



## Olympic Peninsula Celebrations & the Port Angeles Regional Chamber of Commerce

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### Press Release

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#### **GRAHAM KERR “THE GALLOPING GOURMET” TO OPEN PORT ANGELES DUNGENESS CRAB AND SEAFOOD FESTIVAL!**

**Port Angeles, Wash., Sept. 12, 2011** – From 1969 to 1971 Graham Kerr, *The Galloping Gourmet*, brought the art of creative cooking alive for television audiences around the world. On **Saturday, Oct. 8** the iconic chef returns to the stage to kick-off Port Angeles’ **10<sup>th</sup> Annual Dungeness Crab & Seafood Festival**, a celebration of the region’s bounty. Following the **11 a.m.** opening ceremonies, Kerr will cook-up his famous crab cakes at the Gateway Center Chef Demonstration Stage and talk about his passion for growing and cooking healthy foods. The two-day “Crabfest” event will take place **Oct. 8 – 9** at the Port Angeles City Pier, Gateway Center and Red Lion Hotel. Admission is free.

“It is an honor and a real pleasure to feature Graham Kerr at Crabfest,” says festival Producing Director Scott Nagel. “Along with Julia Child, Graham pioneered television cooking and introduced an entire generation to fine food and an industry that has blossomed into multiple cooking channels.”

Kerr is not only a celebrated chef, but an accomplished author of more than 25 books with 14 million copies sold. He will be signing copies of *Growing at the Speed of Life*, his latest book, at the festival.

Kerr has received many awards including a Julia Child Cookbook Award and a James Beard Award, as well as two Emmy nominations for most outstanding daytime programming. He was also inducted into the American Culinary Hall of Fame.

Today Kerr resides in Mt. Vernon, Wash. with his wife, Treena. He continues to write, speak, make special appearances and work with numerous culinary and health related organizations.

#### **About the Dungeness Crab & Seafood Festival**

The Dungeness Crab & Seafood Festival is the annual celebration of the Olympic Peninsula’s diverse bounty - the seafood, agriculture and maritime traditions, and the breathtaking coastal environment that is home to the Dungeness crab. Named one of the *Top 100 Events in North America for 2011* by the American Bus Association, Crabfest is the Olympic Peninsula’s most anticipated culinary event.

This year's festival will take place **Oct. 8 – 9** at the Port Angeles City Pier, Gateway Center, and Red Lion Hotel overlooking the beautiful Strait of Juan de Fuca. **Hours are 10am-8:30pm on Saturday and 10am-5pm on Sunday.** Admission is free and the big top tent provides covered seating.

The Dungeness Crab & Seafood Festival is produced by Olympic Peninsula Celebrations, a Washington State non-profit corporation, and the Port Angeles Regional Chamber of Commerce.

For more information including transportation, accommodations, directions and the detailed program, please go to our website at [www.crabfestival.org](http://www.crabfestival.org), e-mail [info@crabfestival.org](mailto:info@crabfestival.org), or phone 360-452-6300.

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