

NOVEMBER 2011

Chamber Works

Astoria, Warrenton & Seaside Team up

Oregon's North Coast communities of Astoria, Warrenton and Seaside are banding together to create a single identity in an effort to increase awareness of this area that has historically promoted itself as stand-alone communities. United, these communities represent a multitude of activities for any traveler and depth that will encourage longer stays and return trips. No matter the time of year, our communities offer amazing experiences for our visitors.

The City of Seaside Visitors Bureau successfully applied for a Travel Oregon Matching Grant to assist with setting up the program, including creation of brand materials, messaging and development of advertisements. Primary focus will be on growing off-season visitation and multi-community itinerary development.

If you'd like to learn more about the project, or how you can support it, please contact Regina Willkie, the Astoria-Warrenton Chamber's Marketing Manager at (503) 325-6311 or regina@oldoregon.com.

Non-Profit Organization Knowledge Training

The Astoria Scandinavian Heritage Corporation will be holding a meeting on Saturday, December 3, 2011, at the Astoria Warrenton Chamber concerning 501©3 status. The presenter will be Mr. David Atkin, director of Nonprofit Support Services, a law office that works exclusively for nonprofit organizations. Mr. Atkin has been involved in the nonprofit sector for over 40 years, and has worked with more than a thousand nonprofit organizations.

At 1:00pm a session will be held to train Board Members on the duties and records required for a nonprofit organization. This part of the meeting will be open to other current nonprofit organizations who want to send either new Board members or other members wanting to refresh their knowledge. If interested, contact Loran Mathews at (503) 325-6136 or mathews3168@charter.net by November 15.

Planning Ahead for 2012

As you make your plans for next year, don't forget to alert the Chamber. Whether you are scheduling an annual event, changing your services or products, or moving, we'd like to know about it. You can make sure your event is on our calendar by emailing the information to suzanne@oldoregon.com or posting it to the web. Chamber members can directly post events online and update directory listings at www.oldoregon.com. If you aren't sure how, sign up for the Member Orientation happening on December 6.

Chamber Considering Book Direct Option for Lodging Members on Website

In an effort to keep the Chamber's website (oldoregon.com) up to date and provide more functionality to visitors, we are researching the addition of a reservations module. Jackrabbit Systems is a company that works with hundreds of DMOs across the nation to provide software that we are considering.

The Jackrabbit software works as a collator, pulling the data from existing online reservation platforms to show a list of properties with rooms available on a particular date and the rate range for each property. When the visitor clicks on a property, they are taken to their website to book directly with the lodging property. The Jackrabbit software can be customized to blend into the Chamber's website. They also provide a free reservations system to lodgings that do not already have it on their website.

The Chamber thinks this functionality will be a beneficial tool to our website visitors by making it that much easier to learn more about a trip to our area, and simplifying the process to make a room reservation or inquire about rates while on our site.

There was a meeting for lodging operators in September where this idea was met with great enthusiasm. Lodging members will be contacted this month in a poll to see how many would fully participate in the program and to finalize a plan for funding the program. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Regina at the Chamber. Jackrabbit Systems is already expanding their offerings to mobile apps and facebook, as well as other industries like dining, events and attractions.



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Arrival Date: 10/17/2011

Departure: 10/17/2011

SEARCH



Vendor applications for the 2012 Astoria-Warrenton Crab, Seafood & Wine Festival will be available December 1st at the Chamber or online at oldoregon.com/events.

Director's Corner

OFFICIAL NOTICE

To All Members of the Astoria/Warrenton Chamber:

On Thursday, October 20, 2011, the Nominating Committee of your Chamber selected the following candidates for the five open positions on the Board of Directors:

- Jake Carls---Coast Rehabilitation Services
- Pat O'Grady---Warrenton Auto and Marine
- David Reid--- Aflac of Astoria
- Loran Mathews---Scandinavian Midsummer Festival
- Sara Meyer---Retired Individual

Sara Meyer, as an incumbent board member, will finish up her first term at the end of December and as stated in Article V Section 1 of the Chamber's Bylaws, is eligible to run for a second consecutive term.

As per Article VIII of the Bylaws, additional names of candidates for Directors can be nominated by petition bearing the signatures of at least twenty-five (25) qualified members of the Chamber. Such petition shall be filed with the Nominating Committee within twelve (12) calendar days after notice has been given of the names of those nominated. The Nominating committee shall determine the validity of the petition(s) and their decision shall be final.

Section 4 of Article VIII states that if no petition is filed within the designated period (must be submitted to Chamber by 5PM on November 14, 2011), the nominations shall be closed and the nominated slate of candidates shall be declared elected by the Board of Directors at their regular November meeting.

My appreciation goes out to all of the Chamber members who submitted their names as potential candidates. When most organizations struggle to come up with a slate of qualified nominees, we had a good turnout of very qualified individuals who were interested in serving their Chamber. We thank all of you for your interest and we look forward to working with you in the future.

George Award Nominations

There's an old saying "Let George Do It". A tongue in cheek saying meaning let someone else do the job. Since "George" doesn't really exist, the Chamber started its own tradition of calling out the "Georges" in the community who ARE doing the job! The George Award honors citizens who give extraordinary service to the community. These are local people who give their time and energy to better our community – the doers, the people who make things happen.

If you know someone who consistently jumps in when they see a need, rather than waiting for George to do it, why don't you nominate them for the George award this year?

The 2011 George Award recipient will be named at the Chamber's annual banquet in January of 2012. Nominations for the 2011 George Award will be accepted until 5 p.m. December 16. More information is located at oldoregon.com

2011 GREAT COLUMBIA CROSSING A HUGE SUCCESS

This year's Great Columbia Crossing was, without a doubt, a smashing success. By all accounts, it had to be one of the most "trouble-free" Crossings ever. While I would love to take all of the credit for this stellar performance, I CAN'T. The bulk of the accolades need to go to our Event Coordinator, Alana Kujala, who along with the tremendous support and assistance from your entire Chamber staff, had this event planned down to the proverbial "nats behind". Absolutely everything went like clockwork from "packet pick-up" to the "finish-line". The buses transporting 3000 participants sent the last bus off to Dismal Nitch with time to spare with absolutely no panic needed, as we have seen in the past.

The start of the event at Dismal Nitch, orchestrated by Rose Alsbury with the very able assistance of Ralph Brown, went off without a single hitch and at 9am on the dot. The only mishap at the "starting line" is that when Rose used a marine flare to signify the start of the race, she held it too close to her ear and has had trouble hearing ever since, but we sincerely hope that it gets better real soon. Even the "sweep bus" came in on time and the bridge reopened at 11am sharp. I just cannot say enough about your excellent staff, who put hundreds of hours into making this 30th anniversary of the Great Columbia Crossing such a huge success.

While I am showering praises on our wonderful staff, WE CANNOT FORGET OUR VOLUNTEERS. Once again, from "packet-pick-up" to the "finish-line" and ultimately "clean-up", this event simply would not take place without our wonderful group of volunteers AND WE THANK EACH AND EVERY ONE OF THEM.

I've heard the rumor that some of you think that, once again, I had "faked" an illness, in order to excuse myself from this event entirely. While I was, in fact, absent from the site during the entire event, it was because Alana had assigned a "new" responsibility to me. While it may have just been a ploy to keep me busy and out of the way, she told me how important it was that I be "in charge" up at ODOT headquarters from 5:30am until the bridge was open again at 11am. I felt mighty important, "in charge" up there with the likes of Lt Duane Stanton of the Oregon State Police and Justin Grafton, David Neys, Mike Atwood and the entire crew of ODOT. All of these "partners" in this event are terrific and it's a absolute joke to think that they need me to tell them how to do their job. My mission was simply to get their ideas and thoughts to MY folks like the bus loading crew, Dismal Nitch folks and Alana and all her volunteers at the finish line.

This definitely was a different experience for me as it gave me a whole new picture from "behind the scenes" of the GREATEST RUN/WALK ANYWHERE. MY HEARTFELT THANKS GO OUT TO ABSOLUTELY EVERYONE WHO HAD ANYTHING TO DO WITH THIS, THE BEST GREAT COLUMBIA CROSSING EVER.

**Astoria Warrenton Area
Chamber of Commerce
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2012 Crab, Seafood & Wine Festival
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Astoria-Warrenton Chamber Ambassadors - Standing (Left to Right): Don Accuardi, Joyce Rangila, Dean & Lynne Fuller, Karen Shinabery, Bob Baltimore, Christa Svensson. Seated: Jennifer Bennett, Teresa Accuardi, Irene Baltimore

Ambassadors Convention Report

Over one hundred Chamber Greeters and Ambassadors from across the state made their way to Springfield for the Annual Oregon Greeters and Ambassadors Convention, a three-day event (September 30-Oct 2) held at the Springfield Holiday Inn. The theme was "Luce'n Up in Springfield" with the beloved "I Love Lucy" star being a key figure throughout. Attendees were encouraged to dress as their favorite Lucy character at one of the mixer events, participated in a Lucy-themed scavenger hunt around town, and more. The Springfield Times ran a story in August reporting: "If you notice a lot of unfamiliar people dressed up like Lucy and Desi in about two months, don't be alarmed: Oregon's 2011 Greeters and Ambassadors Convention is coming to Springfield."

But it was not just fun and games. Ten of your local Astoria-Warrenton Ambassadors (pictured above) explored the area, made new business connections and also heard from respected speakers. Pamela Cournoyer, Communicate With CLASS, taught about the two different styles of networkers: the Hunter & the Farmer. Some great tips from her included:

- Farming & Networking are about cultivating, NOT selling.
 - Successful networking isn't about what you know...It's about what you do.
 - Remember: Visibility + Credibility = Profitability
 - Chamber after hours events are a good place to be visible
 - Promises or appointments made and kept give you credibility.
- Marci Hansen, Sheer ID, shared some insight for LinkedIn, the professional networking social website:
- You can set up and monitor projects right within LinkedIn, through the ManyMoon software.
 - You can now add a video to your company
 - Treat your LinkedIn profile as a destination
 - LinkedIn profiles appear on Google searches
 - Recommendations can carry a great deal of weight in the eyes of future customers. Ask for them...

Springfield was the host city for previous state conventions in 1985 and 2001. The Astoria-Warrenton Chamber Ambassadors hosted the convention in 2010. Many of the Greeters who attended last year in Astoria were eager to share their lingering enthusiasm for our area stating that they were overwhelmed with the friendliness of the people here and how much they learned about our community and its history – and their desire to return to Astoria-Warrenton, many had already!

Article submitted Joyce Rangila, Coast River Business Journal.

Welcome New Members

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Our projects have included collaborations with National AIA award-winning architectural firms and major construction companies throughout the Northwest. With emphasis on computer 3D modeling and rendering techniques, we enable our clients to easily visualize design concepts during any phase of the project.

Owner Steven Wojtynek is a construction documentation veteran with over thirty years of service to prestigious architectural and engineering firms throughout the country.

Save energy in cooler weather

As temperatures outside start to drop, these simple tips can help you save on energy costs and keep your business comfortable.

- Have your HVAC system serviced to ensure it's working properly.
- Inspect heating ducts and seal any leaks.
- Check air filters throughout the building and change regularly during the heating season. Dirty or clogged filters reduce air flow, and increase energy use.
- Look for and seal air leaks around windows, doors, and where plumbing or ductwork runs through building walls or roofing to the outside.
- Use programmable thermostats to set the temperature to 68F during the day and to 55-60F after business hours.
- Install locking covers on your thermostats to prevent unauthorized setting changes.

For additional money-saving energy advice and information, register or log in to Pacific Power's Business Solutions Toolkit at www.pacificpower.net/toolkit.

Source: Pacific Power and Tech Resources

The InBox: Emails Received at the Chamber

Just last week we were staying at our favourite campsite, Fort Stevens. We had traveled north on the 101 from south of Los Angeles. Our truck began to make strange sounds while under load - pulling our antique Airstream trailer. With a day's drive ahead of us to return to Victoria B.C., I was quite worried. We stopped in at North Coast Auto Service. They spent 40 minutes going over the truck and found several upcoming issues. Things that I should take back to the Victoria shop that did the original work. The noise was only a broken tail pipe. The mechanic suggested I drive carefully and said "no charge." No wonder we keep coming back to Astoria. See you mid-August 2012! Sincerely, Bill Murphy

New Meeting Venue for Astoria Lions

The Astoria Lions Club meet every Wednesday at First Lutheran Church 725 33rd Street - Astoria. Food and Fellowship: 5:30pm to 6:30pm in Fellowship Hall Meeting: 6:30pm to 7:30pm in Fireside Room

North Coast Jaycees Chapter Forming

The United States Junior Chamber is a community organization that aids in developing leadership skills in young people ages 18-40 with chapters in many communities across the nation. The "Jaycees" provides a platform for development of personal and professional skills, networking, life-long friendships and take part in projects and events that make a positive impact in communities. Jaycees is a not-for-profit 501c3 volunteer organization.

A new chapter is forming to represent the North Coast area from Nehalem to Astoria. Upcoming Meetings: The first will be November 3rd, 7:00 PM, at the Astoria Golf and Country Club. It will be a meet and greet event with appetizers. The entrance fee will be \$10. The membership fee for the organization will be \$25 at that meeting. The next organizational meeting will be on November 10th also at 7:00 PM at Tsunami Sandwich in Seaside.

Officers were elected at the meeting last month: Benjamin Lawrence – President, Raven Russell-Brown – Secretary, Katharine Parker – Treasurer

If you would like to learn more about the North Coast Jaycees, get your employees involved or join yourself, or are interested in sponsorship opportunities, please contact Susan Boac at 503-739-1905 or via email at northcoastjaycees@gmail.com.

Astoria Winter Market

When: Saturdays & Sundays, Nov. 5 to Dec. 18
11 am – 4pm

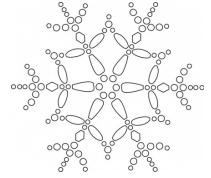
Where: Fort George Public House & Brewery Showroom at 14th & Duane

What: Bringing the best of the Astoria Sunday Market indoors!

Brewery Tours at 1 & 4pm

Cost: Free Entry

More: (503) 325-1010 / astoriasundaymarket.com



Astor Street Opry Company's

16th Annual Starving Artist Faire

When: Friday, Dec. 2, 6-9:00pm
Saturday, Dec. 3, 10-6:00pm
Sunday, Dec. 4, 11-4:00pm

Where: Astoria Recreation Center Auditorium
1411 Grand Ave, Astoria
(formerly Star of the Sea School)

What: Handcrafted art by over 50 fine Craftsmen, local musicians including the "Scrooge" Choir, & Santa Claus will be there all weekend.

Cost: \$2 suggested donation at the door will go to the ASOC. Also collecting canned food for the Clatsop County Regional Food Bank.

More: (503) 458-6250 / astorstreetoprycompany.com



Tamale Sale Fundraiser for LCHC

The Lower Columbia Hispanic Council is offering a delicious way for you to contribute to their organization with a Tamale Fundraiser. Tamales are available in three flavors: spicy pork, spicy chicken or spicy pepper and cheese and are \$2 each. They can be preordered between now and December 9th, and will be available on December 14th-15th for pick up or delivery. Tamales make an easy dinner just in time for the busy holiday season! Or bring in a meal for your office or club meeting! No order is too small or too large. To order, or for more information, contact the LCHC at (503) 325-4547 or find an order form on their website: lchispaniccouncil.org

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CHAMBER CALENDAR - NOVEMBER 2011

Note: The Chamber is now on our winter hours, open Monday to Saturday from 9am to 5pm.

- 2 **Chamber Ambassadors Meeting**
5:30 pm @ Bridgewater Bistro, Astoria
- 8 **Chamber Executive Board Meeting**
1:30 pm @ Chamber "Green Building"
- 10 **Lower Columbia Tourism Committee Meeting**
8 am @ Chamber "Green Building"
- 15 **Newsletter Articles & Advertisements Due**
- 17 **Chamber Board of Directors Meeting**
4:00 pm @ Chamber "Green Building"
- 17 **MULTI - Business After Hours**
5:30 pm @ The Loft at the Red Building
- 20 **Newsletter Inserts & Payment Due**
- 24 *Happy Thanksgiving!*
Chamber offices closed Nov 24-25
- 29 **Chamber Circle Breakfast**
8:00 am @ Wet Dog Cafe

Chamber Circle Breakfast

Date: Tuesday, Nov. 29

Time: Breakfast Buffet service starts at 7:45am
Program at 8:00am

Location: Wet Dog Café, 144 11th St., Astoria

Cost: \$7.50 for breakfast, coffee is on the Chamber
Join us for another great networking event that includes information you can use! Speaker TBA. RSVP's would be appreciated to the Chamber, (503) 325-6311.

Chamber Member Orientation

Date: Tuesday, December 6th

Time: 10:00am

Location: Chamber Office Green Building

This program is designed to help you take advantage of all your Chamber benefits! New, "old" and prospective members welcome! RSVP's would be appreciated as space is limited.

Civic Organizations Meeting Dates

Astoria Branch AAUW — 3rd Tues. @ 7pm, Library Flag Room

Astoria Downtown HDA — 1st Fri. @ 8:30am, Baked Alaska

Astoria Rotary — Mondays @ Noon, Elks Club

Elks — 2nd & 4th Thursdays @ 8pm, Elks Club

Kiwanis — 1st, 3rd & 5th Tuesdays @ Noon, Golden Luck

Lions — Wednesdays @ 6:30pm, First Lutheran Church

Moose — Wednesdays @ 6:30pm, Moose Lodge

Toastmasters - 1st, 3rd & 5th Mondays @ 6pm, Hotel Elliott

Warrenton Bus. Assoc. — 1st Tues. @ 6pm, Warrenton City Hall

Warrenton Rotary — Wednesdays @ 7am, Doogers

Multi - Business After Hours

Date: Thursday, November 17th

Time: 5:30 to 7 pm

Location: The Loft at the Red Building
20 Basin Street, Astoria, OR

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

Be a Featured Member at this Multi-BAH

Don't have a location suited to a regular Business After Hours Event? Join 16 other businesses in our November 17 event designed for members just like you. You bring info, samples and/or demos – anything you think will help market your business – and some sort of contribution towards refreshments, and we do the rest. Call Rose at the Chamber today to reserve your spot. This multi-BAH event will take place at The Loft at The Red Building.

A note from The Loft: The Loft at The Red Building is honored to host November's Business After Hours. Be sure to attend and enter the drawing to win one of three half-day Monday – Thursday rentals at The Loft! Dates now available for Holiday Gatherings and Office Parties. Call now, mention the BAH and get 10% off: (503) 325-2223.

Make History at the Bicentennial Blowout

Join the Clatsop County Historical Society for its annual holiday fundraiser... with a twist. Its a New Year's Eve event marking the end of Astoria's Bicentennial Celebration! On Saturday, December 31, start with a 5-course meal at the Liberty Theater, and silent auction with one-of-a-kind experiences. Then continue to the Banker's Suite to the Afterparty for fun and games including dancing, casino den, adult beverages, ice cream buffet, heated outdoor cigar bar and photo booth (to document the fun!) All inclusive tickets are \$100 per person or \$650 for a table of eight; Afterparty only tickets are \$50 person. Space is limited, reserve your spot today by calling the CCHS at (503) 325-2203. Sponsored by Clatsop Community Bank.



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Individual	
Lorrie Radu	2013
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Sankta Lucia Festival

The Scandinavian Midsummer Festival Association will present the Sankta Lucia Festival of Lights on Friday, November 25, at the Astoria High School Auditorium. Music will begin at 6:30pm and program starts at 7:00pm. The evening will include Holiday Music, the Sankta Lucia story, procession of Lucia and her attendants, introduction of the 2012 Festival Court, refreshments and dancing. Admission is \$1, which goes to the Festival Scholarship Fund.

"Astoria Giving" and "Downtown Sparkles"

ADHDA's Promotion Committee is organizing an "Astoria Giving" event for the month of November. The event consists of a downtown food drive that will start on November 1 and run until Saturday, November 26. Food drive collection barrels will be distributed to participating businesses. Collected food will be donated to the CCA Regional Food Bank. Best items to donate include peanut butter, jelly, tuna, canned meats, pasta, pasta sauce, rice, canned fruit and vegetables, dry beans, mac & cheese, box juices, flour, sugar, coffee, tea, bar soap, toothpaste and paper products.

The "Downtown Sparkles" event will once again be on the Saturday after Thanksgiving, November 26. This event is a kick-off to the holiday season that culminates in turning on the holiday lights in the Downtown core. Santa Claus will be at the Liberty Theater to greet little ones after the free holiday movie (for kids) shown late afternoon. Some stores will stay open late to allow for moonlit shopping and carolers from the North Coast Chorale and Scrooged in Astoria choir will bring everyone into the holiday spirit.

Article submitted by the Astoria Downtown Historical District Assn.

ASOC New Years Eve Sane and Sober Party

ASOC is please to announce their 3rd Annual SANE & SOBER New Years Eve Party on Saturday, December 31st sponsored by Wauna Federal Credit Union. This all ages event will begin at 8 pm and continue to 12:30am. Featuring "ringing in the New Year" midnight celebrations for every time zone in the USA, a DJ spinning dance music, finger foods and

Ole's own "specialty drinks" for our underage guests! There will also be fun prizes sponsored by Rusty Cup, McDonalds, Papa Murphy's, Amazing Stories, Street 14 Coffee, Pier 11 Boutique, Link's, Simply Cakes By Jae, Sahara Pizza and Wheel House Coffee.

Cost is just \$5 at the door and will go towards helping ASOC continue it's good works, so come ring in the New Year, the fun and safe way!

For more information, call the box office (503) 325-6104 or visit www.astorstreetoprycompany.com.

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Mason Williams (an American guitarist and composer) got it right when he wrote: "A gift of song is a gift of love. It falls to Earth, we know not where. But who receives a gift of love, it follows then that he must share." The members of the North Coast Chorale have the gift of song, and love to share it with audiences here on the Oregon coast.

The Chorale kicks off the Holiday Season by offering a Community "Messiah" Sing-Along on November 27th at the Astoria Christian Church. You don't have to know the "Messiah", we'll provide the music. It's a fun opportunity to sing this beautiful music with a large group which will include the Chorale. The proceeds from this event will benefit local food banks.

On December 1st and 2nd, the NCC will be performing "Amahl and the Night Visitors", an opera in one act, by Gian Carlo Menotti. It was commissioned by NBC and was the first opera specifically composed for television in America. The choir's production of "Amahl" will feature Louise Goyena as Amahl, Ann Bronson as the mother, and as the Kings: Melchior, Deac Guidi; Balthazar, Will Caplinger; and Kaspar, Michael Connelly. The performance will be accompanied by Debbie Loyd and Barbara Bate, and feature the Maddox Dance Studio Dancers.

Our Christmas performances will be December 11th and 12th. We will be singing John Rutter's "Magnificat", featuring Genevieve Butenshon, and accompanied by an orchestra. Along with the "Magnificat", we will be singing "T'was the

Night Before Christmas", assisted by the Astor Street Opry Company.

Our director, Dr. Denise Reed, says that, "Singing opens our hearts and minds and I am convinced that through the message of music, we can make a difference in the way people look at their lives and the universe."

We, as members of the Chorale, agree. Coming from many Oregon/Washington Coastal communities and many walks of life, we strive to bring quality music programs to the Astoria area. We have been in existence for twenty years, and continue to look for more voices. If you love to sing, please come and join us. Phone numbers for the NCC may be found online at ncoastchorale.com.



Fall and Winter 2011
North Coast Chorale Concerts
Nov. 27, 4 pm: Community Messiah Sing-Along at Astoria Christian Church
Dec. 1 & 2, 7:30 pm: Amahl and the Night Visitors at CCC Performing Arts Center.
Dec. 10, 7pm & Dec. 11, 2pm: NCC Winter concert at CCC Performing Arts Center