



Art — just ‘cause

A riot of color and personal expression will greet visitors to the latest show at Lincoln City's Chessman Gallery as St. James Santiago School students present "Cause to Create."

The exhibit will open this Friday, March 13, with a public reception from 5 to 7:30 pm offering food, drink and a silent auction fundraiser benefiting the school.

The pieces on display showcase the school's use of the arts as a way to learn, and include individual and collaborative drawings, paintings, collage and ceramics. Some of the work reflects the school's world study of Russia, Northern Europe and Great Britain this year, with acrylic paintings in imitation of Marc Chagall; giant, collaborative Matryoshka doll collages; and a full-size Shakespeare quilt. The show also features self-portraits and other pieces in ceramic, oil pastel, colored pencil, watercolor and chalk, plus projects from the school's literacy, social studies and science illustration classes.

On the same evening as the show's opening opening, the K-8 nonprofit school's fundraiser will be held in the Lincoln City Cultural Center auditorium, with food for purchase from Lincoln City's Thai Bay and La Roca restaurants. Desserts by student parents and local restaurants will be for sale, and wine and Beachcrest Brewing beer will be available by the glass. The silent auction will feature certificates and items donated by many local businesses. All proceeds will benefit the school.

A grant from the Sponenburg Memorial Trust for arts education for youth helped purchase the art supplies for projects in the show, plus a camera to record the student work. The fundraiser is sponsored by Meredith Lodging and Andrews, Ersoff & Zantello, Attorneys at Law.

"Cause to Create" will be on display through April 3 at the Chessman Gallery, located inside Lincoln City Cultural Center, 540 NE Hwy. 101.



"Exploring Self" by Vivian Irwin

Putting their talents to youth

Artwork created by students from Waldport will be on display throughout March to celebrate Youth Art Month at the Yaquina Art Association Gallery.

Students from Crestview Elementary, Crestview Middle School and Waldport High School will display their wonderful art pieces on Yaquina Art Gallery's west wall and front pedestals. All artwork will be for sale, with no commission fees.

The exhibit will be available to view daily from 11 am to 4 pm at 789 NW Beach Drive.



"Girl" by Jory Reed