

Arts & Entertainment

Art Walk will feature colorful Pearlene Gavlik

By JUDY HOYLE

The Featured Artist for Second Friday Art Walk on July 11 in Cave Junction takes multitasking to a whole new level.

Pearlene Gavlik is an award-winning artist as well as a volunteer firefighter with Illinois Valley Fire District (IVFD). A grandmother of eight -- with one on the way, she also has been honored with IVFD Rookie of the Year and Volunteer Firefighter of the Year awards.

Born in Lowell, Mass., this self-taught artist began her career as a teen-ager, drawing people's facial features and gestures. Following her marriage to Ken Gavlik, her art career was on hold while she raised four children. In 1984, Ken and Pearlene created a business crafting wooden folk art objects, which they painted, then sold at art fairs throughout New England.

Her first wall paintings were in acrylic in the "Americana Primitive" style made famous by Grandma Moses. Pearlene's favorite subject at the time was a barnyard scene, depicting families working and playing together.

After completing approximately 80 paintings in this style, she began experimenting in other media. She tried oil painting, but didn't like having to wait for each color to dry before she could proceed. She then discovered watercolor and the freedom to blend and merge colors as the painting developed.

"I've always loved color," said Pearlene. "Even when I was a little kid, I remember looking at my Crayons for hours.

"Color is my main motivation for painting. That's why I love to paint flowers. The beauty of all those jewel-like colors and the delicate petals is very visually exciting to me."

Her love of flowers has led to her planting many

band in his cabinet-making business, "Mr. G's Woodworking." They share a second business: Lakeshore Images, which produces large giclee' prints for Pearlene and other artists. They bought the expensive digital equipment after being disappointed by

is a firefighter in Rogue River. This outstanding Illinois Valley family now has branched out in new ways, as Jeff and his wife, Joanna, have opened "Heritage Moments," a scrapbook supply store near Michelle's Family Restaurant at Redwood and Caves highways.

The Gavliks also are active members of Wonder Bible Chapel, which was damaged by fire during the winter. They're been helping with clean up and preparation for major repairs scheduled for this summer.

Pearlene Gavlik's watercolors of flowers and cats, as well as printed cards of her paintings, will be featured at Changes Art Gallery, 144 S. Redwood Hwy., beginning Friday, July 11 from 5 to 8 p.m. during Second Friday Art Walk and throughout July.

Her watercolors also are exhibited at the Redwood Coast Art Association gallery in Crescent City. Her jewelry is at Second Street Gallery in Bandon. She is represented in both media at the Oregon Caves Chateau Gift Gallery. Her work can be seen at pearlenesoriginalart.com.

For further information on Second Friday Art Walk, sponsored by the Illinois River Valley Arts Council, visit www.ircvacc.com.



Pearlene Gavlik at home (Photo provided)

flowerbeds at her sunny home in Selma, where she raises flowers from seed in her own greenhouse. She also has developed a line of beaded jewelry, which she sells in order to support this fun hobby.

Pearlene has a great love for the sea reaching to her early years in New England. The Gavliks moved to Illinois Valley following a visit with their oldest daughter, Sherry, who had moved here for a job. Attracted by the proximity to the Pacific Ocean and the beauty of Illinois Valley, they actually put a down payment on their house before the end of the visit.

Besides her own art career, Pearlene assists her hus-

band in his cabinet-making business, "Mr. G's Woodworking."

Many members of the Gavlik family are firefighters besides Pearlene. Ken is an IVFD battalion chief; and son, Jeff, is IVFD deputy chief. Another son, Michael,

Club & Organization Notes

Siskiyou Field Institute (SFI)

A *Rivers to Peaks Weekend* is planned at Deer Creek Center in Selma from Friday, July 25 to Sunday, July 27.

Numerous field courses are offered. There are fees. The program will include the annual dinner July 25 with prices on a sliding scale; and on the 26th: *Outdoor Explorer* (just for kids); *The Science of Caves*; *Conifers*; and *Following Whittaker: Monitoring Environmental Change in the Siskiyou*.

On the 27th: *Forests: The Complexities and Conflicts*; *Salmon Snorkeling*; and *Wild & Scenic Geology of the Smith River Gorge*.

Space is limited. Phone, email or visit the Website: 597-8530, www.thesfi.org, and institute@thesfi.org.

Siskiyou Project

Rich Nawa, an ecologist, and botanist Jennifer Kalt will lead a leisurely 4-mile hike to Mt. Elijah and Bigelow Lakes on Saturday, July 12.

It will be an all-day moderate hike with a 900-foot elevation gain. A car pool will leave Illinois Valley Visitor Center at 201 Caves Hwy. in Cave Junction at 9 a.m. Hikers should bring lunch, snacks and plenty of water.

For more information, phone 476-6648, or visit www.Siskiyou.org and click on the "Events" link.

Lovejoy Hospice

Lyn Stanger, of Hull & Hull Funeral Directors, will

speak during a "Conversations with ..." program on Monday, July 14 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the hospice facility in Grants Pass.

She will speak about choices, expenses and preplanning for cremations, funerals, burials, celebrations of life, and memorials.

RSVP to 474-1193 or for more information.

EVENTS CALENDAR

Wednesday, July 2
- Karaoke, 8 p.m. at Art's Red Garter

Thursday, July 3
- Live music, 6-9 p.m. at Nacho Mama's
- Karaoke, 9 p.m. at J.I. / Timber Room Lounge

Friday, July 4
- Tim and Michelle, great jazz, 5:30 p.m. at Taylor's Country Store

- DJ Jammer Dave, 9 p.m. at Art's Red Garter
- DJ Bo, 9 p.m. at J.I. / Timber Room Lounge

Saturday, July 5
- Open mic, 6-9 p.m. at Nacho Mama's
- DJ Bo, 9 p.m. at J.I. / Timber Room Lounge
- DJ Jammer Dave, 9 p.m. at Art's Red Garter

Sunday, July 6
- Karaoke, 8 p.m. at Art's Red Garter

Monday, July 7
- Karaoke, 9 p.m. at J.I. / Timber Room Lounge

Tuesday, July 8
- Swing dance lessons, 9:30 p.m. (followed by Karaoke), at J.I. / Timber Room Lounge

Illinois Valley Chamber of Commerce presents

Siskiyou Bluegrass Festival 2008

The Goldman Family Dandelion Jo
The Mighty Lonesomes Willie and the Poor Boys
Gold River Bluegrass Band The Moonshine

Saturday, July 19
Lake Selmac, Trout Pavilion

Admission: \$10 kids under 12 free
Gates open at 9:30 a.m.

Band scrambles, dancing & 50/50 drawings
Food and beverages available, Parking fee \$2 per vehicle
Lawn seating, bring chairs or blankets, * No Outside Alcohol
This is a Family Event, everyone welcome, please NO DOGS!

Special thanks to Emece "Kuzin Keith", KRRM 94.7 FM
Info: Illinois Valley Chamber 541 592-3326
20 minutes south from Grants Pass on Hwy. 199 to Selma.
Turn left at the Lake Selmac sign and follow the signs to the Trout Pavilion

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS

1 Hurry
4 Civil Rights Commission (abbr.)
7 Egg (pref.)
10 Andes' cold higher region
11 Pronoun
12 "Lorna Doone" character
14 Gushing
16 Machine gun
17 Flying saucer
18 Body of water
20 Equal Rights Amendment (abbr.)
21 Afr. eye-worm
22 Sound of a bell
24 Song of praise
27 Evolve
30 Anatomy (abbr.)
31 Temporary fashion
32 Alb (arch.)
33 Jewish month
35 Caucasus

people
36 Nipple
37 Fluidity unit
38 Compass direction
40 Portable chair
42 Question starter
45 Killer of Abel
47 Castle (2 words)
49 Fire (pref.)
50 Repose tree
51 Health
Opportunity for People Everywhere (abbr.)
52 Soft drink
53 Rapeseed
54 Teacher of Samuel

DOWN

1 Fit of sulks
2 Information (abbr.)

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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3 Water (Fr.)
4 Girl (Sp.)
5 Dream (Fr.)
6 Made
7 Alternatives
8 Yolk of an egg
9 Polish border river
10 Little (Fr.)

13 Recombinant letters
15 Shortly
19 Month abbr.
21 Machine tool
23 Rent
24 Exclamation
25 Donkey (Fr.)
26 Eurus (2 words)
27 Israelite tribe
28 Laconian clan group
29 Favorite
31 Dire
34 Blood (pref.)
35 Without (Ger.)
37 Hindu queen
38 School course (abbr.)
39 Scand. legend
41 Port. Timor's capital
42 Fleece
43 Egypt genie
44 Unclose
46 Never (Ger.)
48 Haggard novel

Out'n'About

In-Tree-Pendence Day

July 4 & 5

Bring your legal fireworks, set them off in the green at the Treehouses.

Festivities open at 1 p.m. Friday with a softball game.

Music starts at 4 p.m. with Moon & the Lunatics, Rusty Starz, and State of Jefferson.

Saturday music starts at 2 p.m., starring Dandelion Jo, End of Eden, State of Jefferson, and Frankie Hernandez Band.

\$10 per day entry 12 & younger \$5 Camping \$5 Zips & Tarzan Swings \$5
www.treehouses.com 592-2208

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