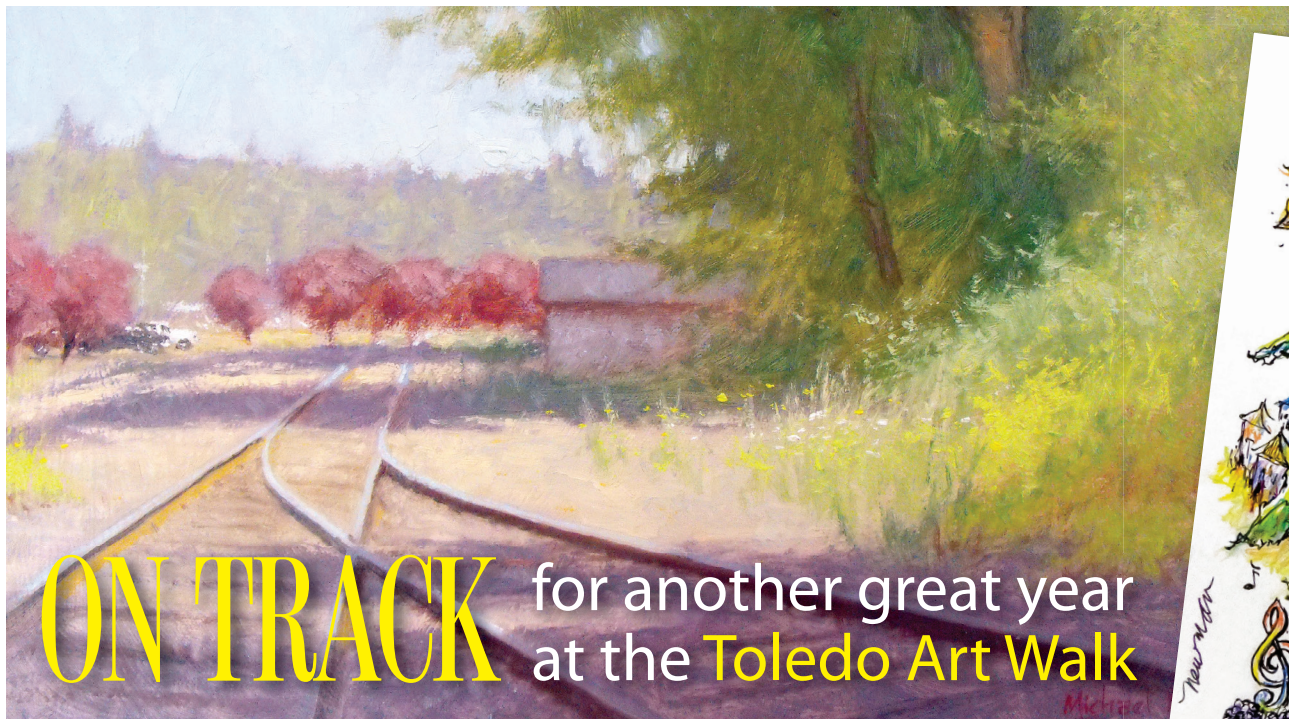




ON TRACK for another great year at the Toledo Art Walk

"Entering Toledo" by Michael Gibbons

For more than a quarter century, artists from near and far have flocked to Toledo to display their talent during the Annual Toledo Art Walk. Artist demonstrations, art talks, music, competitions, food and wine will again fill the town this Labor Day weekend, as the event returns for its 26th year.

This year's guest artist is renowned printmaker Earl Newman, whose artistic mark can be seen most everywhere you look in the small mountain community of Summit. The brightly painted community center is a beacon in the thick woods of the Coastal Range.

The bulletin board next to the structure's front door displays Newman's posters for upcoming community events. The interior displays more posters and a history of the raising of the building shows a young Newman, smiling amidst the construction scene.

Newman has been a self-employed artist for nearly 39 years, beginning in Venice Beach, California in 1960. He began his career as a silk-screen printer, a career he describes as simply "a way to pay the bills." He began designing works for local coffee shops and jazz clubs before he started designing posters for the Monterey Jazz Festival in 1963. His collection of Monterey Jazz Festival prints display iconic jazz artist the likes of Ray Charles, BB King, Etta James, Dizzy Gillespie, Duke Ellington, Louis Armstrong and others.



Earl Newman

In 1972 Newman moved his family to the small unincorporated community of Summit, where he still lives and prints today. Besides his popular posters for the Monterey Jazz Festival, his works have been featured for events such as the Abbot Kinney Street Fair in Venice Beach, the Oregon Shakespeare Festival, the Oregon Country Fair, and for venues like Oregon State University and the Oregon Coast Aquarium.

In 1992 and 2010 Newman's work for the Monterey Jazz Festival was adopted into the Smithsonian's Division of Musical History in Washington, DC.

The set of posters include a complete collection of his numbered and signed editions of prints dating back to 1963.

Throughout his long and illustrious career as an artist, Newman's humility shows in the way he describes his legacy as simply a product of being in the right place at the right time.

See his hand-printed works and meet the artist in the Yaquina River Museum of Art's Schoolhouse Exhibition space located at 151 NE Alder Street in Toledo.

Just across the street, of the Art Walk's founders, Michael Gibbons, will be displaying a series of oil paintings not previously shown in his Signature Gallery. The paintings feature scenes from the Yaquina Watershed over a 35-year period. This art will be presented in the Vicarage

One of Earl Newman's prints



Garden that Gibbons opens to the public only for Art Walk. The public is invited to relax in the beautiful garden setting while considering and selecting art for their private collections. Gallery Michael Gibbons is located in the 1926 Vicarage House Museum at 140 NE Alder Street.

Around the corner Ivan Kelly Studio & Gallery will showcase landscapes painted throughout the past 40 years, from the Canadian Rockies all the way to the high desert of New Mexico.

"I love the way light transforms the landscape, in particular early morning when the air is fresh and the shadows are long and transparent," Kelly said, "and I believe the best way to paint the beautiful subtleties of light is with easel firmly planted where it's happening, on a cliff edge, riverbank or sand dune."

Ivan Kelly Gallery Studio is located at 207 East Graham Street, one block above Main Street.

Art Walk will also feature oil and mixed media work from Barbara Alexander at 448 NE Andie Lane; works in a variety of mediums from members of the Toledo

Arts Guild at Toledo Union Hall, 148 E Graham Street; pottery by Chasse Davidson alongside work by Dennis White, Doug Haga, Val Bolen, Martha Wallace, Paula Teplitz, Lydia Bosley and Ram Papish at Toledo Clayworks, 305 N Main Street; metal works by the late Sam Briseño at Gallery Briseño, 355 Main Street; graphite drawings and watercolor works by Michael Hicks at 240 South Main Street; assemblage art by Janet Runger at Crow's Nest Gallery & Studio, 170 North Main Street; and a "Celebration of Writing and Art" at St. John's Episcopal Church, 110 NE Alder Street.

Toledo Public Library rounds out the Art Walk's shows with a display of work from the Original Art Walk Founders Collection which includes pieces by Michael Gibbons, Doug Haga and Ivan Kelly. The Library, located at 173 NW 7th Avenue, will be open Saturday only.

The 26th Annual Toledo Labor Day Art Walk, runs from Saturday, Aug. 31, through Monday, Sept. 2.