

Art Stroll on in January

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Within one block of the corner of Hood Avenue and Elm Street, you'll find five galleries open this fourth Friday, January 27, that provide beautiful and unique art that will tickle your fancy and take your breath away.

Just in time for Valentine's Day, Cha For the Finest features glass hearts in all colors for that special person in your life. Let Cha show you how she creates these hearts and why they are all unique: hearts with bubbles, steel shavings, sparkling dichroic, gold nuggets, and gold quartz. All hearts come with your choice of a rolled satin or buckskin cord, and all are on sale at 20 percent off.

Upcycling is the art of using ordinary objects to create extraordinary treasures, from funky to fabulous. At Grizzly Ridge Upcycle an eclectic collection of upcycled art from more than 60 Northwest artists will ignite your imagination. Visitors have made this a must-see gallery, and if you can't make it here you can find their treasures online at Etsy.com.

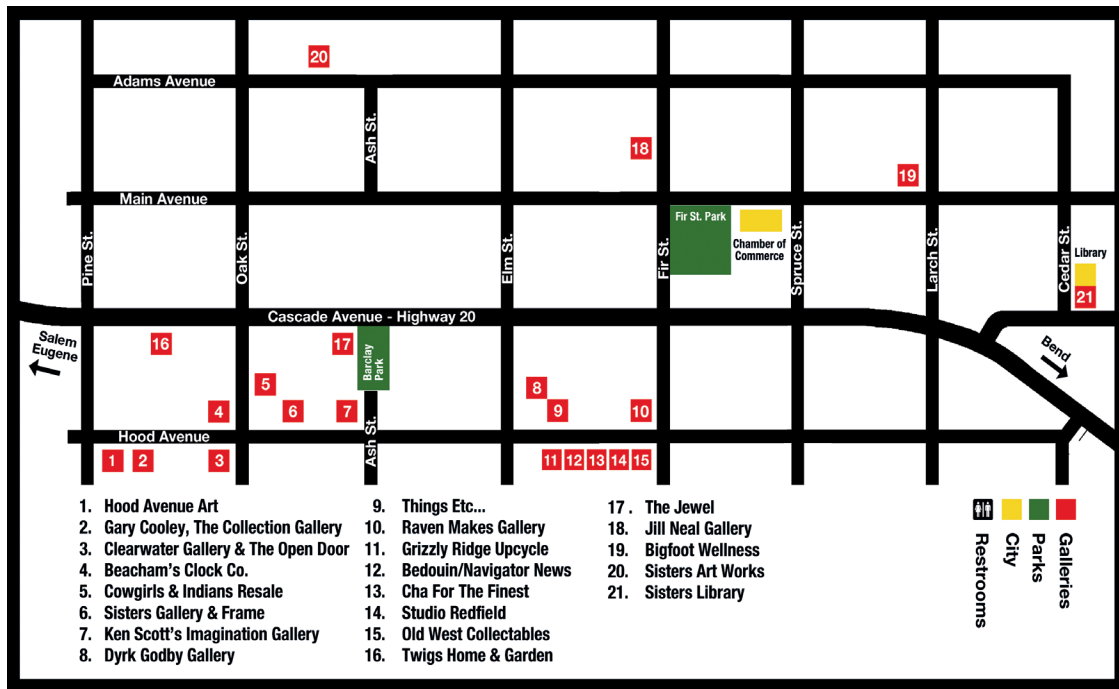
Come in for a cup of coffee

or to simply enjoy the fine art displayed at Navigator News. Representing 17 artists, Jim Cummings has created a wonderful place to gather with friends, enjoy some of the finest coffee in Sisters, and discover offbeat and functional art.

Multi-talented Western artist, singer and songwriter Dyrk Godby has corralled some of his most exclusive art works in his gallery: original oil paintings, prints, fine pencil drawings and drawings on leather, all celebrating the American West. Stop in and chat, and if you're lucky, Dyrk will play you a song.

It's hard to believe that work by 20 artists is displayed in the compact Things Etc. gallery. This collection includes shamanic art, jewelry, pottery, hats and multimedia. A stroll into this warm and welcoming spot is always fascinating.

Venture farther west on Hood Avenue to Clearwater Gallery, which will celebrate all of its artists who are gearing up for a new year of community. This month, paintings by David Mensing and Dennis Dame are warming up the gallery with bright color and brilliant subject matter,



and Wendy Vernon will show a new jewelry collection, just in time for Valentine's Day.

Hood Avenue Art's open studio sale highlights work documenting the changes in media and subject matter of its own artists, for collectors at affordable prices. There will be music and light refreshments.

Ken Scott's Imagination Gallery will feature his Rose Fire Cauldron and other new creations by Ken.

Eight of Sisters Gallery & Frame Shop's artists (Curtiss Abbott, Gary Albertson, Paul Alan Bennett, Jennifer Hartwig, Norma Holmes, Dennis Schmidling, Jodi Schneider and Lynn

Woodward) have work in the Sisters Library Annual Exhibit, but the gallery has lots more to offer, including original "potato prints" by Carol Grigg, jewelry by Vicki Hodge, and 2017 calendars by Kimry Jelen, now at a reduced price.

The biggest show of the night, which kicks off 2017 art exhibits at Sisters Library, is the Library Annual Exhibit. This year, the show features 121 pieces by 51 local artists. The open house on Friday from 6 to 7:30 p.m. will include announcement of three People's Choice Awards, a silent auction to benefit Friends of the Sisters Library, live music, and light

refreshments.

Less than a block from the library is Bigfoot Wellness, which will be open featuring original art by Sisters artist Linda Hanson.

Don't forget to sign up for the January Quick Draw. This month's drawing is for a \$100 gift certificate to the new restaurant going in at the site of Latigo. The new bar menu coming in February will include elk burgers, sandwiches, and sushi. Additions to the fine dining menu will include elk filet, flat iron steak, New York sirloin and veal. Sign up one time per gallery, but visit as many galleries as you can to enhance your chances of winning.

4th Friday Art Stroll JAN. 27, 4-7 PM DOWNTOWN SISTERS

Be sure to visit these participating galleries...

Meet your friends and stroll through Sisters. Visit our galleries for refreshments and featured artists. Enter our drawing for a \$100 gift certificate.



Cha For the Finest...

183 E. Hood Ave.
www.chaforthebest.com



Ken Scott's Imagination Gallery

222 W. Hood Ave.
www.kenscottsimagination.com



CLEARWATER GALLERY

303 W. Hood Ave.
www.theclearwatergallery.com



SISTERS GALLERY & FRAME SHOP

252 W. Hood Ave.
www.sistersgallery.com



Sisters Library

110 N. Cedar St.
www.deschuteslibrary.org



Grizzly Ridge Upcycle

123 E. Hood Ave.
www.grizzlyridgeupcycle.com



Hood Avenue Art

357 W. Hood Ave.
www.hoodavenueart.com



Things etc...

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Gallery Highlights

- Cha for the Finest ~ Glass Valentine Hearts
- Clearwater Gallery ~ David Mensing, Dennis Dame, Wendy Vernon
- Sisters Library ~ Annual Art Exhibit and Silent Auction
- Hood Avenue Art ~ Open Studio Sale
- Imagination Gallery ~ Ken Scott Rose Fire Cauldron
- Sisters Gallery & Frame Shop ~ 8 Artists in Library Show
- Grizzly Ridge Upcycle ~ New Things from Old Stuff
- Things, Etc. ~ Works by 20 Artists

Quick Draw

A \$100 gift certificate from the new restaurant going in at the site of Latigo – a highly anticipated opening!