

Fall for Toledo at First Weekend

Autumn hues will fill the streets of Toledo this Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 2 and 3, as galleries and studios open their doors to art lovers for First weekend, offering light refreshment and engaging conversation.

This month's featured attraction is the Yaquina River Museum of Art's Permanent Collection, focusing on Northwest and Southwest art, with pieces donated by prolific artists of the region. Located at 151 NE Alder Street, the museum will be open from noon to 4 pm both days.

Across the street, Michael Gibbons Signature Gallery will be giving a special spotlight to "Gracie's Garden," a painting not previously shown within the gallery's space. "Gracie's Garden" depicts a mysterious

garden path that leads into blooming rhododendron bushes that are iconic features of the coastal landscape. Michael Gibbons Signature Gallery, located at 140 NE Alder Street, will be open from noon to 4 pm both days, serving complimentary Oregon wine and cheese.

Over on Graham Street, Ivan Kelly, a Signature Member of the American Society of Marine Artists, will be featuring his big game, landscape and maritime paintings. Ivan Kelly Studio & Gallery, located at 207 East Graham Street, will be open 11 am to 5 pm on Saturday and noon to 5 pm on Sunday.

On Main Street, assemblage artist Janet Runger will be featuring her sculpture work in Crow's Nest Gallery & Studio.



An image from the Yaquina River Museum of Art's Permanent Collection

Visitors can see her newest creations and the interesting stories they have to tell, as well as checking out her popular magnets, cards and original works of art. Crow's Nest Gallery & Studio, located at 170 N Main Street, will be open from 10 am to 5 pm both days.

Further South on Main Street, Frank



"Gracie's Garden" by Michael Gibbons

Jones will be featuring his vibrant landscape photography of the Oregon Coast. Francyfolk Photos and Music, located at 227 S Main Street, will be open from 10 am to 4 pm both days.

Just across the street from Francyfolk, artist Michael Hicks will be featuring his graphite drawings and watercolor works. Art lovers can see his beautiful depictions of nature, portraiture, and more at his gallery space located at 240 South Main Street from 10 am to 5 pm both days.

Art in the spotlight

The latest Spotlight Show from Newport's Yaquina Art Association features the artwork of Penny Billinger and the late Charlie Anderson.

Penny Billinger loves the outdoors now that she is retired and has free time to explore the Oregon Coast. She collects most of her materials off the beaches and in the forest while walking or hiking. She will also be displaying some of her favorite photos in her Spotlight Show.

The show will also feature pieces by longtime Yaquina Art Association member Charlie Anderson, who died earlier this year after a long struggle with leukemia.

Anderson was born in St. Paul, Minnesota, in 1946. His grandfather, mother and aunt were artists, so he thought that he should try painting also. His grandfather taught him the basics of photography and then then gave him his first camera. His mother was very talented in oil painting and encouraged him throughout his school years.

After retiring in 2001, he moved to the Oregon Coast, where his family had spent many of their vacations when he was a



"Ketchup and Mustard" by Penny Billinger

boy. It was at this time that he was able to focus solely on his art and on growing as an artist.

All profits from this show will go into a fund for art education, free art classes and



"Depoe Bay Bridge" by Charlie Anderson

preserving the association's more-than-a-century old building.

The show will be on display through Friday, Nov. 8, available to view from 11 am to 4 pm at the Yaquina Art Association

Gallery, 789 NW Beach Drive.

• Interested in becoming a member of the Yaquina Art Association? Dues are \$40 and 30 staffing hours a year. Membership forms are available at the gallery.