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Larson added that Sea Level Artists' Cooperative will continue to exist on a limited basis, exhibiting local shows and considering the possibility of finding a new gallery space in the future.

She thanked local supporters who donated time or money to the cooperative over the last several years.

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State awards millions in transportation grants

The Oregon Transportation Commission recently awarded roughly \$100 million in state bonds for 98 transportation projects throughout the state.

The lottery-backed funds were disbursed through the ConnectOregon III grant program, which was approved by the Oregon Legislature last year.

The program supports improving the state's transportation system by funding non-highway projects such as rail, marine/ports, aviation and public transit.

The following grants were issued to north Oregon Coast entities:

\$3.8 million to the City of Astoria for 17th Street Dock reconstruction. This project is expected to generate 160 long-term jobs. The U.S. Coast Guard, tour boats, the Columbia River Maritime Museum and recreational crafts use the dock, which will be replaced with a steel and concrete

structure.

\$3.6 million to Astoria's Teevin Bros. Land and Timber Co. for a rail-to-barge facility at the Teevin Bros. terminal on the Columbia River in Rainer. The project, which is expected to create 10 long-term jobs, will capitalize on the terminal's strategic location by adding additional rail siding, a transloading and cross-docking area, handling equipment and barge and ship moorings.

\$4.7 million will be used to ensure the movement of trains between Linnton and Port Westward in rural Columbia County. Portland & Western Railroad will match 25 percent of the project's cost.

\$3 million to Sunset Empire Transportation District to construct a South County Transit Center

\$451,670 to the Columbia River Bar Pilots for Columbia River Bar safety technology.

"This is the third time the Oregon Legislature has provided significant funding for non-highway projects," said Sen. Betsy Johnson (D-Scappoose). "I participated in every step of the ConnectOregon III process; from the Legislature, through the project prioritization to the final selection committee. I wanted to make sure that rural Oregon projects were supported."

Rep. Brad Witt (D-Clatskanie) said the projects will position the region for economic success. "As a legislator, I have fought for transportation investments that will both create jobs and make the infrastructure improvements our state needs to compete in the 21st century," he said. "These projects meet both of these goals." ↑



The U.S. Navy donated this propeller to the Columbia River Maritime Museum. Photo: LeeAnn Neal

Propeller honors late shipbuilder Arthur Farr

The Columbia River Maritime Museum recently honored the late shipbuilder Arthur Farr with a fitting memorial.

A two-ton, propeller situated outside the museum recognizes Farr, former general manager and vice president of Northwest Marine Iron Works Swan Island Shipyard, which built and donated the flagpole that stands on the museum plaza. Farr died several years ago.

Farr's son, Dale Farr is a CRMM trustee and partner with the Portland architecture firm that designed the



museum remodel.

The U.S. Navy donated the propeller, which measures 13 feet in diameter. The Navy considered it surplus and never installed it on a ship, said Lee Clinton, who handles communications and membership for CRMM. "Propellers such as this one were used on the Charles F. Adams class of guided missile destroyers — the last steam-powered destroyers built for the U.S. Navy and used until 1993," she said.

The propeller was installed at the museum in early September.

—LeeAnn Neal


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