

NOTICES

Summer Art Program a Success

by Kathy Stewart

As art instructor for our second Summer Art Program, I wish to share my observations of the Aug. 31, 2002, **Siletz Summer Art Show.**

The Siletz Valley Partnership sponsored the Summer Art Program. We received a grant from the Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund. The Siletz Valley Grange donated the hall for July and August art classes. Ladies from Siletz Baptist Church served home-baked desserts and were present to support this local opportunity.

The Siletz Summer Art Show was a success! Everyone's work from Monday Oil Painting to Thursday Charcoal/Drawing was shown. Sue Eatherly introduced the art of rubber stamping during a Thursday class and plans a class for creating personal Christmas ideas (date to be announced). We want to encourage community participation in a continuing art program that involves a variety of artistic subjects, a gathering of artists who will spark creativity right here in Siletz.

As an artist and instructor, it's my job to protect the fledgling artist. We must go gently and slowly. Progress, not perfection, is what we should ask of ourselves. Mistakes are necessary! Stumbles are normal.

We must be very careful to safeguard our new artists. The Great Creator has gifted us with creativity. Our gift back is



Artwork by Lynn Brooks Whitlow



Artwork by Hannah Nibler

our use of it. That's when you discover the joy of practicing your creativity. The process, not the product, is your focus.

Judging early artistic efforts is artist abuse. This happens several ways:

- ✎ Beginning work is measured against the masterworks of other artists.
- ✎ Beginning work is exposed to premature criticism.

✎ Beginning work is shown to overly critical friends.

Public showing of one's work for the first or second time can be threatening to the new student who is moving into a new area of personal identity. Negative remarks can block the continuing growth and character-building experience.

Art appreciation was very evident as community members commented on

the value they saw in the art program. Several were interested in becoming involved in future classes. This program is designed for adults and children to create side by side with his/her own creativity. My focus is on imparting the tools each student needs to build his/her personal techniques (100 students can paint the same subject and every one will be different).

Bravo and applause to all my Siletz students! I'm very proud of all of you!

Be Safe on Halloween

Most people think of Halloween as a time for fun and treats. But roughly four times as many children age 5-14 are killed while walking on Halloween evening compared with other evenings of the year, and falls are a leading cause of injuries among children on Halloween.

Parents can help prevent children from getting injured by following these safety tips from the American Academy of Pediatrics, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the National Safety Council.

Children

- Ⓜ Go only to well-lit houses, remain on porches rather than entering.
- Ⓜ Travel in small groups and be accompanied by an adult.

- Ⓜ Know your phone number and carry coins for emergency telephone calls.
- Ⓜ Have your names and addresses attached to your costumes.
- Ⓜ Bring treats home before eating them so parents can inspect them.
- Ⓜ Use costume knives and swords that are flexible, not rigid or sharp.

Walking in Neighborhoods

- ✎ Use flashlights, stay on sidewalks, and avoid crossing yards.
- ✎ Cross streets at the corner, use crosswalks (where they exist), and do not cross between parked cars.
- ✎ Stop at all corners and stay together in a group before crossing.
- ✎ Wear clothing that is bright, reflective, and flame retardant.

- ✎ Use face paint instead of masks.
- ✎ Avoid wearing hats that will slide over your eyes.
- ✎ Avoid wearing long, baggy, or loose costumes or oversized shoes (to prevent tripping).
- ✎ Remember to look left, right, and left again before crossing the street.

Parents and Adults

- ☑ Supervise children under age 12.
- ☑ Establish a return time for older kids.
- ☑ Prepare homes for trick-or-treaters by clearing porches, lawns, and sidewalks and placing jack-o-lanterns away from doorways and landings.
- ☑ Avoid giving choking hazards such as gum, peanuts, hard candies, or small toys as treats to young children

- ☑ Inspect all candy for safety before children eat it.
- ☑ Ensure the safety of pedestrian trick-or-treaters:
- ☑ Make sure children under age 10 are supervised as they cross the street.
- ☑ Drive slowly.
- ☑ Watch for children in the street and on medians.
- ☑ Exit driveways carefully.
- ☑ Have children get out of cars on the curb side, not on the traffic side.

HAPPY HALLOWEEN