Astoria-Warrenton Area Chamber of Commerce

FEBRUARY 2025

ChamberWorks



Volunteers bring the flights of wine to judges during the competition.

Volunteers Needed for Wine Competition

Submitted by Barbi England, AWACC Volunteer Coordinator

The chamber is in need of volunteers for a fun, behind-the-scenes event. The wine competition for the 2025 Astoria Warrenton Crab, Seafood & Wine Festival, will take place on Saturday, March 15. About 10 volunteers are needed to serve wine to the judges, wash glasses, help open wine bottles, etc. Most of these positions require an all day commitment.

If you are interested, learn more on our website, then check out the schedule and sign up for a shift here. If you have questions, please contact AWACC Volunteer Coordinator Barbi at barbi@oldoregon.com or (503) 325-6311.

... And the Crab Festival, too!

Submitted by Barbi England, AWACC Volunteer Coordinator

The Astoria Warrenton Crab, Seafood & Wine Festival is on April 25-27 this year. The event requires more than 360 volunteer shifts to make it happen - truly a community event!

Volunteers help with a number of roles like greeting guests at the entry, monitoring exit doors, or selling merch. Perks include free admission all weekend, keepsake wine glass and more. Join our volunteer team here.

Tickets to attend will be on sale later this month.

Vote Daily for Best Small Town Beer Scene

Submitted by Regina Willkie, AWACC Marketing Manager



Astoria has been nominated for the Best Small Town Beer Scene, as part of USA TODAY 10Best's Readers' Choice Awards. You can vote once per day, via this link, until ballots close on Monday, February 24. Cheers to helping Astoria get the beer recognition it deserves!

Be a Part of the Crab Festival Dining Passport Promotion

Submitted by Regina Willkie, AWACC Marketing Manager

We are excited to once again provide the Festival Feast Dining Passport as a way to connect our festival and seafood enthusiasts with area restaurants. Diners can check-in at participating food and drink establishments during the month-long promotion to enjoy special offerings. The promotion highlights the delicious bounty available in our community.

When we offered this passport in 2021 and 2022, many passholders were excited to visit new locations because of the passport promotion.

Chamber member food and drink establishments are eligible to sign up for this promotion that will be active from April 7 to May 4. Visit astoriacrabfest.com/about/festival-feast/ for more details and to access the form to sign up. Contact Regina if you'd like more information. Don't delay - business registration will close on March 2. The digital passport does not require participants to download an app and will be free to consumers.

Sign Up your Business for the Career Fair

Submitted by Worksource Clatsop Employment Department

The 2025 Clatsop County Job & Career Fair will be held Tuesday, March 11, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. held at Clatsop Community College's Patriot Hall. This event is designed to connect local employers with high school students and public job seekers in our community. The event is free and will be open to public job seekers all day.

Businesses that participate get access to talent, community engagement and networking opportunities. View more employer info on the flyer included with this newsletter and register here. If you'd like to volunteer at the event, sign up on the schedule here.

Crisis Communication Training

Submitted by Clatsop County Emergency Management

This 2-day training is ideal for anyone communicating to the public during a large-scale disaster, so may be of interest to the business community. The training on March 5-6 is offered by Clatsop County Emergency Management and facilitated by Oregon Health Authority.

Space is limited to 30 spots. Register here.

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AWACC provides the means for the collective and sustained success of our local economy and way of life.

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Thank You, Renewing Members

Thank you for renewing your Astoria-Warrenton Area Chamber of Commerce membership. Your continued support of the chamber and the business community is greatly appreciated and highlights your commitment to make Astoria and Warrenton a better place to live, work and do business. Thank you for your investment! Renewals processed in DECEMBER are on this list.

- 4 Seasons Clothing
- David Oser
- Elements Environmental Services, LLC
- Energy Trust of Oregon
- Farmers Insurance - Darlene Warren
- Ferguson Wellman Capital Management
- Fort George Brewery + Public House
- Fred Meyer
- Hood to Coast Property Management Solutions, Inc
- Lower Columbia Q Center
- Skanska USA Building, Inc
- Starley Family Dentistry
- The Depot Restaurant
- US Coast Guard Chief Petty Officers Association Lower Columbia River Chapter
- Watershed Wellness

Welcome New Members

The following businesses, organizations and individuals have pledged their commitment to helping Astoria and Warrenton grow into an even better community through their investment in the Astoria-Warrenton Area Chamber of Commerce. Stop by or give them a call and thank these new members for their support of business growth and development in the area. Applications processed in the month of DECEMBER are reflected on this list.

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Follow us on Facebook.

Find our complete, searchable membership database on our website, oldoregon.com.
Select "Directory" from the "Members" menu at the top of the homepage.

Access College Today Event

Submitted by American Association of University Women & CCC

Earning a GED, certificate or degree opens doors to career options and better pay. The American Association of University Women invite you to a free workshop at Clatsop Community College on Thursday, February 20, starting with lunch at 11:30 a.m. followed by an afternoon of sessions to learn about your educational options.



Eligible participants who complete the one-day workshop will be awarded a $500 CCC Scholarship for Spring Term classes. Registration is required. Contact Clatsop Community College Admissions Office at (503) 338-2417 and ask about the Access College Today Event to reserve your spot or register online here.

Advertise in Our Coast Magazine

Submitted by The Astorian

The 14th annual issue of *Our Coast Magazine*, the award-winning publication from the publishers of Coast Weekend, is coming in March. *Our Coast* is an annual Columbia-Pacific region lifestyle magazine.



Please review this link for more information about placing an advertisement. Contact your advertising sales consultant at The Astorian, call (503) 325-3211 or email Heather to reserve your ad before February 4.

Director's Corner - A Little Light "Reiding"

The Vision: *This should be a place where everyone can find meaningful opportunity in our economy without our community losing its special identity.*

At our annual meeting and banquet last weekend, we got a chance to share the work we've been doing on your behalf for the past twelve months. If you attended the meeting, you've already heard some of this, but read on anyway, please. If you missed it, please put January 24, 2026 on your calendar and join us next year. It's a fun event and ultimately important to us serving you properly.

What you may not know is that the numbers we share, like how many website hits (102,466), or how many hours of advocacy work (220), or how many attendees at our networking events (1,180) – those are gathered all year long but it's not until we start preparing for the annual meeting that we see them in context. (see the report here)

And the context is that we are delivering significant value for your membership dollar. Your chamber staff is doing a lot of work in important areas. Significantly, much is getting done *through* the chamber, too. We're connecting people to resources, speaking for business when you aren't at the table. We're directing people to your doors and encouraging a general sense of "shop/dine/hire local".

We're walking the walk and serving the greater interests of our economy every day. My team are keenly aware that your dues and your sponsorships come from hard work and risk-taking by yourself and your teams. Entrusting that money to the chamber should always be a wise investment and we're determined to make it so and dedicated to doing even better the next year.

My team knows how important it is that when you see one of us come through your door, you don't think "oh no, what's this going to cost me". Rather, you should be thinking, "oh boy, what are they going to do for me today". I hope that's true for you already, but if not, then we need to talk and figure out how to make it true.

Regardless, the annual meeting always fills me with gratitude for the spirit, generosity, and support of our membership and the community at-large toward the chamber. For 152 years now, we've been the champions for Warrenton and Astoria, and I don't see any reason to ease off now.

Below, you can see the five winners of four awards we give out at the banquet. These are individuals and organizations who make us what we are: a resilient, special place to work and live. Please read about their accomplishments and tell them thank you when you see them. I know there are hundreds of similar stories throughout our region and it's a joy to celebrate even a few of them every year.

Finally, if you see the pictures and wonder to yourself what I was thinking wearing that outfit, I'll let you in on a leadership lesson taught to me by a mentor, Sgt. Ron Williams, USMC Ret. Ron said "Dramatize your ideas. Don't just tell people what you believe – show them." So, to that end, my philosophy, especially at banquet, is if it's worth doing, it's worth overdoing. Have some fun this year, my friends.

Now, let's get to work!



David Reid
Executive Director, AWACC

Community Members Honored for their Service at our Annual Meeting and Banquet

Several individuals and businesses were recognized for their contributions to the community during the evening's program. Join us in congratulations and appreciation to:

Bob and Irene Baltimore Leaders Circle Award:
Columbia River Bar Pilots

Board President's Choice Award:
Knappa School District

Richard Ford Distinguished Service Award:
Brian Alsbury
presented by the City of Warrenton & the Astoria-Warrenton Area Chamber of Commerce.

George Award:
Marian Soderberg
Jack Ficken
presented by the City of Astoria & the Astoria-Warrenton Area Chamber of Commerce.

Click here to learn more about these award recipients and their accomplishments.

About 200 community members attended the 152nd Annual Meeting & Banquet for the Astoria-Warrenton Area Chamber of Commerce on Saturday, January 25, 2025. As a chamber of commerce, we offer a variety of services to new, old, large & small businesses in the Astoria Warrenton area and our annual meeting is a way to celebrate all the wonderful things happening in our community.

We would like to thank:

- Presenting Sponsor, Pacific Power
- Clatsop County Fair & Expo
- Events NW
- Bridgewater Bistro
- Anchor Graphics
- Astoria Vintage Hardware
- Mayor Henry Balensifer of Warrenton
- Mayor Sean Fitzpatrick of Astoria
- The generous partners who donated beverage products.
- The bounteous members who donated to the raffle.
- The enthusiastic community members who volunteered.
- And, our attendees!

CHAMBER CALENDAR - FEBRUARY

The chamber is open Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sat.-Sun., 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

13 Business After Hours (BAH)
5:30 p.m. @ Elements Environmental Services
487 W. Marine Dr., Astoria

20 Chamber Board Meeting
4 p.m. @ AWACC Meeting Room

20 Newsletter Articles, Fliers & Advertisements Due
No printed copies of the flier needed, as the newsletter will be digital-only for the time being. Contact AWACC Marketing Manager Regina Willkie.

25 Monthly Chamber Networking Coffee
7:45 a.m. @ Astoria Brewing Co. Pub
144 11th St., Astoria
Speaker: Kiwanis Club of Saddle Mountain
Networking starts at 7:45 a.m.; presentation at 8 a.m.

View recordings from select chamber events at our YouTube channel.

Share Your Feedback: CCC's Annual Community Survey

Submitted by Clatsop Community College

Clatsop Community College is eager to hear from the community! The college has launched the Annual Community Survey, and your feedback is crucial to help improve services and better serve students and the local community. Whether you have ever taken a class or use services at the college, we value your insights on how CCC is perceived in the community and if it is meeting local needs.

The survey takes approximately 5 minutes to complete and is confidential. Your responses will inform our strategic decisions and shape the college's future direction. The results will be shared with the college administration to guide improvements across campus and in our outreach efforts.

Survey Details:

- Deadline to submit responses: Friday, February 28, 2025
- Survey Link: CCC Annual Survey

For any questions about the survey, please contact Julie Kovatch at jkovatch@clatsopcc.edu. Thank you for helping Clatsop Community College continue to grow and serve our community!

Welcome Karen to the Chamber Team

Submitted by David Reid, AWACC Executive Director

We are excited to announce that Karen Gress has joined the Chamber staff as our Event Coordinator. She comes to us with deep experience and a strong community spirit. Her first day in the office was January 20. You can contact her by calling her direct line (503) 836-5143 or emailing Karen@oldoregon.com. Please help us welcome her to the Chamber!



Hello everyone!

I am Karen Gress, Event Coordinator with the Astoria-Warrenton Area Chamber of Commerce. I am excited to work with the Chamber Community to create unique and one-of-a-kind experiences that leave a lasting impression. I have over 20 years of hospitality and events experience working at hotels, convention centers, and resorts. I thrive in fast-paced environments and enjoy the challenge of managing timelines and logistics while providing impeccable customer service.

Due to my hospitality career, I have had the opportunity to live in some beautiful areas: Carmel, CA; Salt Lake City, UT; Reno, NV; Missoula, MT and now incredible Astoria, Oregon. Having grown up on the California Coast, it feels great to hear and smell the ocean again. I've moved here with my husband, Charles, and my 18 year old calico cat, Ella.

I look forward to getting to know you and creating memorable events for the Astoria-Warrenton Area Chamber of Commerce!

Community Organization Meeting Dates

AAUW - 3rd Tuesdays, 6 p.m., Contact for Location
ADHDA - 1st Fridays, 8:30 a.m., Liberty Theatre McTavish Room
Astoria Rotary - Mondays, 12 p.m., Elks Lodge
Elks - 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7 p.m., Elks Lodge
Kiwanis Club of Saddle Mountain - 1st & 3rd Wed., 1 p.m., Shilo
LCHRMA - 1st Wednesdays, 11:30 a.m., Fort George Brewery
Lions - Tuesdays, 11:30 a.m. & 4th Thursdays, 6 p.m., at Charlene Larsen Center for the Performing Arts
Moose - Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m., Moose Lodge
Spruce Up Warrenton - 3rd Tues., 5:30 p.m., Wrrntn Grade School

Tips to Save Energy and Money at Work

Lighting

Brought to you by Pacific Power and the Energy Trust encouraging you to upgrade lighting with new energy-efficient bulbs and fixtures to save energy and improve lighting quality.

PACIFIC POWER EnergyTrust of Oregon

Sports Marketing & Event Sponsorship

Submitted by Chris Redfearn, AWACC Partnerships & Connections

In August 2024, I had the privilege of attending a Major League Soccer match with David Reid, where we watched the Portland Timbers dominate the Seattle Sounders—what a thrilling experience! While the exciting action on the field was a highlight, it also underlined the incredible potential for brand partnerships and community engagement that sporting events offer. The energy in the stadium was contagious, and it quickly became clear that soccer is more than just a game—it's an experience that brings people together and creates lasting connections. This vibrant atmosphere, both live and on television, underscores the untapped opportunities for businesses to engage with passionate fanbases and build meaningful marketing partnerships.

Seattle, WA is scheduled to host key events on behalf of the FIFA World Cup in both 2025 and 2026, providing an unparalleled opportunity for PNW brands to connect with an even larger global audience. With this major event on the horizon, the possibilities for local and regional partnerships are vast, offering businesses a chance to tap into the immense energy and enthusiasm that soccer generates.

Closer to home, we also have a wealth of opportunities to engage in the growing sports culture of our region. From community-driven sports leagues and school athletics programs to local events like the Great Columbia Crossing 10K, businesses can foster deeper connections with attendees, create brand loyalty, and position themselves as a part of the sports culture.

Looking ahead to these exciting times, let's seize the moment to leverage sports marketing and create lasting impact. For more details on supporting the chamber's Great Columbia Crossing 10K event please contact me, Chris.



Vineside offers cozy seating areas in addition to tables.
Image courtesy of Vineside Wine Bar.

Vineside Winter Hours

Submitted by Vineside Wine Bar

Cozy up near the fireplace with a glass of vino at Vineside Wine Bar! Our Winter Hours are:

Thursday 4 - 8 p.m. Saturday 2 - 8 p.m.
Friday 4 - 8 p.m. Monday 4 - 8 p.m.

Join us for BINGO night every Monday, starting at 5 p.m. Free to join, win prizes!

Book our space for your small group events, too.



There are more than 40 Oregon Film Trail signs across the state.
Image courtesy of Oregon Film.

Add Your Story to Oregon Film Trail

Submitted by Clatsop County Historical Society

The Oregon Film Trail is a statewide network of markers placed at significant filming locations across Oregon—the first trail of its kind in the U.S. This trail connects communities, landmarks, and notable films, weaving together Oregon's rich film legacy and celebrating over a century of filmmaking.

Currently, an oral history project is underway, gathering stories from locals who interacted with productions during filming. These stories will become part of the Trail, offering visitors a unique insight into the filming experience from a local perspective—the "stories behind the story." With Oregon's many iconic film projects over the years, Oregon Film believes there are plenty of stories waiting to be told.

Clatsop County Historical Society will assist with collecting the stories from our region and incorporate them into the Oregon Film Museum collection. They will ultimately be part of the Oregon Film Trail's statewide oral history database and eventually available to discover while traveling the Trail.

If you have a story to share about a filming experience in Oregon, Oregon Film wants to hear from you. They are particularly interested in stories that highlight how being a part of a film production impacted your life, whether you worked on set, appeared as an extra, or provided goods or services to a production.

To participate, fill out the interest form linked here. There are a limited number of recording slots available, so submissions will be considered on a first-come, first-served basis, while ensuring a diverse range of stories are represented. Once signed up you'll be notified about the time and place for the recording.



Are you taking advantage of the chamber's online event calendar at oldoregon.com? Don't forget to use this option to promote your upcoming events!

Any community event, festival, class, training, etc. can be posted on the calendar.



We Love Downtown Astoria Photo Contest

Submitted by Astoria Downtown Historic District Association

The "We Love Downtown Astoria" Photography Contest 2025 is accepting submissions from through February 23. Winners will receive a framed and printed copy of their work that will be on display at Second Saturday Artwalk on March 8.

A special thanks to The Rusty Cup and Umpqua Bank for hosting the We Love Downtown Astoria Photography Contest Artwalk display for 2025. Also, thank you to Old Town Framing Company, West Coast Artisans, and LightBox Photographic Gallery who will be providing the framing and printing of our 7 winners this year.

Learn more and submit your photo here.



3rd Annual Winter Waters Dinner

Submitted by Nekst

Nekst is pleased to announce new hours for your Nekst meal! Now open mid-week, Tuesday-Thursday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Nekst is offering its Vietnamese-inspired menu all day long. Available for dine-in and take-out. Call ahead (503) 298-0838 or order online if you are in a time crunch at www.nekstevent.com

Nekst is excited to be part of the 3rd Annual Winter Waters Celebration on February 21 and 23. Winter Waters is an opportunity to showcase foods that might be available year-round, but are at their best this particular time of year. Chef Chris Holen and Nekst Event, in partnership with Winter Waters PNW will be presenting an a la carte dinner menu incorporating and celebrating regenerative seafood, with an emphasis on farmed sea vegetables, including wakame, kombu, sea lettuce, and dulse. This menu will feature numerous starters, mains, and desserts to choose from, create your adventure, or just order the whole menu. Reservations are required and can be made online.

Come to the Library After Dark

Submitted by Warrenton Community Library

The Warrenton Community Library is hosting author & poet Jennifer Nightingale at "Library After Dark" on Saturday, February 8 at 4 p.m. Jennifer will share more about her writing process, read excerpts from her works and answer audience questions.

Jennifer Nightingale is a poet, novelist and short story writer. She is the author of the PNW coming-of-age tale *Alberta & the Spark*. There you will meet Alberta Evans and her friend the Spark. You will experience the strength and tensions of a coastal community, oyster stew, sneaker waves and town bullies.

Nightingale is also a regular at Ric's Open Poetry Mic in Astoria on Pier 11 every first Tuesday. She has read her work in Seattle, Vancouver, BC, Longview Library, Wrecsam Wales, FisherPoets Gathering, Cannon Beach Library Writers Read, The Hoffman Center for the Arts and at Trash Tales in Tillamook County. She lives in Astoria, Oregon with her husband Holt Moore and dog Mickey. They can be seen walking the River Beach in search of trash, rubber balls and familiar faces.

Author talk starts at 4 p.m.; refreshments and mingling at 5 p.m. "Library After Dark" is a monthly PNW author series. This event is free to attend and is sponsored by the Friends of Warrenton Community Library.

Spread the Love: Month Long Promotion

Submitted by Astoria Uppertown Business Association

This February, join "Spread the Love," a month-long celebration of kindness, gratitude, and togetherness. Astoria businesses and residents are uniting to keep love flowing, with shops and eateries sharing their favorite local businesses on social media, offering special discounts, and hosting in-store events.

Last year, 50 businesses displayed glowing pink hearts in their windows, creating a magical display of love across town. This year, more businesses are invited to participate by contacting the Uppertown Business Association to claim a heart kit.

The centerpiece of the campaign is the Spread the Love Celebration on Thursday, February 8th, from 3-7 PM at Pier 39. This free, family-friendly event features:

- $5 professional photo ops in front of Astoria's famous heart.
- Craft stations for making Valentines, friendship bracelets, and pipe-cleaner rings.
- Artisan shopping for paper flowers, jewelry, and custom perfumes.
- Treats like face painting, tarot readings, baked goods, and hot cocoa.
- Live entertainment, including the Joy Warrior Cupid serenading with her ukulele.

Enjoy food and drinks at the Sweetheart's Dinner, and purchase a $20 Love Lock kit to affix on Pier 39 as a symbol of your forever love. Locals and visitors alike are invited to join in celebrating love in all its forms!

Apply Now to be Vendor at Sunday Market

Submitted by Astoria Sunday Market

The Astoria Sunday Market is currently looking for Farmers, Ranchers, Fisherpeople, Food Producers, Artists, Artisans and other Vendors for the 2025 Season. Find our guidelines and application on our website.

Celebrate 100 Years with Hotel Elliott

Submitted by Hotel Elliott

We're thrilled to celebrate a century of history, hospitality, and cherished memories at Hotel Elliott, and we'd love for you to be part of it! The Centennial Collection provides guests an exclusive chance to take home a little piece of Hotel Elliott magic. Each of the ornaments in the Centennial Collection is a beautifully crafted, small-batch keepsake, designed by a local Astoria artist to honor Hotel Elliott's 100-year history as well as highlight the area. The Centennial Collection Ornaments will be available to purchase at the hotel as well as an add on to any reservation. The second design, available now, features art by Don Nisbett.



Oregon white truffles on display at Truffle Festival.
Image courtesy of Kathryn Elsesser

Truffle Festival on Valentine's Weekend

Submitted by Oregon Truffle Festival

Did you know? Oregon is recognized as one of the top five truffle regions in the world and Oregon truffles are among the world's preeminent culinary delicacies. Truffles are a form of mycorrhizal fungus that develops underground in symbiotic association with the roots of trees. Truffles are the "fruit" of these fungi. February marks the peak of Oregon truffle season and is proclaimed to be Oregon Truffle Month.

The Oregon Truffle Festival is coming to Astoria for the first time! Get out your finest attire and attend the Black & White Truffle Valentine's Ball at the Liberty Theatre's McTavish Room on Friday, February 14, where eight chefs will create two truffled plates each—one with white truffles and one with black truffles—for this walkaround truffle feast with live music! Late Saturday afternoon the chefs will be at it again creating truffled plates for an intermission during Fungi Film Foray night, a double feature with delicious food to boot! And on Sunday morning, the Fresh Truffle Showcase promises truffle education, fresh truffles for sale from local foragers, and cooking demonstrations. Check out all the events and get your tickets at oregontrufflefestival.org.

Upcoming Performance Schedule at Liberty

Submitted by Liberty Theatre

The Liberty Theatre is celebrating a century of memories and want to hear from you. Share your stories from experiences at the Liberty. Fill out the form on their website to submit your story and be entered to win prizes.

The Liberty Theatre offers a variety of performing arts experiences. Visit libertyastoria.org for more information about these and other upcoming events. The box office is open Wednesday through Saturday from 2 to 5:30 p.m., and two hours prior to curtain. See the schedule online for more details.

Feb. 2: North Coast Symphonic Band: A Little Night Music
Feb. 8: Orquestra Pacifico Tropical
Feb. 14-16: Oregon Truffle Festival
Feb. 21-22: Fisher Poets Gathering
Feb. 23: Lyle Lovett (sold out)
Mar. 4: Delfeayo Marsalis & the Uptown Jazz Orchestra
Mar. 5: Ilwaco High School Music Night
Mar. 8: Sam Miller: Tapes His 2nd Comedy Special
Mar. 15: Hysteria, Def Lepard Tribute

Editor's Note: Sam Miller is so excited to be performing in Astoria again. This town was his first choice for a location to record his special, and he plans to include scenes from around the community in the fina cut. See you at the show! Here's a bit more about him:

Get ready to laugh until your sides hurt! Nationally touring comedian Sam Miller is bringing his larger-than-life personality and gut-busting humor to Astoria. Sam Miller, a comedic powerhouse from Olympia, WA, is known for his razor-sharp wit, heartfelt storytelling, and one-of-a-kind presence. Standing at an impressive 6'6" and 360 pounds, Sam uses his size and booming personality to command the stage, delivering hilarious anecdotes about sobriety, parenthood, and his unique journey through life.

Au Naturel Returns After Five-Year Pause

Submitted by Clatsop Community College

The fifteenth annual international juried exhibit, Au Naturel: The Nude in the 21st Century, will be on display through March 13, at Clatsop Community College's Royal Nebeker Art Gallery, at 1799 Lexington Avenue, Astoria.

This marks the first full return of the Au Naturel exhibition since 2020, following a pause during the pandemic. While a smaller invitational version of the show was held last year, this year celebrates the revival of the full-scale competition that has garnered widespread recognition. The 2025 exhibit will feature works by 41 artists representing 13 states across the U.S. as well as Canada.

2025 Au Naturel juror Laura Ross Paul will be present to give a brief gallery talk during a community reception on February 20, at 6 p.m. Gallery visitors are invited to cast their vote for their favorite piece during the exhibition. Ballots will be tallied at the close of the show, and the winner of the People's Choice Award will be announced.

Astoria-Warrenton Area Chamber of Commerce
2024 Year in Review

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MEMBERSHIP

569 MEMBERS

45 NEW MEMBERS

89% RETENTION

BY CATEGORY

- ORGANIZATIONS & INDIVIDUALS
- EVERYTHING ELSE
- PROFESSIONAL SERVICES, CONTRACTORS & UTILITIES
- SHOPPING & HOME
- LEGAL, FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE
- FOOD AND BEVERAGE
- ARTS, ENTERTAINMENT & REC.
- HEALTH CARE
- ACCOMMODATIONS

37 NETWORKING EVENTS

16 RIBBON CUTTINGS

1,180 ATTENDEES

29 PRESIDENT'S CIRCLE 2024-2025 SPONSORS INCLUDING 7 PRESENTING SPONSORS



ADVOCACY WORK

220 HOURS OF WORK AND MEETINGS

31 LETTERS OF SUPPORT

17 HOURS OF TESTIMONY

MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS

116 E-MAILS SENT TO MEMBERS

47% OPEN RATE
industry avg. 42%

7% CLICK RATE
industry avg. 2.6%

4,878 FOLLOWERS
(2% GROWTH)

1,171 FOLLOWERS
(20% GROWTH)



OLDOREGON.COM

102,466 UNIQUE USERS

998 COMMUNITY EVENT LISTINGS

190,946 MEMBER DIRECTORY PAGE VIEWS

TOP CONTENT:
- MEMBER DIRECTORY
- EVENTS
- JOBS

2.25 AVG. PAGES/ SESSION

254,066 COMMUNITY EVENT PAGE VIEWS

10 JOB OPENINGS POSTED BY MEMBERS

18 DEALS POSTED BY MEMBERS

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VISITOR CENTER, LOWER COLUMBIA TOURISM COMMITTEE, & TRAVELASTORIA.COM

1,392
VISITOR GUIDES MAILED

8,263
PEOPLE SIGNED IN AT VISITOR CENTER

51
RELOCATION PACKETS MAILED

595
VOLUNTEER HOURS AT VISITOR CENTER

23
E-MAILS SENT TO VISITORS INCL. EVENTS
58% OPEN RATE
industry avg. 33%
10% CLICK RATE
industry avg. 1.6%

714
TRAVEL ARTICLES WRITTEN ABOUT OUR AREA
(including syndications and social posts)
5.7 B COMBINED CIRCULATION



TOP CONTENT:
- TRIP IDEAS
- EVENTS
- SEE & DO
- EAT
- STAY

126,680 UNIQUE USERS

1.99 AVG. PAGES/ SESSION

1,444 VISITOR GUIDES DOWNLOADED

15.9K FOLLOWERS (4% GROWTH)

9.6K FOLLOWERS (22% GROWTH)

COMMUNITY BUILDING AND FUNDRAISING

486
VOLUNTEER SHIFTS AT OUR EVENTS

12,032
EVENT ATTENDEES

$12,900
PAID TO NON-PROFITS FOR SERVICES PROVIDED AT ANNUAL EVENTS

OUR STAFF SERVES ON
20
BOARDS & ORGS

CRAB, SEAFOOD & WINE FESTIVAL

36,258
ASTORIACRABFEST.COM UNIQUE USERS

7.5K FOLLOWERS (6% GROWTH)

GREAT COLUMBIA CROSSING 10K

3K FOLLOWERS (12% GROWTH)

UnWined and Great Columbia Crossing webpages are within other sites.

THE GOONIES CELEBRATION

48,788
THEGOONDOCKS.ORG UNIQUE USERS

16.6K FOLLOWERS (4% GROWTH)

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Invites You To Join Us

Tuesday March 11th, 2025
9:00 Am to 1:00 Pm





2025 Clatsop County Job & Career Fair

We are excited to announce the upcoming **2025 Clatsop County Job Fair**. This event is designed to connect local employers with high school students and public job seekers in our community.
This event is Free and will be open to public job seekers all day!

Why Participate?

- **Access to Talent**: Meet, recruit and educate motivated students and job seekers about career opportunities in your industry.
- **Community Engagement**: Showcase your commitment to supporting local workforce development.
- **Networking Opportunities**: Connect with other employers and community organizations.

Clatsop Community College's Patriot Hall

1651 Lexington Ave Astoria, OR 97103
Link or QR Code to register
https://www.ticketleap.events/tickets/worksource-employment-department/2025-clatsop-county-job-career-fair

Questions contact Debbie Newton:
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