



DEBORAH DAWSON (Photo by 'I.V. News')

Featured artist Dawson favors flowers, wildland

Floral painting and wildness are among favorite subjects for Deborah Ann Dawson, featured artist at Sterling Savings Bank in Cave Junction for August and September.

Dawson's "visual poetry" display is through her membership in Illinois Valley Fine Artists Inc. She also is a member of the Crescent City Art Association.

In 2002 Dawson, who lives in O'Brien, opened the Center For Artfull Being at Creative Space above Blue Moon Café in C.J. She and her husband, Robert McCarver, moved to O'Brien that year.

Her studio/gallery is also a space for teaching classes in watercolors, drawing, and holding her healing workshop, "Painting from Within."

Dawson was born in Medford, and lived in nearby Phoenix from the fourth-grade. "The Rogue Valley was very pastoral," she said, "and my childhood was spent catching frogs, wading in creeks, collecting bugs and drawing."

"These activities were going to be the visual fodder for future works," she said.

She was an honor roll student at Medford High School, and attended what's now Southern Oregon University (SOU) in Ashland under a scholarship. She majored in art, but also enjoyed anthropology, sociology, communications and creative writing.

In 1978 she received the AAUW award for Outstanding Senior in the SOU Art Dept. It was the first time a woman had won the award.

Dawson said that the teachers who affected her the most are Betty La Duke, Bob Alston and Clifford Sowell. She also lists as major influences watercolorist Zoltan Szabo; and Nita Leland, author of "Creative Artist."

Dawson describes her work as "visual poetry." She adds, "When a subject in Nature has caught my attention on an emotional level, I want to express it in strong images with great design, intense color, and hopefully, an unusual perspective."

During winters, Dawson teaches drawing and watercolors to elementary schoolchildren in Josephine and Jackson counties. As one of many artists involved in the program, she said she enjoys helping promote the arts.

She has shown in S.W. Oregon in juried and open shows, and has been a juror and judge. Painting and selling only original work makes her work collectible, she said.

She recently placed second in the professional category with her work, "Lone Mountain Manzanita," in the AAUW show at Grants Pass Museum of Art.

"My art is the kind of work that is easy and inspirational to live with," said Dawson, "and that makes me feel good about my career as an artist."

Her works are in numerous private collections in Oregon and California.

To visit her studio, phone Dawson at 596-2023 for an appointment. Or visit Creative Space during Art Walk.



PROLIFIC PRODUCE - The Selma Farmers Market offers a variety of veggies and other items Fridays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Rental space is available at the site at Selma Community Center. The market joins similar ventures, including Kerbyville Farm and Nelsen Family Farm on Sauer's Flat. Produce also is available at valley stores including Shop Smart Food Warehouse, and Select Market. (Photo by 'Illinois Valley News')

Walden bargaining chip noted for health policies

Employers often priced out of providing health insurance for their workers would be able to band together through nationwide associations to bargain for better health insurance rates under bipartisan legislation overwhelmingly approved last week by the U.S. House of Representatives.

"Large corporations and unions know of being big enough to bargain for better rates," said U.S. Rep. Greg Walden, co-chairman of the Bipartisan House Rural Health Care Coalition.

"It's time that small businesses had the same opportunity through their nationwide associations to get a fair deal on health insurance," he said.

The Small Business Health Fairness Act (HR 525) passed the House 263-165.

The measure provides protections for consumers by prohibiting discrimination in coverage.

It ensures that all employers who are members of the association sponsoring a health plan be eligible for coverage and guarantees enrollment of individuals regardless of their health status.

The measure also requires that an association be in existence for at least three years for substantial purposes other than providing health insurance coverage

before it can offer plans.

"As a small employer for more than 19 years, I've seen firsthand the ever-escalating cost of health insurance," said Wyden.

"Small businesses are seeing huge rate increases every year," he said, "and more and more of them are saying they just can't afford to provide coverage. That's part of the reason more than 45 million Americans are now uninsured."

"This effort is designed to give them another chance to acquire affordable coverage," said Walden, who, with his wife, has owned radio stations in the Columbia Gorge since 1986.

The measure has earned the support of the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB), the Oregon Farm Bureau, the Oregon Restaurant Association, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, and the National Association of Women Business Owners, among others. It now goes to the Senate for consideration.

Walden represents the 2nd District of Oregon, which includes 20 counties in the southern, central and eastern regions of the state.

He is a Deputy Whip in the House leadership structure and a member of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce as well as the Committee on Resources.

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