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Completed in 1926, the Astoria Column has served over 80 years as a beacon on the Pacific Northwest Coast. Commanding spectacular views from Astoria, Oregon's highest hill, the Column stands 125 feet tall and has 164 steps climbing to the top. Patterned after the Trajan Column in Rome, Italy, fourteen pictorial scenes reflect the arrival of European settlers, westward expansion and development of a continental nation. The story behind the Column, its deterioration and rescue by the Friends of Astoria Column, rivals the history it depicts. The monument is located on Astoria's Coxcomb Hill and is open dawn to dusk. Learn more about its past and become part of the future by highlighting the topics on the left of this screen.

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A COLUMN OF FACTS

- Constructed of: Concrete
- Depth of foundation: 12 feet
- Elevation, Coxcomb Hill: 600 feet
- Height: 125 feet
- Number of steps: 164
- Number of cartoons: 12
- Number of brown figures: 200
- Length of artwork, unwound: 500+ feet
- Decoration at top: State seal of Oregon
- Dedicated July 22, 1926
- Original cost: \$27,133.96
- Weather repair: 1936
- Friends formed: 1988
- Column restoration: \$1 million 1995
- Plaza restoration & lighting: \$2 million 2004

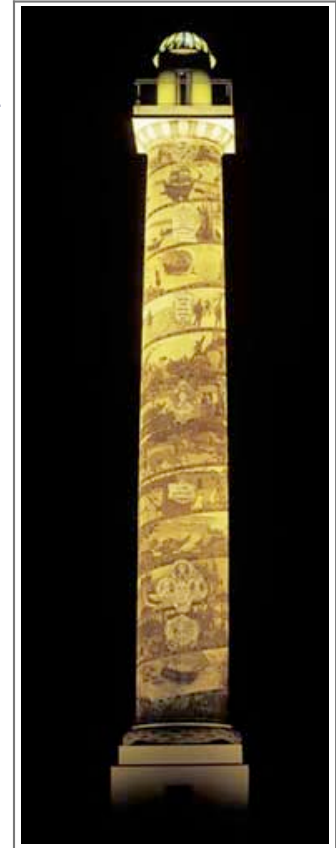




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