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start seeing
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The Architect Hound

The Forsstrom House: A Victorian to Craftsman Makeover

THE ARCHITECT HOUND loped up Grand Avenue to check in on neighbors who are restoring the historic Forsstrom House to its early 20th century glory. Located on the SE corner of Grand and 7th Street, the Forsstrom House fits in well to the mix of Victorian and Craftsman homes that create the



charm and character of the North Slope residential neighborhood. However, this dwelling has a personal and architectural story that elevates it as one of the most interesting homes on the North Slope.

The residence, now known as the Forsstrom House, was built as a one-story Victorian house in 1894 for a prominent Astoria couple named Thompson. Dr Forsstrom purchased the house in 1909 at the time of his marriage to Alli Laurinen. The later extensive renovation and modernization of the Forsstrom House reflects the prosperity of Astoria at the turn-of-the-century and the significant contribution of Finnish immigrants to the region. Dr Toivo Forsstrom (1867-1945) was born and educated in Finland and completed his medical studies in Berlin and Vienna in 1905. He arrived in Astoria in 1906 and quickly developed a very successful career-long practice as a physician and surgeon catering to the Finnish community.

Alli Laurinen (1886-1935) was born in Finland and also arrived in Astoria in 1906. She came to America essentially penniless and found work as a clerk in downtown Astoria. The marriage of the



By Eric Wheeler

42 year old doctor and 23 year old clerk in 1909 apparently raised a few eyebrows. Alli was attractive, a talented singer and eager to advance socially in the community. In 1914 she was elected Astoria Regatta Queen, reportedly the first queen of Finnish descent. Soon after her elevation to Regatta Queen a major renovation to the Forsstrom House was begun and completed around 1917. The house was turned 90 degrees and a second story was added to the 30' x 60' building footprint. The interior and exterior were stripped of Victorian elements in favor of a Craftsman appearance.

The conversion from Victorian to Craftsman was seen at the time to be a way for wealthy homeowners to 'modernize' a house that appeared out of fashion. Architectural highlights of the interior include mahogany moldings and trim, a grand staircase and prism glass windows.

A stunning cobblestone fireplace from the original building was preserved. It looks as if the "queen" got her "castle"! Family lore relates that "Dr Forsstrom made a lot of money, and Alli liked to spend it".

The Forsstrom story has a mixed ending. Alli apparently tired of life in soggy Astoria and left Dr Forsstrom in 1925 to live in New York in a swank neighborhood in lower Manhattan. The couple had no children. Alli died in New York in 1935 and is buried on Long Island. Dr Forsstrom remarried in 1933 and continued his practice in Astoria until his death in 1945.

The Architect Hound barks out three cheers of congratulation to Lauri and Pete Serafin for their great research on the Forsstroms and their ongoing stewardship and restoration of the historic Forsstrom House.



The Arts Council of Clatsop County Celebrates MAKE MUSIC DAY Clatsop County participates again in global celebration of making music on the longest day of the year

THE ARTS COUNCIL of Clatsop County joins the Make Music Day celebration for the second year on **Wednesday, June 21, 2023**. Make Music Day is a one-day event where free, live musical performances and opportunities to make music take place around the world on the longest day of the year. Musical festivities in Clatsop County are part of a global celebration of music making in over 1,000 cities inspired by France's Fête de la Musique.

The Arts Council of Clatsop County invites everyone from professional musicians to people who have never picked up an instrument to join in the global music celebration by attending events around the county from 3 in the afternoon to 8 at night. Hear songs inspired by the ocean at the Maritime Museum; join a bucket-drumming session; learn to play the harmonica or steel pan drum; play handbells as part of a large group; or relax to the sounds of the Brownsmead Flats, the Astoria Ukulele Orchestra, and many other local musicians. An up-to-date list of event locations and times can be found at makemusicday.org/clatsopcounty. Registration is still open, and interested musicians and venues can sign up there as well.

Music has been shown to strengthen social connectivity, reduce stress, lower blood pressure, and stimulate memory. It is integral to a well-rounded, enjoyable life. By participating in Make Music Day, the Arts

Council of Clatsop County encourages every form of music making.

June 21 is the perfect day to check out a local music store for some gear or to come together and play – whether it's for the first time or the thousandth.

The Arts Council (clatsopcountyartsCouncil.com) thanks the Clatsop County Cultural Coalition, the Oregon Community Foundation, and the Oregon Cultural Trust for their support of Make Music Day.

About Make Music Day:

Held annually on June 21, Make Music Day is part of the international Fête de la Musique, taking place in more than 1,000 cities across 120 countries. The daylong, musical free-for-all celebrates music in all its forms, encouraging people to band together and play in free public concerts. This year, over 100 U.S. cities are organizing Make Music Day celebrations, encompassing thousands of concerts nationwide. Make Music Day is presented by the NAMM Foundation and coordinated by the Make Music Alliance. For more information, please visit makemusicday.org.

VENUES: Lucy's Books, Brut Wine Bar, Gaetano's, KALA Performance Space, Ten Fifteen Theater, Columbia River Maritime Museum, Winecraft, The Lot (395 11th St in Astoria) + more!

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Larkin Stentz @ Gaetano's 4-5pm



Mustard Tiger @ KALA 6-7pm

Check out the Schedule
clatsopcounty.makemusicday.org



Astoria Ukulele Orchestra @ Ten Fifteen 7-8pm



Bucket Drums @ The Lot (395 11th) 4-5pm