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LOUIS SOUTHWORTH SCULPTURE TO BE UNVEILED

The City of Waldport announces the arrival and unveiling of the Louis Southworth Bronze Sculpture at a special ceremony on Saturday, November 19th. The sculpture, created by Peter Helzer, will be on display at The Alsea Bay Bridge Visitor Center & Museum until it is ready for its permanent home at the Louis Southworth Park.

The sculpture is the brainchild of Jesse Dolin (destination developer for the Oregon Coast Visitors Association) in partnership with the city of Waldport as a focal piece of the Louis Southworth Park, a seven-acre open space recently awarded a \$750,000 grant from Oregon Parks and Recreation to build a playground, walking pathways, and outdoor gathering spaces. The Southworth story will feature prominently in the park entrance bringing intended focus to the park in recognizing the significant multicultural history of the area.

“The story of Louis Southworth is incredible, even movie worthy!” Said Dolin, “We are so excited to celebrate this incredible man in Waldport’s history and the incredible career of bronze artist Peter Helzer.”

Peter Helzer will be on hand to speak about his work, as will others such as invited speaker Zachary Stocks, the executive director of Oregon Black Pioneers. The unveiling will take place at the Alsea Bay Bridge Visitor Center and Museum, Saturday November 19th, 2022 starting at noon. The museum is located just south of the Alsea Bay Bridge, at 320 NW Hwy 101, Waldport, Oregon. This event will be hosted by the Waldport Chamber of Commerce which is headquartered at the Visitor Center.

For additional information contact the Waldport Chamber Executive Director, Tom Fullmer at 503-789-9686 or email director@waldportchamber.org.

The City of Waldport, founded in 1911, lies near the center of the Oregon coastline, at the mouth of the Alsea River. It has a population of 2321 as of June 2021, and enjoys a wide range of outdoor activities, crabbing and fishing, hiking trails and a beautiful oceanfront.

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