

Chamber Works

Chamber Board Slate of Nominees

Submitted by David Reid, AWACC Executive Director

On Thursday, October 19, the nominating committee of your chamber board shared the following candidates for the five open positions on the Board of Directors:

- Juan Delgado, Pacific Seafood
- Jack Ficken, Clatsop Community Bank (incumbent)
- Rachel Gaetano, Gaetano's Market and Deli (incumbent)
- Jenny Pool Radway, Consejo Hispano
- Caroline Wuebben, Columbia River Maritime Museum

The two incumbents will finish up their first 3-year term at the end of December and as stated in Article V Section I of the chamber's bylaws, are 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 (must be submitted to chamber by 10 a.m. on November 13.) 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, the nominations shall be closed and the nominated slate of candidates shall be put to a vote by the Board of Directors at their regular November meeting. If a valid petition shall present additional candidates, the names of all candidates shall be arranged on a ballot in alphabetical order and sent out to the full membership for a vote. The board of directors shall at its December meeting declare the candidates with the greatest number of votes elected.

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.

Citizen Involvement Opportunities with City of Warrenton

Submitted by City of Warrenton

Volunteer committees offer citizens the opportunity to be involved in the community in a number of ways. The City of Warrenton is seeking interested persons to apply for vacancies on the City's various committees and boards:

- Budget Committee 1 vacancy (3 yr term)
- Community Center Board 1 vacancy (4 yr term)
- Planning Commission 2 vacancies (4 yr term)
- Parks Advisory Board 3 vacancies (3 yr term)
- Community Library Board 2 vacancies (4 yr term)
- Urban Renewal Advisory Committee 4 vacancies (2 yr term)
- Marinas Advisory Board 3 vacancies (2 yr term)



Owners of Astoria bayfront hotel changed name and brand affiliation.

Image courtesy of the Lloyd Hotel Astoria Bayfront

Welcome to the Lloyd Hotel

Submitted by The Lloyd Hotel

On December 1, 2022, the Best Western Astoria Bayfront Hotel, located at 555 Hamburg Avenue in Astoria, transitioned to a new name, brand, and direction. In partnership with Choice Hotels International, we are now The Lloyd Hotel Astoria Bayfront and a part of the Ascend Hotel Collection. The journey we chose is a tribute to one of our company's founders, Lloyd Day.

As a part of our journey, we wanted to share the story of our founders, Lloyd Day, along with his wife and his pursuit of amazing hospitality. Lloyd started his career in the hospitality industry in the early 1960s infusing family values with the principles of kindness, compassion, and keeping your word into his daily life serving his guests. Our hotel reflects the uniqueness that Lloyd shared with his guests through his one-of-a-kind spirit that made you feel uplifted, pampered, and relaxed when you were around him. Our sister property, Kathryn Riverfront Inn in Seaside, is a tribute to his wife, Kathryn Day, whose class and style was top notch.

We invite you to [check us out online](#) and recommend us to friends and family for your local hotel needs. We look forward to serving you!

A brief description of the various boards and committees is included on the application form on the [Citizen Involvement page of the City's website](#). If you are interested in serving on any of the City of Warrenton's volunteer committees, please complete the [Committee Application Form](#) and return it to City Hall. Applications are due by November 20th, 2023. Volunteers are a huge and valuable resource without which the City would not be able to provide a number of services. If you need additional information, please contact Hanna Bentley, Deputy City Recorder at (971) 286-2006 or [via email](#).



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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2023 Board of Directors

(year shown is term expiration)

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President - David Oser	2023
Individual Member	
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Hampton Lumber Mills	
President-Elect - Mark Cary	2025
Fultano's Pizza Astoria	
Treasurer - Loran Mathews	2024
Scandinavian Midsummer Festival	
Secretary - Dan Arnoth	2024
Kiwanis Club of Warrenton	

Members at Large:

Kelsey Balensifer	2025
NW Natural	
Rachel Gaetano	2023
Gaetano's Market and Deli	
Mark Kujala	2024
Columbia Memorial Hosp. Foundation	
Jack Ficken	2023
Lewis & Clark Bank	
Andrew Mattingly	2025
Craft3	
Michael Martin	2025
Clatsop Care Health District	
Stacey Stahl	2025
Menagerie on Pier 39	
Andrew Stein	2024
Logotek	
Dan Travers	2023
Individual Member	
Kimberly Ward	2024
Providence Seaside Hosp. Foundation	

Advisory Board:

Kevin LaCoste	- Clatsop Comm. Coll.
Esther Moberg	- City of Warrenton
Scott Spence	- City of Astoria
Craig Hoppes	- Astoria School Dist. 1C
Kevin Leahy	- CEDR/SBDC
Katrina Morrell Gasser	- Tongue Point Job Corps
Monica Steele	- Clatsop County
Janet Hutchings	- Astoria Downtown Historic District Association

2023-2024 President's Circle

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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 SEPTEMBER are on this list.

- Astoria Ford
- Astoria's Best Computers
- A-Town Coffee
- Brumfield Gallery LLC
- Clatsop Coin
- Clatsop Community College
- Coastal Pregnancy Clinic
- Columbia Memorial Hospital Foundation
- Del's O.K. Point S / Tire Factory
- ENCORE Learn
- Fine Art Supply
- Forsythea
- Fred Meyer
- Fultano's Pizza Warrenton & Bubba's Sports Bar
- GB Jewelers
- Go Wild: North Coast
- Imogen Gallery
- Inferno Lounge & Pier 11 Pizza
- Jack Russell Home Services
- Knappton Cove Heritage Center
- Leinassar Dental Excellence
- Lewis & Clark Bank
- Mermaid Inn & RV Park
- Merry Time Bar & Grill
- North Coast FIX
- Northwest Athletic Performance
- NW Community Alliance
- Oliver's Gourmet Company
- Overbay Houseworks
- Platt Electric Supply
- SBA Lenders
- Seaside Temps dba Pacific Personnel
- Sundial Travel & Cruise Center
- Super Mart
- The Human Bean of Warrenton
- TJ's Auto Repair
- TLC, a Division of Fibre Federal Credit Union - Warrenton
- Tongue Point Job Corps Center
- Walmart Inc.
- Xanadu Astoria

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 SEPTEMBER are reflected on this list.

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Chamber & Visitor Center Holiday Hours

Submitted by Barbi England, AWACC Visitor Services

The Astoria-Warrenton Area Chamber of Commerce & Visitor Center will keep special hours during the upcoming holiday season.

Wednesday, Nov. 22 - Closing early at 3 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 23 - CLOSED for Thanksgiving holiday

Thursday, Dec. 21 - Closing early at 12 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 24 - CLOSED for Christmas holiday

Monday, Dec. 25 - CLOSED for Christmas holiday

Monday, Jan. 1 - CLOSED for New Year's Day holiday

Our regular hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday - Friday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday - Sunday. If you have questions about our hours of operation, give us a call at (503) 325-6311.

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Director's Corner - A Little Light "Reiding"

Events are community builders. That's the premise around here and if we ever needed reinforcement of that fact, the Great Columbia Crossing on October 8th really drove it home. Here's what I'm talking about: Our major events (Great Columbia Crossing 10k and the Astoria Warrenton Crab, Seafood and Wine Festival) are off-season economic drivers, bringing commerce to our towns during traditionally slower times. They are also fundraisers for the chamber, subsidizing our low membership dues and allowing us to do the important work of supporting the collective and sustained success of our local economy.

But neither of those things securely ties the chamber to those events or those events to the chamber. In other words, the economic benefits could still exist if someone besides the chamber hosted those events and there are alternative – and arguably easier – ways of generating operating funds for the chamber.

Neither event is remotely easy to stage. In fact, we're already deep into the work required to host the Crab, Seafood and Wine Festival and that doesn't start until April 26, 2024. Planning for the next Great Columbia Crossing will begin even before the Crab Festival kicks off, including permits and coordination with over a dozen different agencies.

Knowing this, what is it that makes us keep putting on these two complicated and difficult events? The not-so-obvious element that makes these events not only worthwhile, but mission-central to the chamber, is community building. That's one of the tasks that we've identified as necessary if we want our vision to come true of being a place where everyone can find meaningful economic opportunities, the others being connections and partnerships, leadership development, and storytelling.

With so many moving parts and so much collaboration required on both sides of the river, the Crossing really needs the community to come through and help us make this happen.

And, boy did you come through. You, the dozens upon dozens of volunteers. You, the agency staff, who cheerfully took on the extra workload. You, the service groups who made big chunks of the work your own. You, the local contractors we hired for security, traffic management, towing, and more, who did what you said you'd do and then some. You, the participants who paid attention to the changes in our parking plan and in many cases even helped us out with the operations. You, the member merchants who participated in the Clam Bucks program and provided great service and products to attendees. You, the public who made our guest feel welcome and waited patiently for the bridge to reopen.

These are the parts of this event that both rely on and build community. These are the parts of the events that make our events chamber events.

Speaking of Clam Bucks, we had a record number returned by participating businesses this year. Over 12,500 tokens came back to us from the twenty-six participating member businesses. Since we limit redemption to 5 tokens per transaction, that means that more than 2,500 sales were made to race participants in one week. Because our goal is to not only drive commerce through events, but to spread it as far and wide as possible, this is a big win (and a trackable one at that). One member put her 435 tokens into perspective for me, saying, "This represents eighty-seven customers who might never have come through my door. Eighty-seven people we had the chance to wow and turn into repeat customers."

This is chamber work. This is community building, economic development, storytelling, connection-building, and opportunity creating.

If you're not tapping into all the opportunities available through our events (and myriad other efforts), please talk to us and let us help you do so. Membership is not an expense, it's an investment, and we can help you make it one of your highest yielding.

Now, let's get to work.



David Reid
Executive Director, AWACC



Photos left to right: The Human Bean of Warrenton promoted the Clam Bucks program on their Instagram page; Volunteers Scott and Nancy came with their own signs and costumes to cheer on participants; the South Pacific County Technical Rescue provided support to the event and participated.




CHAMBER CALENDAR - NOVEMBER

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


- 9 Lower Columbia Tourism Committee (LCTC)
8:30 a.m. @ Fort Clatsop, LCNHP
- 9 Business After Hours (BAH)
5:30 p.m. @ US Bank
987 Duane St., Astoria, OR
- 16 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 Willkie.*
- 23 Happy Thanksgiving
Chamber and Visitor Center closed
- 28 Monthly Chamber Networking Coffee
7:45 a.m. @ Astoria Brewing Co. Pub
144 11th St., Astoria
Topic: Accessible Tourism
Speaker: OCVA and CRMM (see article this page)
Networking starts at 7:45 a.m.; presentation at 8 a.m.

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




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Community Organization Meeting Dates

AAUW - 3rd Tuesdays, 6 p.m., Astor Library Flag Room
ADHDA - 1st Fridays, 8:30 a.m., Liberty Theatre McTavish Room
Astoria Kiwanis - 2nd Tuesdays, 5 p.m., Zoom
Astoria Rotary - Mondays, 12 p.m., Elks Lodge
Elks - 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7 p.m., Elks Lodge
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
Warrenton Kiwanis - 2nd & 4th Weds, 1 p.m., at El Compadre



The LCTC and Wheel the World invited "Traveling with a Chair" to visit and filmed their experience to share with future travelers.

Image courtesy of Wheel the World.

November Networking Coffee: Improving Accessibility for Residents and Visitors

Submitted by Regina Willkie, AWACC Marketing

This month's program for the Chamber Networking Coffee meeting on Tuesday, November 28, is presented by the Lower Columbia Tourism Committee, our local destination management organization representing Astoria and Warrenton. Join us as we learn about accessibility initiatives with speakers Arica Sears, Deputy Director at the Oregon Coast Visitors Association, and Katy Menne, Education Director at Columbia River Maritime Museum.

In the U.S. alone, 61 million adults, or 26% of the population, live with a disability, according to the CDC. People with disabilities and their companions face numerous difficulties when planning a trip, which can result in less-than-ideal travel experiences. Often, they don't have the resources they need to understand how a destination can be accessible to them.

The Lower Columbia Tourism Committee (working alongside the [Oregon Coast Visitors Association](#), our regional destination management organization, and several other communities) contracted with [Wheel the World](#) this year to better understand the disabled visitor's experience in Astoria and Warrenton. They conduct accessibility audits to organize accurate information into listings on their website to give disabled travelers the confidence to book trips. Transparency is key in ensuring expectations are correctly set so that travelers can make decisions based on their unique situation before arriving to a destination. Oregon Coast tourism industry partners are looking beyond minimum compliance with ADA in order to create more inclusive environments to the benefit of all.

The [Columbia River Maritime Museum](#) offers a variety of resources to provide comfort to their customers – physically, cognitively, and financially. Katy Menne will share examples of these initiatives and some quick tips for you to try at your own business or organization.

Video links for more background information:

Wheel the World: [We're Inviting You to Live](#)

World Economic Forum: [Accessibility & Inclusion For All](#)

November Heritage Awareness

Submitted by Chris Redfearn, AWACC Partnerships & Connections

Native American Heritage Month is throughout the month of November, and it aims to provide a platform for Indigenous people in the United States of America to share their culture, traditions, music, crafts, dance, and ways and concepts of life.

I have had the privilege of becoming friends with members of both the Tigua Nation in Texas and the Mescalero Apache Tribe in New Mexico, each having some similarities but overall, uniquely different customs. When I first relocated to the coast of the PNW I was humbled by the road sign near Chinook, Washington displaying “Welcome to Unceded Chinook Territory”. Working with the chamber I have been able to meet with Tony Johnson and Rachel Cushman who are representatives & members of the Chinook Nation and learn about the struggles they have had to face with the lack of federal recognition.

This month should give us all an opportunity to express to their community, along with city, county, and state officials, our concerns and solutions for building bridges of understanding and friendship in our local area. After all, this should be a place where everyone can find meaningful opportunity in our economy without our community losing its special identity.

Other national events of awareness this month include: Diabetes Awareness Month, Epilepsy Awareness Month, and National Homeless Youth Awareness Month.

Happy Tails Holiday Fundraiser

Submitted by Clatsop Animal Assistance

Despite a high intake of animals, we've successfully found loving homes for 230 cats and 124 dogs this year. These are exceptional adoption rates, especially during a time when adoptions are declining nationwide. Your generous contributions have allowed our dedicated staff and volunteers to focus on daily care, adoption events, medical needs and training. Join us in celebrating the animals in our lives, and those still waiting for loving homes at the Clatsop County Animal Shelter, by making a donation to our annual fundraiser. [Learn more online](#) and join us on Dec. 9 for our Holiday Fundraiser and Bake Sale.

Be Part of a Holiday Tradition

Submitted by David Reid, AWACC Executive Director

Since 2019 more than 75,000 people have seen the chamber's “Elf on the Shelf” shop local campaign on Facebook. A member of our chamber staff, dressed in official Elf on the Shelf regalia, visits member businesses to showcase gift items and ideas. Photos like the one here accompanied short articles about the featured items, and we released them one each day leading up to Christmas with tremendous response.

This year, we'll be cross posting to our chamber Instagram account, too. We're limiting the number of participants to 20 businesses in order to focus attention and to make sure we can publish them all in plenty of time for people to shop. It's first-come first-served, limited to chamber members and the cost is just \$50 to participate. Your payment secures your place in line. Email David@oldoregon.com and reference [#ShopLocalElf](#) for more information.

Veteran's Day

Submitted by Chris Redfearn, AWACC Partnerships & Connections

There is a lot that can be said about volunteering, but as I mentioned in the September 2023 ChamberWorks newsletter, volunteering is an inherent U.S. principle. It is at the core of our nation's defense and speaks to the heart of our current state of economy. Members of my family have a long history of having served and some still serve in our nation's Armed Forces in part because of where & how we grew up. Living so close to Fort Bliss, a US Army Garrison post and one of our nation's largest installations encompassing Western Texas and Southeastern New Mexico, I was always surrounded by people of all backgrounds taking up the mantle of service and sacrifice.

To members of my family, friends and those in our community who have served or are still serving, Happy Veteran's Day, thank you!

Clatsop County is participating in [Operation Green Light](#) and invites you to shine a green light Nov. 6-12 to let our veterans know that they are seen, appreciated, and supported.

History of Veterans Day

Source: department.va.gov/veterans-day/history-of-veterans-day/

World War I – known at the time as “The Great War” – officially ended when the Treaty of Versailles was signed on June 28, 1919, in the Palace of Versailles outside the town of Versailles, France. However, fighting ceased seven months earlier when an armistice, or temporary cessation of hostilities, between the Allied nations and Germany went into effect on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. For that reason, November 11, 1918, is generally regarded as the end of “the war to end all wars.”

Veterans Day continues to be observed on November 11, regardless of what day of the week on which it falls. The restoration of the observance of Veterans Day to November 11 not only preserves the historical significance of the date but helps focus attention on the important purpose of Veterans Day: A celebration to honor America's veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good.



Nominations Open for Service Awards

Submitted by David Reid, AWACC Executive Director

The Astoria-Warrenton Area Chamber of Commerce recognizes fantastic community volunteers with two special annual awards. Nominations are now open for:

2023 George Award: AWACC and the City of Astoria are proud to honor a local recipient for outstanding community service every year. The prestigious George Award honors someone who has consistently stepped forward to meet community needs, instead of "letting George do it."

2023 Richard Ford Distinguished Service Award:

Richard Ford's family established this award to honor the late Richard Ford for his exemplary service to this community. The award, presented by the City of Warrenton & AWACC, is given to a person who has devoted time and energy in countless ways to the community.

Chamber members and the public are invited to offer nominations. You are encouraged to include detail about the nominee's community involvement, as well as letters of support. Nominations must be in by 12 p.m. on December 4. Forms are available on the [chamber's website](#), at the chamber office in Astoria and at Warrenton City Hall, and attached to this newsletter.

Human Trafficking Intervention

Submitted by Clatsop County

Human Trafficking Intervention Training will be provided on Tuesday, Nov. 7, from 2-4 p.m. at Clatsop County Fairgrounds. Amanda Swanson is the Human Trafficking Intervention Coordinator for the Oregon Department of Justice. This training will address a basic understanding, and dive into the dynamics of sex trafficking. What it is, what victims go through, and an overview of the new requirements coming from the passing of [SB 745](#), relating to sex trafficking.

To register for this training please contact Laura Parker at the Clatsop County Juvenile Department [by email](#), or call/text (971) 286-8439.

Let Us Know Your Holiday Plans

Submitted by Barbi England, AWACC Visitor Services

Our chamber visitor center staff and volunteers are preparing to answer questions from visitors and locals who will be in the area this holiday season -- and we want to have details from your business! Are you a restaurant serving meals on Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve or New Year's Day? Are you hosting special holiday activities? What are your seasonal hours of operation? Let us know so we can provide the best information!

You can post your activities on our online event calendar directly. Sign in to your member's landing page at members.oldoregon.com/login or post using the [public submission form](#) on the [calendar](#). This is a great time to check your listing on our website [directory](#) to make sure we have accurate information about you. Call or email us at the chamber if you need help.



Crab Fest Vendor Applications Available

Submitted by Isabel Dunn, AWACC Community Builder

Planning for the April 26-28, 2024 Astoria Warrenton Crab, Seafood & Wine Festival is underway.

Vendor applications will be processed in two stages this year, giving chamber members and returning vendors early access to apply and priority processing starting on November 1. On November 15, it will open up to all interested exhibitors and the application link will be posted at astoriacrabfest.com at the "[Apply to be a Vendor](#)" tab. All interested vendors will apply online through eventhub.net.

Applications are available for alcohol, food, nonprofit and arts & crafts vendors. The link to the application was sent by email to chamber members on November 1. We review applications based on, but not limited to, the following: date application is received (must be a complete application); membership status with the Astoria-Warrenton Area Chamber; prior participation; handcrafted and/or personally produced products; NW regional vendors; information/education vendors.

The chamber has a limited number of sponsorship opportunities available to members who wish to give their company additional exposure. Contact [Chris](#) for more information. Volunteer sign up and attendee tickets will be online after the first of the year.

Find out the latest by visiting astoriacrabfest.com or follow the event on [Facebook](#). If you have questions about the event or vendor policies, please review the [vendor information page](#) at astoriacrabfest.com or [email Isabel](#).

Upcoming Performance Schedule at Liberty

Submitted by Liberty Theatre

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. Did you know that they offer guided tours of the theatre on most Saturdays? See the schedule online for available dates and times.

- Nov. 5 - North Coast Symphonic Band concert
- Nov. 6 - An Evening with Jad Abumrad (of NPR's Radiolab)
- Nov. 10 - OFM Selig Award Presentation & Film
- Nov. 11 - North Coast Comedy Night
- Nov. 18 - Amazing Bubble Man!



The NCSB performs throughout the year.
Image courtesy of North Coast Symphonic Band.

Revisit Memories at Nov. 5 Concert

Submitted by North Coast Symphonic Band

The North Coast Symphonic Band opens its 2023-2024 season with "Days of Nostalgia" at 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 5, at the Liberty Theatre. The band is conducted by Terry Dahlgren of Warrenton, Oregon.

The concert will feature a look back at memorable songs and activities through the years, according to Dahlgren. Pieces include "Moon River," featuring soloist Emily Sangerman on tenor sax, "California Dreamin'," "Star Dust," and even a few tunes from the 80s. Guitarist David Drury and flutist Shelley Loring Barker will perform modern and contemporary jazz as prelude music starting at 1:30 p.m. NCSB Board President Brian Bergman will be the concert's emcee.

Regular admission is \$15. High school students are admitted free; admission for middle school students and younger is free with a paying adult. Advance tickets can be purchased at the Liberty Theatre Box Office or online at www.libertyastoria.showare.com. Tickets will also be available at the door starting at noon the day of the concert.

Downtown Astoria Holiday Events: Shop Plaid, Downtown Lighting & More

Submitted by Astoria Downtown Historic District Association

Shop Plaid is a promotion that highlights downtown shopping and is intended to encourage Astorians to buy local. Shop Plaid is happening November 11 - 25. Shoppers who visit participating locations, during this time, can fill out a punch card to earn a collectible tote bag and for entry into the raffle drawing.

Plaid Friday is nationally-celebrated alternative to the big box store "Black Friday," and is designed to promote both local and independently owned businesses during the holidays. We've extended it from a single day to a longer shopping period to bring back the days when shopping for friends & family during the holidays was a pleasurable and leisurely activity.

Nov. 11-25: Shop Plaid promotion

Nov. 11-Dec. 2: Winter Window Contest

Nov. 25: Downtown Holiday Lighting

Nov. 26, Dec. 3 & 10: Astoria Holiday Market

Dec. 2, 9 & 16: Visit with Santa at Liberty

Visit AstoriaDowntown.com for more information.

Be a Tourist in Your Own Hometowns

Submitted by Fort Clatsop, LCNHP

Pacific and Clatsop Counties are known for their tourist attractions, but how long has it been since you visited these sites? As a "local tourist," the Hometown Tourism Day on Saturday, November 11 (Veterans Day), might be just the ticket for you.

Several local sites are working together to offer free admissions or other special deals on this day to encourage their neighbors to come and see what they have to offer. Here is a list of the special activities available for this tenth Hometown Tourism Day. Encourage your staff to come out and explore #hometowntourism at the following sites:

Willapa Seaport Museum – 310 Alder Street, Raymond, WA – Free admission and souvenir, 12-4 p.m.

Willapa National Wildlife Refuge – milepost 24, Hwy 101 and Leadbetter Point, WA - Free, Art Trail and hiking trails (no dogs), sunrise to sunset

Appelo Archives Center - 1056 SR4, Naselle, WA - Free admission, souvenir, coffee & cardamom bread, local veterans' memorabilia exhibit, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Knappton Cove Heritage Center - 3 mi E of Astoria Bridge, WA - Free admission, refreshments, 1-4 p.m.

Cranberry Museum & Gift Shop – 2907 Pioneer Road, Long Beach, WA - Free admission, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

World Kite Museum – 303 W Sid Snyder Drive, Long Beach, WA - Free admission, -10% in shop w/ local ID, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

Fort Columbia State Park – Chinook, WA – free admission to the grounds including trails, dawn to dusk

Columbia Pacific Heritage Museum – 115 SE Lake St., Ilwaco, WA – Free admission, "Chinuk Ntsayka!" exhibit, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Cape Disappointment State Park – Ilwaco, WA – free park entrance, \$5 for Interpretive Center, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

Columbia River Maritime Museum – 1792 Marine Drive, Astoria, OR – Free admission with local ID, 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

Astoria Column – Astoria, OR – Free parking all day, 10% discount in gift shop with local ID, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Lewis and Clark National Historical Park, Fort Clatsop – Warrenton – Free admission & ranger programs, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Fort Stevens State Park – Warrenton, OR – Free day use during posted hours including museum and trails

Seaside Aquarium – 200 N. Prom, Seaside, OR – Free admission w/donation of 2 cans of food/person, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Seaside Museum & Historical Society – 570 Necanicum Dr., Seaside, OR – Free admission, refreshments, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

Cannon Beach History Center – 1387 S. Spruce St., Cannon Beach, OR – Free admission, delicious beverages, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.



Film Museum to Present "Selig Award"

Submitted by Clatsop County Historical Society

The [Oregon Film Museum](#) seeks to inspire the next generation of storytellers in Oregon. We are excited to announce the "Oregon Film Museum Selig Award" will be presented annually to a young Oregonian involved in the local film industry. Partnering with Outside the Frame we have identified the first recipient: Fevan "Rose" Solomon. Solomon's documentary film "Stories I've Told the Stars" will be screened at 7 p.m. on Nov. 10 at the Liberty Theatre, followed by a Q & A with the filmmaker. This short documentary features the stories of three men who left their homes in Ethiopia in the 1980s to escape civil war. They share their experiences as refugees, their journey to the United States and their resettlement in the Pacific Northwest. The presentation is free.

[Outside the Frame](#) is a dynamic non-profit organization in Portland: We train homeless and marginalized youth to be directors of their own films and lives. OTF offers a creative outlet, job skills, an audience and a sense of dignity and possibility through filmmaking.

The Oregon Film Museum Selig Award is named after William Selig, whose Selig Polyscope Company was a pioneering motion picture company, widely credited with creating Hollywood, the cliffhanger, multi-reel films, travelogues, and other innovations. In 1909, the company filmed *The Fisherman's Bride* in Astoria, the first commercial movie with a plot filmed in Oregon.

Sankta Lucia Festival of Lights

Submitted by Astoria Scandinavian Heritage Association

The annual Sankta Lucia Festival of Lights, representing Astoria's Nordic Heritage, is on Friday, November 24, at 7 p.m., at the Astoria High School Auditorium. As tradition holds, Lucia will lead her attendants and star boys in a lighted procession and make her time-honored holiday season declaration to the Astoria community. This year's Lucia bride is Sofia Eaton, runner-up to Miss Scandinavia 2023.

The family-friendly celebration includes Christmas carols, lighting of the Christmas tree, festive music by the Polka Dots, and dancing. Refreshments for this event will be provided by the Lower Columbia Danish Society. Admission for the evening is \$1 per person or \$5 per family. Proceeds benefit the Astoria Scandinavian Midsummer Scholarship fund.

All are welcome to join in the festivities. Learn more at astoriascanfest.org.

Nekst POP-UP dinner series

Submitted by Nekst Event

Nekst Event will be hosting their Nekst POP-UP dinner series with a total of eight dinner services from Nov. 17 to Dec. 2. Nekst Event's Chris and Jennifer Holen are excited to welcome their first "Chef in Residence". This dinner series is being brought to you in partnership with Steelpport Knife Company, hand-crafted in Portland, Oregon.

Chef Kristvin Þór Gautason will take over the kitchen, crafting an a la carte menu inspired by ingredients of the Pacific Northwest while influenced by Kristvin's Icelandic heritage as well as culinary studies in Michelin Star kitchens in both Italy and the United Kingdom. Reservations are highly encouraged and can be made by emailing: jennifer@nekstevent.com. Menus will vary as the series progresses.

In conjunction with this "Chef in Residence" dinner series, Nekst will be presenting a POP-UP retail event on Small Business Saturday, November 25, from Noon to 3pm. For more information visit www.nekstevent.com.

"Messiah" Sing-Along / Play-Along

Submitted by North Coast Chorale

For close to twenty years North Coast Chorale has presented the *Messiah* Sing-Along/Play-Along for the sole purpose of supporting the Clatsop Community Action Regional Food Bank. This year, the chorale has added guest musicians and a harpsichord to accompany the chorale and NCC soloists, which include well-known tenor, Phil Keim. There are many ways to enjoy this afternoon of musical enchantment.

- 1) Sit back and listen to the choruses and arias.
- 2) Sing along using your personal score or the scores provided by NCC.
- 3) Bring your strings, horns, and/or percussion instruments and play along.

The *Messiah* Sing-Along will be held at the Larsen Center in Astoria on Sunday, Nov. 26 at 4 p.m. Admission is free, although an offering of cash or shelf-stable food for the food bank is greatly appreciated.

The NCC would also like to invite you to a presentation of Camille Saint Saens, *Oratorio de Noël* with Christmas Motets by Michael Praetorius. Concert dates are Dec. 15 & 17, with tickets at \$20. This spectacular event will feature, Deac Guidi and Bereniece Jones-Centeno.

Learn more about our organization and performances at northcoastchorale.org.

Astoria-Warrenton Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting & Banquet Saturday, January 27, 2024

Join us for our annual membership meeting as we say thank you to our outgoing board members, welcome our new ones, and recap the chamber's past year. We'll round out the event with the much-anticipated announcements of the community service awards recipients, including the George and Ford Awards and other recognitions. Event theme and ticketing information to be announced later.