

# Chamber Works

## Help us Build our Festival Team

*Submitted by Barbi England, AWACC Visitor Services*

The Crab, Seafood & Wine Festival wouldn't be possible without a team of amazing volunteers. Join us! With 362 volunteer shifts in a variety of roles, you are certain to find a position where you'll have fun helping attendees and vendors. Whether you've volunteered for years or this is your first time to the event, you are welcome to sign up. We are currently sitting at 49%, with 178 spots filled. In order to keep our festival perimeter secure and up to standards for OLCC and the fire marshal, we need to have a person at every door that is accessible - that alone accounts for 24 people - each shift.

Volunteers get perks, such as free festival admission and keepsake wine glass -- plus a festival retail booth voucher after volunteering for two or more shifts. We also provide a free dedicated volunteer shuttle to the event.

If you're interested, sign up to volunteer online through our festival website, [astoriacrabfest.com](http://astoriacrabfest.com). Just click on the "Volunteers" link at the top of the homepage. Email AWACC Volunteer Coordinator [Barbi](mailto:Barbi) for more information.

We are hoping that you will share our need with your staff, membership, or customer email list. Your social media. Post it on your bulletin board. Any help you can lend to get this schedule filled is greatly appreciated.

Can you encourage your employees by offering them paid time to volunteer or a flexible schedule to give them the time they need? One member business is already offering a discount in exchange for proof that a customer has volunteered, could you do that, too? Tell us what you are doing and we'll pass it on.

## Group Fundraising Opportunity

*Submitted by Kristen Klein, AWACC Events Coordinator*

Are you a nonprofit or part of a club who would like to promote your organization, raise some money, build comradery, and have fun doing it? The chamber needs help during the Crab, Seafood & Wine Festival from groups in the community to lend a hand with roles at the festival such as: Shuttle Unloading/Loading, Table Clean-Up, Trash Clean-Up, and Parking Money Collection (general parking lot). In exchange for these services at the festival, the chamber will give a monetary donation to your organization. Rally your organization and stand out from the crowd by wearing your group's colors and logo apparel while helping out at the festival.

The chamber provides the supplies needed for the duties, an example schedule, and direction for best practices. More details about opportunities available at right. Please contact Kristen at [events@oldoregon.com](mailto:events@oldoregon.com) to sign-up or for more details.

## Ready to Transform Your Non-Profit?

*Submitted by Scott Justus, AWACC Membership Director*

Feel like your board meetings are going nowhere? Do you know what your responsibilities are as a board member? Have you ever actually had board of director training? The AWACC in partnership with Do Good Better, and provided to our community through a generous sponsorship from Lewis & Clark Bank, is offering [Nonprofit Bootcamp](#) to all our non-profit members and their boards, free of charge!

Scott Justus has over 20 years' experience in non-profit fundraising, communications, administration, and special events, and brings that experience, along with a formula for success that every non-profit can use to transform their organization and take it to the next level. Reach out to Scott at [scott@oldoregon.com](mailto:scott@oldoregon.com) for more information or to set up an initial consultation. There is a \$149 buy-in fee that is fully refunded once you complete the agreed upon lesson plan, thanks again to our generous sponsors, Lewis & Clark Bank.

We look forward to supporting our community and those that serve it!



**April 28-30, 2023**

More festival  
information  
on page 5.

"Shuttle Crew" helps collect fee when attendees arrive at the festival, answer questions and direct attendees to the right line to wait for their shuttle when departing the event. Paired with experienced supervisor.

Crew Size: 8 to 10 adults per shift.

Donation: \$1,300

"Table Clean-Up Team" removes garbage and wipes down tables in the various seating areas.

Crew Size: 2 people per shift.

Donation: \$500

"Trash Clean-Up Team" monitors cans around the event and empties/replaces bags and disposes into dumpsters outside the building.

Crew Size: 3 to 6 adults per shift.

Donation: \$1,000

"Parking Money Collection Team" greets arrivals to the festival. Parking at the festival is \$20 per car. Collect payment for parking from vehicles as they enter the Fairground's General Parking Lot area. Another group handles traffic management.

Crew Size: 2 to 3 adults per shift.

Donation: \$600



## Astoria-Warrenton Area Chamber of Commerce

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

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## 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 February are reflected on this list.

### Bethany Free Lutheran Church

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### Erickson Floral Company

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### Purple Door Finders

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### Capt Johnson House

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### Allan Stromquist

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### Thrivent Financial

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### Community Action Team - Head Start

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*Find our complete, searchable membership database  
on our website, [oldoregon.com](http://oldoregon.com).*

*Select "Directory" from the "Members"  
menu at the top of the homepage.*

## 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 February are on this list.

- Angi D Wildt Gallery
- Astor Place
- Churchill Mortgage-Gearhart
- Gale Force Guides, LLC
- Harbor, The
- High Life Adventures
- Long Beach Shop N Kart
- Maxwell
- O'Brien & Company
- Oysterville Sea Farms
- Providence Seaside Hospital
- South Jetty Inn Motel
- Sunset Empire Transportation District
- Tongue Point Job Corps Center
- Wendy's
- WWEST Communications

## Chamber Members Get Discount on Ads in 101 Things Coastal Oregon Guide

*Submitted by 101 Things to Do Magazine*

The Astoria-Warrenton Area Chamber of Commerce, in cooperation with [101 Things To Do®](#) has sponsored content in the upcoming edition that is designed to: draw more visitors and locals to the area; have them stay longer; and encourage them to do more activities during their visit. This partnership provides discounts to print and digital advertising for chamber members.

The publication reaches more than 500,000 locals, visitors and explorers through continual distribution all year.

Chamber members will receive 20% off their print ad in the 101 Things to Do: Western & Coastal Oregon edition - [click here to view the current edition](#).

For more details, [see this flyer](#) and contact [Bobby Stricker](#). Ad space reservation is due by April 21.



## Director's Corner - A Little Light "Reiding"

When businesspeople ask me why they should join the chamber, my first answer is always, "because the chamber supports the economy in which you do business." Okay, David. What does that mean?

It's a reminder that you can have the best business model in the world, but if the local economy is suffering, chances are you will too. And, while the success of your business plays an important role in the success of our local economy, it's hard for any of us to make a big difference alone. We're interconnected and always have been.

That means the best way to protect and grow our local economy is together and, as I've said in these pages before, there's no better example of "together" than your chamber of commerce. There are six hundred of us here and we've been working together for a century and a half.

That's not to say that the chamber is a substitute for individual effort and contribution. It's to say that the chamber is a peerless amplifier of individual effort. Lately that amplifier has been turned to a wide variety of issues, legislation, opportunities, and challenges. It has taken the form of advocacy, of match-making, of conflict resolution, and of education.

We've hosted trainings on Oregon Saves and the new Oregon Paid Leave program. We've provided support for the continuation of the Warrenton Library and the Clatsop Care District operating levies. We've provided our support to grant applications for the Port of Astoria, numerous non-profits, Northwest Housing Authority, and the Warrenton Fire Department as well as some critical infrastructure projects like tide gates and water lines.

Our brand new "Nonprofit Boot Camp", sponsored by Lewis and Clark Bank, is already serving five local organizations with three more waiting in the wings. I'm particularly proud of this initiative because every significant challenge in our community from homelessness to childcare has at least one nonprofit trying to solve it. Now we now have the tools to help them become much more effective in their work.

Of course, we have also spent a fair amount of effort trying to align the Oregon Board of Forestry's proposed habitat conservation plan (HCP) with the economic, societal, and environmental needs of Clatsop County. That has involved written testimony, advocacy work in Salem, numerous conversations with industry leaders, foresters, and elected officials, and live testimony. We testified last July, helped organize and attended testimony in November in Seaside, and then joined a large local contingent and testified live again on March 8th in Corvallis. [You can watch our testimony here.](#) My own abbreviated 2-minute testimony begins at 24:30 in the video or you can just [read the full version here.](#)

I believe this particular piece of advocacy is vital for our economic future – the HCP as written is a major threat – and we are committed to continued work on it. But it's going to take all of us on this one. If you would like to weigh in, you can email [BoardofForestry@oregon.gov](mailto:BoardofForestry@oregon.gov) or contact me if you have questions on this or other advocacy issues – like the proposed beer, wine, and cider tax increase, the alternate diesel fuel bill, corporate activities tax changes, housing initiatives, childcare reform and so many more.

So, this. This is what I mean by supporting the economy in which we all operate. The work is constant and varying and, frankly, more than anyone running a business has time to keep up with. That's why chamber membership is so important and why it's critical that our chamber remain strong for the next 150 years.

Now, let's get to work.



David Reid  
Executive Director, AWACC

## County-wide Business Awards Event on April 6

*Submitted by CEDR*

Clatsop Economic Development Resources (CEDR), Clatsop County's economic development organization, is hosting the annual awards event celebrating business success in Clatsop County, and tickets are on sale now.

Businesses recognized have demonstrated achievement in community impact, customer service, innovation, business achievement, economic impact, business leader of the year, and the special Skip Hauke community supporter award will be given out.

This is a highlight of the year for the winning businesses, and those in attendance. It also serves as a great opportunity to meet and network with business leaders and elected officials from throughout Clatsop County.

The event will be at the Seaside Convention Center in Seaside, located at 415- 1st Avenue in Seaside, starting at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 6. It will be a very special evening!

The cost is \$30 per person, and includes a hors d'oeuvre buffet and complimentary beer, wine and other beverages, thanks to Hampton Lumber, the beverage sponsor for the event.

The Clatsop County business community, elected officials, CEDR supporters and interested citizens are invited to attend this once a year event!



## CHAMBER CALENDAR - APRIL

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. @ Gimre's Shoes  
239 14th Street, Astoria  
*Sponsored by Columbia River Maritime Museum & supported by Energy Trust of Oregon.*
- 20 Chamber Board Meeting  
4 p.m. @ Chamber 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 Wilkie.*

There will be no Lunch & Learn or Networking Coffee meetings in April.

View recordings from select chamber events at our [YouTube channel](#).

## Leaders Circle Applications Close April 15

*Submitted by Scott Justus, AWACC Membership Director*

Want to take yours or an employees skill set to the next level? Want to grow your network and make a difference for your community? Want to be part of an elite group of local leaders and change makers? Then sign up for the Astoria-Warrenton Area Chamber of Commerce Leaders Circle Program.

Leadership training and skill building are offered along with tours and education on the local economy and business. Meetings are monthly on the 1st Wednesday of the month and attendees are required to attend chamber networking events. There is no cost to participate, and dinner is provided by our generous program sponsor Wauna Credit Union.

Contact Scott for more information at [scott@oldoregon.com](mailto:scott@oldoregon.com) or [sign up](#) today!



## Astoria Warrenton Crab, Seafood & Wine Festival

Presenting Sponsor: **Fred Meyer**

Entertainment: Pacific Northwest Toyota Dealer Association  
Hydration Station Sponsor: NW Natural

**April 28-30, 2023**

Friday: 4 to 9 p.m.

Saturday: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Sunday: 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Festival is at the Clatsop County Fair & Expo Center.

Parking at the festival can be challenging. We highly recommend that our attendees, volunteers and vendors take our shuttles. Because parking is so limited, it is \$20 per car. RV/trailer parking is not available.

The festival experience starts as soon as you step on board our local school buses for the journey to the event with your fellow attendees. Shuttle service is \$3 per person. Shuttles will begin servicing the routes on Friday by 5 p.m., Saturday at 9:30 a.m. and Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Visit the festival website for a [full list of shuttle stop locations](#) including park & ride locations for area residents as well as lodgings for our guests.

Ticket prices at the door are -

Friday or Saturday: \$25 each      Sunday: \$15 each

Online advance ticket prices are -

Friday or Saturday: \$20 each      Sunday: \$10 each

Children 4 & under get in free to the festival.

*Buy your tickets online and save!  
Tickets available through Afton Tickets.*



[www.AstoriaCrabFest.com](http://www.AstoriaCrabFest.com)

## Community Organization Meeting Dates

**\*\*Meetings may be affected by COVID-19 restrictions.\*\***

ADHDA - 1<sup>st</sup> Fridays, 8:30 a.m., Liberty Theatre McTavish Room  
Astoria Kiwanis - 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesdays, 5 p.m., Zoom  
Astoria Rotary - Mondays, 12 p.m., Elks Lodge  
Elks - 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays, 7 p.m., Elks Lodge  
LCHRMA - 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesdays, 11:30 a.m., Fort George Brewery  
Lions - Tuesdays, 11:30 a.m. & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays, 6 p.m., at  
Charlene Larsen Center for the Performing Arts  
Moose - Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m., Moose Lodge  
Warrenton Kiwanis - 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Weds, 1 p.m., at El Compadre

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## CLATSOP COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH INVITES YOU TO LE INVITA A



### National Public Health Week Open House

*Submitted by Clatsop County*

The Clatsop County Department of Public Health is hosting an open house Tuesday, April 4 in recognition of National Public Health Week on April 3-9, 2023.

"We are bringing together Clatsop County's diverse communities to celebrate how culture shapes our health and well-being," said Jiancheng Huang, Clatsop County public health director. Culture is the pattern of ideas, customs, and behaviors shared by communal people. Culture affects perceptions of health, well-being and illness, beliefs about the cause of disease, and our approaches to improve health.

The April 4 Open House is from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. – 6 p.m. at 820 Exchange in Astoria. It will highlight services and programs the department provides, such as WIC, reproductive health, immunizations, health promotion, food safety, environmental health, substance use, tobacco, and much more.

The open house will have naloxone training and rescue kits, and COVID-19 and flu vaccines, and snacks. Facility tours, including the Mobile Medical Van, will be held on 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m., and 5:30 p.m. that day. [A full schedule of activities can be found on the Clatsop County website.](#) During the open house, the public may provide feedback on local health services by completing a short survey. The first 100 people who complete the survey will receive a coffee gift card.

All services provided by Clatsop County Public Health Department are open to the public. Many services are no cost or low cost & no one will be denied services if they cannot pay.

### Daffodils and Eggs: Spring is Here!

*Submitted by Spruce Up Warrenton*

Our new city flowers, the daffodils, are starting to pop up as spring takes hold. We planted over 500 bulbs last year and look forward to planting more this fall.

Join us for our 3rd Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 1. Learn more on our [Facebook page](#) and sign up your kids for hunt time by age group (before March 31). We have 400 kiddos registered, halfway to matching last year's numbers and we predict, we will beat those numbers.

We've identified our community event dates for 2023 and look forward to seeing you there. Click the graphic on the right to print a poster for your bulletin board or to share with your neighbors.

If you're interested in becoming a member, sponsor or volunteer at any of these events or any upcoming projects, [click here](#) to learn more and sign up. Or, send an email to [spruceupwarrenton@gmail.com](mailto:spruceupwarrenton@gmail.com).

### A Celebration of Gilbert and Sullivan

*Submitted by Cascadia Chamber Opera*

The Cascadia Chamber Opera Chorus will present "A Celebration of Gilbert and Sullivan" on Sunday, April 2nd, 2023 at 3 p.m. at the Charlene Larsen Center for the Performing Arts

This Celebration of the famous British, Victorian-era duo, W. S. Gilbert and Arthur Sullivan, will feature the CCO Chorus in a full afternoon of sing along-worthy choruses from *The Pirates of Penzance*, *HMS Pinafore*, *Ruddigore*, and *The Mikado*, all under the leadership of Dr. Vincent D. Centeno. Soloists Bob Goldberg, ChrisLynn Taylor, Andrea Patten, Jaime Lump, Carole Birney, Helen McClaine, Beth Hall, Ann Parrino and more will also be featured on this concert.

Admission is \$10. Purchase tickets online at [charlenelarsencenter.org](http://charlenelarsencenter.org) or call (503) 338-9132 to place a ticket order. Don't wait until the last minute to purchase tickets!

For more information about the opera company, visit [cascadiachamberopera.org](http://cascadiachamberopera.org).

### Home & Chef Tour

*Submitted by Assistance League® of the Columbia Pacific*

The 14th Annual Assistance League® of the Columbia Pacific's Annual "Home & Chef Tour" will take place on April 15th from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. This year our tour will return to Astoria with an "Astoria River View" theme. It will feature five beautiful locations. In addition to touring each home tour attendees will be treated to a yummy treat served up by a chef from one of our local restaurants.

Tickets are \$35 per person and available online on our [website](#) or in person from an ALCP Member, at Holly McHone Jewelers (1150 Commercial St in Astoria) and The Natural Nook (738 Pacific Way, Gearhart). They will also be available on the day of the event at The Liberty Theatre.

### Join us at our annual events!

- April 1 ~ Easter Egg Hunt**  
*Saturday of the weekend before Easter*
- July 4 ~ Warrenton Community Parade at 3 p.m.**
- August 10 ~ Family Fun Night w/Astoria Regatta**  
*Thursday of Regatta Festival week*
- October 21 ~ Warrenton Fall Festival**  
*Third Saturday of October*
- November 24 ~ Light Up Warrenton**  
*Lighting Ceremony on Friday after Thanksgiving.  
Decorations go up the Saturday before.*

Be a part of the team. We meet monthly on the 3rd Thursday at Noon at City Hall.

Follow us on Facebook @SpruceUpWarrenton

## Mermaid Festival Fun & Education for All

*Submitted by International Mermaid Museum*

The International Mermaid Museum is holding its Mermaid Festival from Saturday, April 1, through Sunday, April 9. During this nine-day event it is free to visit the museum from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and to enjoy the festival from noon to 5 p.m.

In addition to the museum's enchanting educational exhibits, the festival boasts a series of special attractions for visitors of all ages during this celebration of the sea. Everyone will enjoy seeing mermaids and bigfoot around the museum, gardens, and the event tent. See the schedule on the website.

The International Mermaid Museum is a registered 501(C)3 non-profit dedicated to teaching ocean ecology from seashore to sea floor immersed in mermaid mythology uniting world oceanic cultures. The International Mermaid Museum is located on the grounds of Westport Winery Garden Resort, halfway between Aberdeen and Westport on the Washington Coast. For more information go to [www.MermaidMuseum.org](http://www.MermaidMuseum.org).



The Northwest's famous Una the Mermaid will be available for photos and performing underwater in her tank during the event.

*Image courtesy of International Mermaid Museum*



## KMUN Celebrates 40 Years on the Air

*Submitted by Coast Community Radio*

There was around \$50 in the KMUN bank account when Harriet Baskas stepped aboard as the station's first manager. Now, 40 years later, KMUN is one of the few stations where she has worked that is still on the air.

"KMUN was and is certainly an alternative to commercial radio," Baskas says. "But it is also built very much on the true idea of 'community' radio in that the goal was — and hopefully still is — to be a local resource for a very wide and inclusive cross-section of the community."

Coast Community Radio, which includes KMUN 91.9 FM (Astoria), KTCB 89.5 FM (Tillamook) and 90.9 FM (Warrenton), is the only non-commercial community station serving coastal communities in Northwest Oregon and Southwest Washington — and on April 17 we're marking 40 years on the air.

Birthday events kick off in April with the launch of a book celebrating the work of local artist Barbara Grant on April 8. KMUN's Spring Fling Membership Drive will run April 10-21 with a goal of raising \$70,000. Donations keep the station humming and support KMUN's varied content — from bedtime stories to rocking music shows to local news. On April 14, KMUN is hosting a concert at the Larsen Center with eclectic singer-songwriter Nellie McKay. On April 17, Astoria Mayor Sean Fitzpatrick will be at the Tillicum House in Astoria to officially proclaim KMUN Day. And then, on April 22, we're throwing a birthday bash featuring live music, delicious food and plenty of memories. The celebrations will continue this summer. Tune in or visit [kmun.org](http://kmun.org) for more information.




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## Enchantment in the Air at The Ten Fifteen

*Submitted by Ten Fifteen Productions*

Enchanted April, a lighthearted spring offering by Matthew Barber, will hit the Ten Fifteen stage for a staged reading on April 14th, 15th, and 16th. Directed by Susi Brown, this limited run will feature some new faces to the Astoria theatre scene, along with some fan favorites. The cast includes Charity Kocemba, Slab Slabinski, Kelli Hughes-Ham, William Ham, Grace Jacobson, Mick Alderman, Rhonda Warnack and Lori Wilson-Honl.

About the show: Feeling lost in the shadows of marriage and forgotten in the rush of 1920s post-war society, two London housewives pool their savings to rent a villa in Italy for a ladies-only holiday away, reluctantly recruiting a pair of difficult upper-class women to share the cost and the experience. Together under the Mediterranean sun, the four women clash—and then begin to bond and bloom—until men once again upset the balance.

Tickets are \$15, and are currently available online at [www.thetenfifteentheater.com](http://www.thetenfifteentheater.com).

## Chorale Readies for Concerts in April & May

*Submitted by North Coast Chorale*

North Coast Chorale is putting the final touches on the “Hallelujah! A Spring Revival!” concert, which will be performed at the Larsen Center on the corner of 16th and Franklin Streets in Astoria on Sunday, April 16th at 4 p.m. Tickets are \$20 and available at [www.charlenelarsencenter.org](http://www.charlenelarsencenter.org) or by calling (503) 338-9132. As a Partner of Partners for the PAC, this NCC performance is slated as a fundraiser for the Larsen Center and its continued existence as a community asset of the arts and its preservation as one of Astoria’s historic treasures.

Along with soloists ChrisLynn Taylor and Bereniece Jones-Centeno, the Chorale will be singing a varied genre including classic sacred, gospel, and secular. Selections range from master composers, Schubert, Mozart, and Vivaldi to more current composers such as Pepper Choplin, Karl Jenkins, and Ennio Morricone. The “Hallelujah” concert is designed to leave the audience with uplifted and jubilant spirits.

But wait! The Chorale has another concert in the works entitled, “Beauty Out of Chaos”. This performance, with selections from West Side Story, Les Miserable, and The Sound of Music, is intended to illustrate the strength and determination of human kind to move beyond the social injustices that have plagued society since history began. “Beauty Out of Chaos” will be performed at the Larsen Center on Friday, May 19th at 7 p.m. and Sunday, May 21st at 4 p.m. Tickets, for this performance are \$17 and available online.

The Chorale receives support from Oregon Arts Commission and Oregon Community Foundation.

## North Coast Symphonic Band Goes “Pop”

*Submitted by North Coast Symphonic Band*

The North Coast Symphonic Band (NCSB) presents a program of music featuring “Jazz, Pop, and Rock ‘n’ Roll” at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 23, at the Liberty Theatre. The band is conducted by Terry Dahlgren of Warrenton, Oregon.

The program will feature an eclectic mix of music ranging from W.C. Handy to The Beatles and The Who. “It’s a venerable time capsule of some of the music that would have been popular up to and including the early 1970s,” Dahlgren said. “The first half of the program features the St. Louis Blues, published in 1914. Not only will the band be dipping into Dixieland and blues tunes, but also having a little fun with songs from Sgt. Pepper’s Lonely Hearts Club Band and even The Blues Brothers.”

As a way to encourage young people to come hear the band, the NCSB Board recently voted to make admission free for high school students. Middle school students and younger are also admitted free when accompanied by an adult. Regular admission is \$15. Advance tickets can be purchased at the Liberty Theater Box Office from 2 to 5:30 p.m. Wednesdays through Saturdays or online at [www.libertyastoria.showare.com](http://www.libertyastoria.showare.com). Tickets will also be available at the door starting at noon the day of the concert.

For more information on the North Coast Symphonic Band’s 43rd season, visit [www.northcoastsymphonicband.org](http://www.northcoastsymphonicband.org), e-mail [calebri@charter.net](mailto:calebri@charter.net), or call (503) 298-1087.

## Meet The Author: Woman, Captain, Rebel

*Submitted by Columbia River Maritime Museum*

On Saturday, April 8, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., join author Margaret Willson for a read aloud from her newest book titled ‘Woman, Captain, Rebel: The Extraordinary True Story of a Daring Icelandic Sea Captain’. Published in January 2023, this new book is available for purchase in the [Columbia River Maritime Museum Store](http://ColumbiaRiverMaritimeMuseumStore.com).

This book is a daring and magnificent historical narrative nonfiction account of Iceland’s most famous female sea captain who constantly fought for women’s rights and equality—and who also solved one of the country’s most notorious robberies. Through adventure, oppression, joy, betrayal, and grief, Captain Thuridur speaks a universal voice. Here is a woman so ahead of her times she remains modern and inspirational today.

Willson will stay after her reading to sign copies! Author reading and book signing included with museum admission - members are free!





## Lager Fest is Back with Run on the River

*Submitted by Buoy Beer Company*

LÄGER FEST is back at Buoy Beer Co.! Join us on the riverfront Friday and Saturday, May 12th and 13th as we celebrate the wonderful world of lagers with live music, great company, and unbeatable river views. Buoy has partnered with more than a dozen West Coast breweries.

The festivities will begin Friday, May 12th at our original riverwalk location and will feature live music by Holiday Friends. [Lager Fest](#) event mugs and tokens will be for sale on-site, giving lager lovers and beer lovers a chance to taste variations of the style's color, fermentation processes, hop profiles, and malt flavors.

On Saturday, May 13th, we encourage you to start your day with Astoria's 10th annual [Run on the River Half Marathon](#), 10k, and 5k. Sponsored by Buoy Beer, Run on the River is a fundraiser for Astoria Parks Recreation and Community Foundation which helps individuals and families access health and wellness opportunities through scholarships. Sign up today to participate or [volunteer](#). Volunteers will receive a Lager Fest mug for dedicating their time to this cause!

The fest continues on Saturday 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Join us for a springtime day full of delicious lagers from our partner breweries, specialty lagers from Buoy, and live music all day from The Hackles and more.

Come on down to Buoy May 12th and 13th and drink some tasty lagers with us. Pre-order your tokens to get your mug FREE here. We look forward to seeing you. RSVP to the [Facebook Event](#) for updates!

## Buoy Beer Co. Launches Benefit Series

*Submitted by Buoy Beer Company*

At the beginning of 2023, Buoy Beer Company launched a new program to contribute 3% of the sales of their rotating 16oz 4pkts to Ocean Blue Project. Ocean Blue Project is a grassroots, boots-on-the-sand non-profit founded in Newport, Oregon by Richard and Fleet Arterbury, father-and-son tribal members of the Choctaw Nation. Their organization is built around one vision: to restore the world's oceans, beaches, and rivers to pristine, self-sustaining ecosystems where wildlife and human communities can coexist and thrive.

Buoy's first beer release to benefit this organization is a fan favorite, Buoy Baltic Porter. [Read more here.](#)

## Crucial Conversations Training in June

*Submitted by Lower Columbia HR Management Association*

Lower Columbia HR Management Association is thrilled to announce the return of Crucial Conversations. Instructor Gregory Sammis of VitalSmarts will lead us through the 2-day course on June 1-2. For more than two decades, Greg has worked with individuals and teams around the world to develop their skills in communication, goal setting, and leadership. A typical training like this is usually \$1,500 or more. LCHRMA is offering it at the low rate of \$499.

Crucial Conversations is a course that teaches skills for creating alignment and agreement by fostering open dialogue around high-stakes, emotional, or risky topics—at all levels of your organization. By learning how to speak and be heard (and encouraging others to do the same), you'll begin to surface the best ideas, make the highest-quality decisions, and then act on your decisions with unity and commitment.

Learn more about the course and register to attend on the [LCHRMA website](#).

## Scandinavian Midsummer Festival Announces Entertainers For 2023

*Submitted by Astoria Scandinavian Heritage Association*

The 54th annual Astoria Scandinavian Midsummer Festival takes place June 16-18, 2023, at the Clatsop County Fairgrounds. The three-day festival features heritage, tradition, family, food, and fun, and is considered one of the most authentic traditional Nordic festivals in America.

The members of The Coats, the Pacific Northwest's premiere a capella male vocal quartet, share Norwegian heritage and will blend music and comedy with a Nordic slant into their intensely arranged, yet hilarious and interactive performance. The Coats will perform at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 17, in the fairgrounds arena and a special ticket is required. Tickets are on sale now at the Liberty Theater box office.

The four women of Kardemimmit sing and play kantele, the Finnish lap harp. The group has been together for twenty years and will take listeners on a journey into the Finnish Midsummer's magical night where the sun never sets.

The festival website lists all entertainers and events for the festival including raising of the Midsummer Pole, the Beer Garden, the Troll Run, and the Barnefest for kids. For more information, visit, [www.AstoriaScanFest.org](http://www.AstoriaScanFest.org).

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## MEMBER OF THE MONTH - APRIL 2023

**City of Warrenton: Warrenton Community Library**

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Warrenton Community Library is managed by the City of Warrenton and established its roots in the former Hammond Town Hall Building in the 1990s, moving to the current location in downtown Warrenton in April of 2017. We welcomed two new staff members in February 2023: Director, Josh Saranpaa, and Youth Services Library Assistant, Jenny Donohue.

Serving the Warrenton area through traditional and innovative services, our library enhances the quality of life for patrons through literacy and life-long learning while connecting people to their community and world. We are dedicated to serving the North Coast community by providing access to internet, technology, books, movies, music, and so much more.

A City of Warrenton library card gives patrons access to digital and print collections at Warrenton, Seaside, and Astoria. Anyone who lives within the Warrenton city limits is eligible with a piece of mail listing their residential address. Library wifi is free for everyone to access, inside and outside of the building, whether they have a library card or not!

The Library of Things library collection supports lifelong learning and creativity by providing the physical tools necessary to explore new areas of interest and learn new skills. Just some of the items we have available are puzzles, board and card games, musical instruments, STEM kits, a sewing machine, and a video projector.

There is always something to do at the library, for kids and adults! Come to storytime on Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays, and enjoy movement, songs, rhymes and stories. Then, stay for the open play group afterwards! For kids 2nd grade and up, Lego Club meets weekly on Tuesdays at 4 p.m., and Art Club meets Thursdays at 4 p.m. Science Club is held on the first and third Wednesdays of the month at 4 p.m. Programs for adults include Library After Dark (a local author talk series hosted by Friends of Warrenton Community Library), a Sit and Stitch group, and more.

The library hosts a used book sale, the proceeds of which go towards supporting community programs and library operations. This includes fiction and nonfiction, puzzles and games, CDs and DVDs! The fill a bag sale happens quarterly, where community members can fill a bag with book sale items for \$5.

To find out more about what's happening at our library, visit our website or follow us on Facebook.



*February was designated as Love your Library month by Mayoral Proclamation. Stop by the library to see the "I love my library!" messages from our patrons on our front door and add your own "love note."*