

Aqua Chautauqua – Clowns to Quilts

A Performance to Benefit the Coffeehouse, Commons and Tilth

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They will set off from the Langley docks and parade along the sidewalks, led by a marching band.

In the afternoon, the performers will host a series of free workshops at the Island County fairgrounds, followed by a community potluck dinner coordinated by South Whidbey Tilth. At 7 p.m., they'll present a vaudeville show in the Langley Middle School auditorium.

This summer the Port Townsend based New Old Time Chautauqua (NOTC) is partnering with local non-profit organizations such as the South Whidbey Commons and South Whidbey Tilth to help raise money for and awareness of our projects.

According to NOTC, "The partner organizations this year focus on youth education, sustainability and land stewardship. Our parades, workshops and shows will join in bringing folks together to celebrate community!"

This group of performers and support volunteers have been delighting audiences for over 25 years. For more information about NOTC visit



An old-time Vaudeville variety show, "with all the bells and whistles," will be coming to Whidbey on July 31, with a band, acrobats, clowns, folksingers and the instruments of Karma Marching Chamber Band.

AQUA CHAUTAUQUA A VAUDEVILLE VARIETY SHOW Thursday, July 31 EVENTS

**Noon - Everybody's Welcome Parade,
downtown Langley to the fairgrounds**

**1-4 p.m. - Educational Circus of
Workshops, Island County Fairgrounds**

**4:30-6 p.m. - Community Potluck,
Island County Fairgrounds**

**7-9:30 p.m. Vaudeville Extravaganza,
Langley Middle School Auditorium, 730
Camano Avenue (doors open at 6)**

**Tickets: \$12 for adults, \$8 for children
under 12 and seniors over 65**



www.chautauqua.org.

Whether your skill is playing the didgeridoo, hula hooping, stilt walking, quilt making or simply expressing yourself, your involvement would be a plus. To share a skill, contact John Lee at 360-221-3580 or john.lee@whidbey.net and Clyde Monma at 360-579-2237 or alohaclayde@gmail.com.

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Because Tilth is so much about good food, we’re coordinating the community potluck, open to the public.

If you’d like to get involved in planning the logistics contact Marc Wilson at info@southwhidbeytilth.org or Prescott at 360-678-4168 or prscot@whidbey.net.

The Flying Karamazov Brothers host the family-friendly madcap evening of music, juggling, magic, acrobatics, clowning and comedy, with all the bells and whistles,

Other performers include Whidbey’s own Jim Page, Faith Petric, the legendary folksinger; Hacki, winner of the European “Golden Nose” award for clowning; Duo Madrona; KAZÜM!, Portland’s premiere acrobatic troupe; and the fighting instruments of Karma Marching Chamber Band aka orchestra and others.

Tickets can be purchased now through Brown Paper Tickets at 1-800-838-3006 and online at www.brownpapertickets.com/event/37364.



The famous Flying Karamazov Brothers host the Aqua Chautauqua’s evening performance on July 31.

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Soon they will be available at the South Whidbey Tilth Farmers’ Market and Whidbey Island Coffeehouse and Books. The Tilth Market is at 2812 Thompson Road of SR 525 and open Wednesday 4 to 6 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Island Coffeehouse and Books is at 124 Second Street in Langley, 360-221-2414, and open 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. every day and until 9 p.m. Thursday and Friday. Other ticket outlets will be announced.

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Cosponsors of The Circus on South Whidbey



The South Whidbey Commons supports programs for youth including the Island Coffeehouse and Books, a non-profit business program of the South Whidbey Community Engagement Center and the South Whidbey Commons.

The coffeehouse “is a community-building show-

case for collaborating with youth voices – in song, in art and in poetry and prose,” says its website.

“Through programs like Friday Night Live, Youth In Philanthropy and the sales of youth art, it gives young people a space to contribute their artistic visions and their service to the south end of Whidbey Island.”

In addition to the coffeehouse, the South Whidbey

Commons also operates a new community space called the Back Room. This area, which is directly attached to the coffeehouse, hosts activities for youth and various other community groups.

The coffeehouse is also a base for Whidbey Island Nourishes, the sack lunch program originated by Mary Fisher and the Good Cheer Food Bank.

To learn more, visit www.islandcoffeehouseandbooks.org/notc or www.southwhidbeycommons.com.

South Whidbey Tilth, a chapter of Washington Tilth, promotes biologically sound



and socially equitable agriculture. It is a diverse network of people working cooperatively within its organization and

in the community. Its commitment is to advocate, study and teach agricultural practices consistent with stewardship of the natural world. It promotes and demonstrates principles and practices of sustainable agriculture, as well as cultivate a variety of opportunities for local market gardeners and farmers. Visit www.southwhidbeytilth.org.

