richard Ford Award

The Richard Ford Distinguished Service Award is given to a person who has devoted time and energy in countless ways to our community. The award is aptly named after the late Richard Ford, a Warrenton resident whose impact was far reaching. Ford worked for the city of Warrenton as the building inspector and fire chief, but most importantly volunteered much of his free time helping his neighbors.

This year the City of Warrenton wanted to recognize two key individuals who are excited to create an environment that is accessible and enjoyable for everyone in the area.

Jim Scheller is a member of the Clatsop Community College Board of Directors and the Skipanon Watershed. In particular, he is being honored for his work on the Warrenton Trails Association. His leadership and dedication is already enjoyed by those who ride their bike, walk or run along the growing network of trails of Warrenton. The Trails Master plan is a detailed guideline that wouldn't be possible without volunteers and leaders such as Jim Scheller.

Jann Luesse is being recognized for her dedication to the Warrenton Dog Park. All of the credit for the park concept, creation and funding should go directly to Luesse. She is committed to its success and has created a park where 2-legged and 4-legged creatures can play.

Applause Award

The prestigious Applause Award is presented by the Chamber to show our appreciation to organizations who go above and beyond the call of duty. This year we are proud to announce that we are awarding two Applause Awards and they go to both the **City of Astoria** and the **City of Warrenton.**

The leadership within both of these Cities extends well beyond their individual city boundaries to enhance our entire area. The strong relationship between the Astoria/Warrenton Chamber of Commerce and the communities we represent is really quite unique. It is also highly appreciated and not something your Chamber takes for granted. This working partnership between our organizations is recognized throughout the state and is a shining example of how we should all work together for common goals.

***Congratulations to all of our award winners!
The communities of Astoria and Warrenton
thank you for your devotion and service.***



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Astoria - Warrenton Chamber of Commerce

*To drive prosperity by supporting our business community,
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Warrenton Visitor Center: 143 S Hwy 101 *Closed for Winter.*

**Astoria Warrenton Area
Chamber of Commerce
2010-2011 President's Circle**

EVENT PRESENTERS

Safeway
2011 Crab, Seafood & Wine Festival
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2010 Great Columbia Crossing
Clatsop Community Bank
2011 Annual Meeting

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New Member Orientation is Big Hit

Nineteen new and long-time members attended last month's first orientation meeting! Thanks to all who attended. We learned that this is also a good opportunity for anyone considering membership to see for themselves without obligation. Our first one netted two new members, so if you know anyone interested, please tell them about this ongoing program. RSVP's would be appreciated as space is limited, please call Rose at the Chamber.

New Member Orientation

Tuesday, February 8th

10:00am to 11:30am

Chamber Office Green Building

Volunteers Needed for Crab Festival!

The Astoria Warrenton Chamber of Commerce is looking for volunteers with great energy and a positive personality as we welcome thousands of visitors to the area during the 2011 Crab, Seafood & Wine Festival at the Clatsop County Fairgrounds.

This year's festival will be held on April 29, 30 and May 1 at the Clatsop County Fairgrounds. As we reach our 29th annual festival, we are excited to celebrate the 200th birthday of Astoria and its significance to our history of the entire community.

If you're interested in volunteering, please contact Alana Kujala at Alana@oldoregon.com.

Let's enjoy the delicious bounty of the great Oregon coast.



ChamberWorks Reminders

* **Articles** are accepted by email or print until the **15th** of the month prior to insertion by email to newsletter@oldoregon.com. Submissions may be edited or omitted by the editors for space or content. Pictures are welcome in .tif or .jpg format. Articles should be 200 words or less.

* **Inserts** (8.5 x 11" size) are limited to 10 each month. Supply a proof copy to the Chamber to hold your space. Once you hear back that your insert is okay, bring **600 copies** and payment to the Chamber - no later than the **20th** of the month prior to insertion. Inserts are \$50. Inserts should be 1 sheet of office paper - no folds, staples or heavy paper without prior approval.

* **Business Card size** (3.5"W x 2"H) **advertisements** are \$20 a month, with a minimum 6-month commitment. Send camera ready art by email or drop off a card to be scanned. Advertisements are due on the 15th of the month prior to first insertion.

* **Member of the Month** - Reserve this space in an upcoming issue and fill this prime spot on the back cover with news regarding your business or organization. The space can fit about 400 words with one 3" wide photo and your contact info, but you can use the space however you like!

* Would you like to receive ChamberWorks by **email** instead of the paper copy? The email newsletter does include the inserted flyers. Just let us know!

Buying Advertising Space?

Before accepting any offer for advertising in which it is implied the Chamber has contracted or supports a publication, website or other media, please call the Chamber to confirm our involvement. It is our practice to announce to our members via mail, email or in our newsletter about such offers ahead of time. Just because the Chamber's name is on it does not necessarily mean we have endorsed it.

Welcome New Members

Dean Fuller

Individual Member
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dnlfuller@gmail.com

Fernhill Glass

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(503) 325-0306 - fax
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spa@cannerypierhotel.com
www.cannerypierhotel.com

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ASTORIA STREET OPERY COMPANY

**2nd Annual
New Works Festival**
Sponsored by The Astoria Coop

Feb. 3rd to 19th 2011
Thurs. to Sat. 7:30pm
With one Sun. Feb. 13th 2:00pm
Award Winning Scripts!
Comedy & Drama

CENTERPIECE By Keyaho Rohlf
HISTORY ENDS HERE By Jerry Polner
PIG PEN By Susan Soon

ASOC Playhouse 129 W. Bond Str. Astoria
Tickets by Phone 503-325-6104
or at the door \$15 to 8

Local Residents Featured in Ads: "This is My Astoria"

The Lower Columbia Tourism Committee invited the local "characters" that posed for the photography and representatives from the locations seen in our new ad campaign to our January meeting to formally thank them for their participation. They all had fun stories to share about their experience with the photography sessions and some already have a fanbase starting based on their appearance in the ads. We appreciate them taking time from their busy schedules to support our community through this effort.

The ads can be seen currently online at traveloregon.com's Oregon Coast page, sunset.com and seattleweekly.com as well as in print magazines this spring including *Sunset*, *Portland Monthly*, *Seattle Met*, and *Oregon Coast Magazine*.

The ad campaign highlights the well-rounded experience Astoria and Warrenton have to offer by showing real, local icons in settings that might not be typical - a fisherman in a coffeehouse; a chef on the beach, etc. The copy invites the reader to find their own way to enjoy this area. Campaign participants include: Andy Carlson, retired fisherman; Kim Angelis, world-renowned violinist; Kirsten Norgaard, local enthusiast; Gordon Clement, Clemente's chef; and Pam, Lori and Julie Lum of Lum's Auto Center. Locations used in the campaign include Peter Iredale Shipwreck

at Fort Stevens; Anchor at Columbia River Maritime Museum; Street 14 Coffee; Astoria Riverfront Trolley; and the Astoria-Megler Bridge.

Questions? Contact Rosemary Baker-Monaghan with the Liberty Theatre (LCTC Chair) at 503-325-8108 or Caroline Wuebben with the Holiday Inn Express (LCTC Vice Chair) at 503-325-6222.

Hometown Tourism

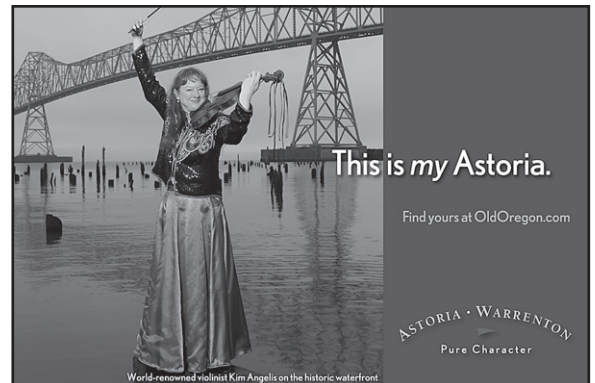
A Hometown Tourism event has been proposed for the "tourist attractions" of Astoria and Warrenton (and possibly beyond) to all have free (or reduced) admissions on the same one or two days this spring. This would encourage local people to visit these sites (so they'd be better able to promote them to visitors) and provide a happy crowd for the attractions to practice their summer programming ahead of time.

The model for this could be Victoria, B.C.'s annual event which you can check out at www.victorialodging.com/event/be-tourist-your-own-hometown

If your attraction or organization might be interested in participating in this, please contact Sally Freeman, Park Ranger at Lewis and Clark NHP (sally_freeman@nps.gov or (503) 861-4424) or Regina at the Chamber.



Kim Angelis and Kirsten Norgaard (background LtoR) share stories about their photo shoots while LCTC members Dan Bartlett, Dan Arnoth and Sally Freeman (foreground LtoR) listen in. Kim's ad is below where she is actually standing on a piling in the river to pose for the shot.



Make Energy-Saving Resolutions for 2011

For many businesses the New Year means a new operating budget. Developing an energy-saving strategy provides an opportunity to cut costs, reduce emissions and increase profitability. Here are five energy-saving resolutions to get you started:

1. Conduct an energy investigation. An energy audit will help you identify energy losses that can be corrected through regular maintenance, improved operating practices or building retrofits.
2. Look for energy-saving opportunities. Energy-saving opportunities abound in places where you might not think to look. For example, networking printers can save a surprising amount of energy in office areas.
3. Focus on energy-efficient operations and maintenance. The primary goal of preventive maintenance is to optimize equipment reliability and lifespan. Energy-efficient operation is another important consideration.
4. Account for every kilowatt. Tracking energy use will provide data leading to even more savings opportunities.
5. Start a conservation culture. Companies that take a back-to-basics approach of turning things off or down, cleaning and maintaining, quickly profit from energy reductions at little or no cost.

To find tools, resources and programs to help your business manage energy use, visit pacificpower.net/business.

Source: Pacific Power and Tech Resources Inc.

Tourism Development for Rural Areas

Oregon's Rural Tourism Studio (RTS), offered by Travel Oregon starting this month in the McKenzie River Valley, is now open for registration. RTS is a series of tourism development workshops offering customized training aimed at harnessing regional opportunities to stimulate the local economy, protecting and enhancing local resources, and fostering new connections along with local pride. There will be seven workshops covering topics including: Community Tourism Planning, Nature-Based Tourism, Bicycle Tourism, Cultural Heritage Tourism, Agri-Tourism, Marketing on a Shoestring and Fundraising.

All workshops will take place at the McKenzie River Mountain Resort in Blue River, OR. There is a \$5 fee for each workshop to help cover meal costs. For more about the program, or to register, please contact Kristin Dahl at Travel Oregon, (503) 378-2104, email at Kristin@TravelOregon.com or visit <http://industry.traveloregon.com>.



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Sailing the Rough C's

The Lower Columbia Human Resource Management Association (LCHRMA) is pleased to announce that our program in March will feature Deborah Jeffries, PHR, CPC of HR. She will discuss "Sailing the Rough C's-Communication, Counseling, and Conflict." As you chart your course through your professional and personal life, you are likely to encounter rough waters in the three C's—communication, counseling, and conflict resolution. Learn how to enhance your skills in these areas and learn techniques that can help you navigate through life. Deborah's no-nonsense, practical approach to sailing the rough C's promises to leave you with a wealth of knowledge, and a smile to boot!

The meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 9, from 11:30 am to 1 pm at Tongue Point Job Corps Center in Astoria. You need not be a member to attend. Register online at www.lchrma.org. The cost of this event, which includes lunch prepared by the Culinary Arts students in the tasteful Bistro on campus, is \$20. All proceeds from this event will benefit the SHRM foundation.

Health Care is Topic at AAUW Forum

Dr. Noralou Roos will share real Canadian health research, facts and be available for conversations at two events this month. Dr. Roos is co-founder and director for Manitoba Center for Healthcare Policy which began in 1990 and was awarded the 2010 Hall Laureate for her on-going excellence in health policy research. She is a world-renowned presenter and has much to say.

She will address the Astoria Rotary at noon on Monday, February 14th. She will also share a panel discussion with Dr. Bennett Garner addressing the Canadian and USA health care systems, how physicians work and get paid, and insurance concerns with Astoria AAUW in the Flag Room of the Library at 7pm on Tuesday, February 15. For more information, call Sara Meyer at (503) 325-7969.

Youth Nature Writing Contest

The third annual Youth Nature Writing Contest at Lewis and Clark National Historical Park is open for submissions. This is a chance for Ninth to Twelfth Grade students to write a 500-word nonfiction story about trees or forests. Entries are due by March 31st. For more information, go to www.nps.gov/lewi and click onto "Youth Nature Writing Contest." You can also call (503) 861-2471, ext. 220.



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Bridge of the Gods Puppet Theater

Puppetry brings a Native American legend to the Liberty stage. Huddle close to our campfire and listen to the story of the Bridge of the Gods. This legend tells of a fight between two brothers that caused the great land bridge in the Columbia Gorge to collapse. Join Coyote and She Who Watches as this story of the river and mountains unfolds.

This remarkable play based on a Klickitat version of the tale is written by Native American storyteller Ed Edmo (Shoshone-Bannock), designed by Lillian Pitt (Warm Springs/Yakima) and features music by Arlie Neskahi (Dine' Nation New Mexico) and poetry by Elizabeth Woody (Warm Springs/Yakima).



The Liberty Theater is proud to present Tears of Joy Puppet Theatre in their production "Bridge of the Gods" on Saturday, February 19, with performance at 8 pm. Tickets: Adults \$12, Seniors/Students/Military \$8 Liberty Box Office

Tears of Joy Theatre is recognized as one of the nation's outstanding puppet companies. Its performances create theatrical magic that delights audiences of children and adults alike.

McManus in Love: A One-Man Stage Show

After the success of Pat McManus' first play, he decided to write a second one, this time primarily from unpublished material written specifically for the stage. In "McManus In Love," young Pat finally defeats his fear of the dark and realizes it was child's play compared to his fear of ...girls! The result is a hilarious romp through the maze of self-torture we all go through when we begin to date.

Watch the story unfold at the Liberty Theater on Saturday, February 12, at 7 pm. Ticket prices range from \$15-20 and may be purchased at the Box Office or online.

Innovation for Your Garden

KMUN brings to life Ann Goldeen's popular gardening program, *Diggin' the Dirt*, to share a hands-on experience of preparing your soil for spring. Together with special guest, Jim Karnofski, Registered Nurse and Microbiologist, Ann will be showing how our gardens can be more productive. The program will touch on topics of soil preparation, seed germination and producing biochar to grow better vegetables.

The entire community is invited to attend:

Granny Patti's, Knappa, Sunday, February 5, 1-4pm

The Artisan in Ilwaco, Sunday, February 12, 1-4pm

Admission at \$5 will help offset the cost of materials and further benefit public affairs programming on KMUN 91.9FM Astoria. *Diggin' the Dirt* is heard at 9:30am on alternate Tuesdays. Information is available from Coast Community Radio during business hours at (503) 325-0010. Presented with help from Brim's Farm & Garden.



New Works Festival

The Astor Street Opry company will hold their 2nd Annual NEW WORKS FESTIVAL, sponsored by the Astoria Coop, will run Thursdays to Saturdays 7:30pm, Feb 3rd to 19th with one Sunday matinee on the 13th at 2:00pm.

The contest which ran from July to November 2010 had over 30 entries from New York to Los Angeles. The panel of judges chose three pieces for this 2nd annual production. The winning one-act plays include a new script by Cannon Beach author Keyaho Rolfs, *CENTERPIECE*. This is the second year in a row Mr. Rolfs has created a winning entry for the ASOC New Works Festival. In this story we find an elderly homeless couple who in the midst of today's economic meltdown seek sheltered in the warmth of lights on the stage. We watch as they reflect and reminisce about their lives together and celebrate their love. His endearing and potent piece features local performers Bill W. Dodge, Patricia Shannon and Ann Bronson and is directed by Anne MacGregor.

The second winning script is the one-act comedy *HISTORY ENDS HERE* by New York author Jerry Polner. Directed by Edward James this fun tale features Lynne Hadley, Cheryl Honey, Rhonda Lively, Alex Burg, and Tom Brownson. It takes place in a historic heritage home museum in Vermont as it approaches closure. Comedy ensues as the characters take some pretty extreme and passionate measures to keep the doors open.

For best monolog 2010 the panel chose the drama *THE PIG PEN* by author Susan Soon of New York. Featuring Julie and Rusty House and directed by Jayne Osborn this short piece is about a man who life has taken a plunge into the depths of depression as his wife struggles to sift through the clutter and debris of their lives.

ASOC is dedicated to keeping original theatrical works thriving in our community. Please come join us to support these award winning pieces. Tickets are \$15 to \$8 and there are discounts for child, senior and group rates. They can be purchased in advance by calling 503-325-6104 or one hour before each show time at the door.

Coming Soon at the ASOC Playhouse

AUDITIONS for The New ASOC Lewis & Clark Melodrama

The Real Story of Lewis and Clark
(or How the Finns Discovered Astoria)

Saturday, March 5th: Noon to 2:00pm

Sunday, March 6th: 6:00pm

PERFORMANCES of 3rd Annual Winter Children's Theatre

The Wizard of Oz

Friday to Sundays, March 4-20th

2011 Board of Directors

(year shown is term expiration)

Officers:

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Individual	
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Lower Columbia Hispanic Council	
Sara Meyer	2011
Individual	
Lorrie Radu	2013
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CHAMBER CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 2011

2	Chamber Ambassadors Meeting 5:30pm @ Baked Alaska
8	New Member Orientation 3pm @ Chamber "Green Building"
9	Chamber Executive Board Meeting 1:30pm @ Chamber "Green Building"
10	Lower Columbia Tourism Committee Meeting 8am @ Chamber "Green Building"
15	Newsletter Articles & Advertisements Due newsletter@oldoregon.com
17	Chamber Board of Directors Meeting 4:00pm @ Chamber "Green Building"
17	Business After Hours 5:30pm @ Big Creek Fishing Lodge (directions below)
20	Newsletter Inserts & Payment Due
22	Chamber Circle 8:00am @ TBA No-host breakfast buffet is \$9 per person. Speaker: Norma Hernandez, Lower Columbia Hispanic Council Join us for another great networking event that includes information you can use! RSVP's would be appreciated to the Chamber, (503) 325-6311.

Business After Hours

Thursday, February 17th

5:30 to 7pm

Big Creek Fishing Lodge

92878 Waterhouse Rd., Astoria

Directions from Astoria: Turn left off Hwy 30 at The Logger Restaurant. Take first left, then right on Waterhouse Road. Take first driveway on the left. Only a 1/4 mile from highway.

Join the Chamber

Ambassadors and the host business for food, beverages and plenty of good company at Business After Hours, the 3rd Thursday each month. Chamber members may invite guests to this fun evening of networking, refreshments and door prizes! Don't forget, you must be present to win the member-only cash pot drawing.



Civic Organizations Meeting Dates

Astoria Branch AAUW — 3 rd Tues. @ 7pm, Library Flag Room
Astoria Downtown HDA — 1 st Fri. @ 8:30am, Baked Alaska
Astoria Rotary — Mondays @ Noon, Elks Club
Elks — 2 nd & 4 th Thursdays @ 8 pm, Elks Club
Kiwanis — 1 st , 3 rd & 5 th Tuesdays @ Noon, Golden Luck
Lions — Wednesdays @ 6:30pm, Golden Star
Moose — Wednesdays @ 6:30 pm, Moose Lodge
Toastmasters - 1 st , 3 rd & 5 th Mondays @ 6pm, Hotel Elliott
Warrenton Bus. Assoc. — 1 st Tues. @ 6:30, Warrenton City Hall
Warrenton Rotary — Wednesdays @ 6:45 am, Doogers

Fort George Brewery Expansion Opens, Canning Begins and Stout Month

Fort George Brewery's annual Stout Month will coincide with the opening of its new production brewery, canning line, and tasting room. This means in addition to the public house, there will be a second spot on the Fort George block to sample some of the Northwest's most coveted stouts throughout February.



There will be no shortage of beer, as the new 30-barrel brewery, per batch, will produce enough pints to go around the population of Astoria (10,000) one and a half times. This second brewery will allow for more regional distribution, and the Fort George is keeping

its original 8.5-barrel system for smaller batches of seasonal brews and other new recipes in order to continue offering an eclectic range of beers.

Thursday, February 17th, Fort George, hosts its Oysters & Stouts Dinner, a five-course beer and food pairing. For those interested in attending the brewery recommends making reservations as soon as possible. Log onto www.fortgeorgebrewery.com or call the pub at 503-325-PINT.

Plus, as the canning line gets up and running this month, look for cans of Vortex IPA and 1811 Lager in a store near you.

Lover's Menu & Sushi Night at Bistro

The Bridgewater Bistro is serving up love on Valentine's weekend, February 11-14, with a 4-course "Lover's Menu for Two." Jazz pianists and guitarists will be playing each evening and for Sunday jazz brunch. Nothing says romance like great live music, delectable foods and beverages, and sweeping views of the river and mountains. Reservations are required for dinner.

Sushi Nights are back on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, the 16th this month. Enjoy Chef Sean's hand-rolled and made to order specialty rolls as well as lots of more traditional options. Reservations appreciated.

New Festival on the North Coast

The Tolovana Arts Colony created a new festival in Cannon Beach to help stimulate tourism to the North Coast in the winter season. The Cannon Beach Yoga Festival will take place the weekend of February 25th and feature world-renowned instructors and workshops for Yogis of every experience level. Visit www.CannonBeachYogaFestival.com for information and registration.



Fisher Poets Gather in Astoria

The Fisher Poets Gathering (FPG) is expecting more than 70 fishing and maritime industry people from several states and British Columbia to bring their original poems, stories and songs to Astoria. This year's event is on February 24 to 27. Along with several local music groups who also have strong fishing-industry ties, they will present their readings and music at this 14th annual weekend program. "Fisher Poetry" comes from experiences living and working in the industry, and ranges in writing style from fast-moving rhyming couplets to crafted free verse or literary prose, and includes poems, songs, short stories, personal memoirs and essays, along with art.




A fifth downtown Astoria evening venue is added this year to offer extra reading space. Audience comes from the local area, the northwest region and points around the country to hear these original writings and oral accounts based on the hard-working vocation of commercial fishing and making a living at sea.

Detailed program and updates are posted on the website during February as they become available: www.clatsopcc.edu/fisherpoets. KMUN-FM broadcasts the Friday and Saturday evening program from one of the venues. This includes "streaming live" over the web at www.coastradio.org.

North Coast Chorale Fundraiser

On Saturday, February 26, the North Coast Chorale is hosting a fund raiser at the Performing Arts Center at 16th & Franklin in Astoria. The event includes a Variety Show featuring members of the chorale and a silent auction. There will be music, comedy and fun. The doors open at 6 pm and the show begins at 7 pm. Refreshments and beverages will be provided. Donations will go toward the purchase of new risers for the Chorale and are greatly appreciated. For more information, visit www.ncoastchorale.com.

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Bloomin Crazy Floral, in downtown Astoria, celebrated its first year in business this past November. They were one of the first businesses to open in the rebuilt Sanborn Building. Owner Diane Berry has been working in the floral business in the Astoria area for more than thirty years, finally deciding to venture out on her own.

The architecture of the new building lent itself beautifully to the "look" that Diane wanted for her new business. Being on the corner, the storefront is surrounded by windows, floor to ceiling on two sides. This lets in a lot of natural light, perfect for the vast array of tropical plants she carries. The store is decorated in a contemporary, upscale, modern style with gifts selected to compliment the look. Flower arrangements range from contemporary to traditional. Special requests of bouquet style or flowers are always welcome. Everyday occasions, weddings, sympathy flowers and silk flower arrangements are always available. Delivery available from Seaside to Knappa.

Diane and her very experienced staff are open six days a week. Hours are 9 to 5 Monday through Friday, 9 to 3 on Saturdays, and other times by appointment. They are very committed to great customer service, friendly and professional atmosphere and, of course, beautifully designed floral arrangements!



Owner, Diane Berry, with Margaret Furlong of Margaret Furlong Designs during a recent Angel Signing.



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