



Bea Thompson with one of her watercolor paintings. (I.V. News photos)

Thompson, Kieffer featured artists

By DOROTHEA HOVER-KRAMER
Two members of the Illinois Valley Fine Artists group are exhibiting their work during July and August at Sterling Savings Bank in Cave Junction.

Selected by the group's membership are Bea Thompson, who is showing lovely watercolor paintings, and Renee Kieffer, who offers a photographic essay.

Thompson graduated with a general degree in art, psychology and sociology from San Diego State University. She has had several careers in social services, employment relations, and as a drawing instructor. She attended workshops from well-known watercolorists Stephen Quiller and Judy Morris.

In 1994 she was the victim of a severe car accident resulting in a broken neck that left her bound to a wheelchair. Gradually, she has come out of her isolation with a renewed interest in painting. The visual stimulation "takes me beyond my pain and gives me something to focus on," she states.

"Bea" also loves being

outside in our beautiful valley and even does some weeding. She enjoys painting flowers predominantly,



Renee Kieffer

but finds watercolor painting "unpredictable -- you never know if it's going to be a good day or not."

She enjoys the supportive fine arts group. She explains, "It is so helpful to talk to the others, learn from them, and feel the fellowship."

Like Thompson, Kieffer enjoys the camaraderie of the fine arts group that encouraged her to develop her photographs of swans of Lake Selmac into an album.

She has two years of college with a major in performing arts. She has lived in Illinois Valley for five years and started noticing

the graceful swans on the lake that she dubbed "Fred" and "Linda." The swans matured and raised five cygnets, teaching them how to hunt and survive until they were ready to fly away to their new terrain.

"Renee's" photographic essay shows the life progression of the swan family during four years. She calls her album, "A pictorial learning tool for our enjoyment."

It is a tribute to the patience of the swan parents, as well as to the sharp eye of the photographer.

The next meeting of the Illinois Valley Fine Arts group will be on Sept. 10. For information about the group phone 592-5296.

OLCC lists revenue from liquor lucre for entities

The Oregon Liquor Control Commission (OLCC) sent \$589,675 for May sales to Douglas, Jackson, Josephine and Lane counties and their 37 incorporated cities as part of the statewide distilled spirits revenue distribution of \$11.1 million.

Disbursements: Josephine County, population 81,125, received \$23,137. The city of Cave Junction got \$1,318; city of Grants Pass \$25,439.

Jackson County, population 198,615, received \$56,646; its cities and towns received -- Ashland \$17,625; Butte Falls \$366; Central Point \$13,613; Eagle Point \$6,859; Gold Hill \$888; Jacksonville \$2,101; Medford \$60,887; Phoenix \$3,898; Rogue River \$1,653; Shady Cove \$2,270; Talent \$5,276.

Douglas County, population 103,815, \$29,608; Canyonville \$1,320; Drain \$876; Elkton \$169; Glendale \$773; Myrtle Creek \$2,953; Oakland \$773; Reedsport \$3,495; Riddle \$859; Roseburg \$17,313; Sutherlin \$6,259; Winston \$4,517; Yoncalla \$905.

Lane County, population 339,740, \$96,895; Coburg \$884; Cottage Grove \$7,628; Creswell \$3,742; Dunes City \$1,106; Eugene \$122,214; Florence

\$6,802; Junction City \$4,084; Lowell \$785; Oakridge \$3,043; Springfield \$46,934; Veneta \$3,487; Westfir \$276.

OLCC follows a per capita distribution formula based on Oregon's population of 3.69 million. For May it was 28.5-cents per person for counties; 82-cents a person for cities.

The breakdown: 36 counties, 10 percent, \$1.05 million; 241 cities, 20 percent, \$2.1 million; state general fund, 56 percent, \$5.9 million; city revenue-sharing account, 14 percent, \$1.47 million; state Addiction and Mental Health Division, \$570,045; and Oregon Wine Board, \$17,864.

OLCC revenue is derived from the sale of distilled spirits in 241 liquor stores, taxes on malt beverages and wine, license fees, and fines for liquor law violations. Last month's revenue share was \$10.9 million.

OLCC collects privilege taxes of \$2.60 for a 31-gallon barrel of malt beverage, 67-cents a gallon for taxable wine with an alcohol content of 14 percent or less.

It also collects 77-cents on taxable wine of more than 14 percent. Of that amount, 2-cents a gallon goes to the Oregon Wine Board to fund research and promotion.

Crisis resource training topic for RCC workshop

A workshop to explore the resources, systems and assets Josephine County has to offer individuals in crisis is offered by the Rogue Community College Small Business Development Center (SBDC).

"Josephine County Volunteer Training for Non-profit Organizations" will be taught from 2 to 4 p.m. Mondays from July 16 through Aug. 6 at SBDC in Downtown Grants Pass. Tuition is \$25.

Included is Helpline training, which will explore and demystify some of the issues related to suicide prevention and intervention.

Said SBDC, "Course completion is valuable to human service providers who provide front-line referral. Individuals who want to become Helpline volunteers must attend all sessions prior to volunteering.

I.V. Chamber fund plan OK'd

An agreement to help provide a continuing source of income for Illinois Valley Chamber of Commerce has been OK'd by chamber directors.

The chamber is working with Mary Reynolds, of Jefferson State Financial Group in Cave Junction. She proposed the agreement to help support the chamber in connection with her AFLAC offerings.

Reynolds is available by phoning 592-6262.

"Students pursuing human service activities also will find this information helpful in understanding community services for creating sustainability for consumers."

Instructor Kelly Wesels has been the director of RSVP/Asante Senior for the past 11 years and has been a sponsor for Helpline of Josephine County for the past nine years. She is an applied suicide intervention skills trainer and oversees production of the Community Resource Directory.

Pre-registration is required by noon two working days before the class to avoid cancellation. Enrollment is limited. Register online at www.roguecc.edu/rel, at any RCC registration site, or phone SBDC at 956-7494 for telephone pre-registration and further information.

In other matters, the chamber board:

*Received the resignation of Director Ted Crocker, and agreed to replace him with Don Moore.

*Approved three new members -- Yanase Jewelers, Interior Home Solutions, and Illinois River Valley Arts Council.

*Learned that 1,111 visitors were logged at I.V. Visitor Information Center during May, a decrease of 9 from May 2006.

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