

Christmas card workshop scheduled by fine artists

Illinois Valley Fine Artists is again sponsoring a watercolor Christmas card workshop with Joan Ririe Dec. 4, 2017 in the back room of the RCC building, 24343 Redwood Highway in Kerby.

The workshop will be from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Joan's workshop is always popular as she has lots of techniques for rendering snow and also ideas for Christmas flower designs. Come get your Christmas card design ready to be printed or make some one of a kind original cards for those very special people. The workshop is free for Illinois Valley Fine Artists members and \$5 for others.

Watercolors favored by Joan for snow scenes include Paynes Grey, Cobalt Blue and Burnt Sienna. Other favorite supplies are Arches cold press watercolor paper, a 1/2 inch flat brush, a No. 8 round brush, an old toothbrush, masking fluid, masking tape, and a board to tape the paper to.

However, she says don't buy anything special. Just bring what you have. She will bring a lot of extra to share. She also has cards and envelopes available for sale - four for a \$1. If you have questions call or email Bea at 541-597-2359 or bebethom43@gmail.com.

The longest established art group in the Valley, the Illinois Valley Fine Artists provides support and encouragement for artists of all experience levels. Simply organized and embracing cooperation rather than competition, they meet weekly Mondays from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. in the back room of the RCC Building in Kerby to share ideas and solve creative problems. Visitors are always welcome. Check out their website at <http://illinoisvalleyfineartists.wordpress.com>. Dues are \$15 a year.

RIVERSTARS PERFORMING ARTS PRESENTS: 'SUPERREAL'

RiverStars Performing Arts, a program of the Illinois Valley Community Development Organization, presents their fourth holiday show, "SuperReal", Saturday, Dec. 9 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 10 at 5: p.m. in the Lorna Byrne Cafeteria. Tickets are Pay-What-You-Can and there will be a talkback with the artists after the show. Don't miss your chance to see our town, onstage in this hilarious holiday romp about Scroogia, the Texas carpetbagger who has come to put our local economy asunder. Fortunately, Scroogia meets her match in Tom and Jerry, the local cartoon and comics shop owners. Now if they can just get her to laugh, they

will free Cavetown from a villainous takeover.

"SuperReal" brings Cavetown's own superheroes and villains under the lights in a delightful comic book format. You'll meet RiverRock, HotJock, MoneyMaxer, G.A.S. (Generic Attractive) and the Guacamole Man. Most powerful of all...Sparkwoman ends up saving the day! The performers get real as they dance through Act 2. A mysterious grandpa intervenes in excessive texting binges and introduces the philosophies of folk hero Utah Phillips. The performers ultimately end their powerful journey of self-realization that lands them in the dance "I," by Kendrick Lamar.

The process to create this show began in April 2017, when RiverStars

Angels among us



(Courtesy photo for the Illinois Valley News)

Southern Oregon Artists and Artisans celebrated their new exhibit "Angels Among Us" Lea Berleau (left), Joyce Abrams, Bruce Stone, Jean Robertson, Gail Stone, Deborah Reynolds, Melinda Hartman and Karen Moulton

performers began drawing comic strips about their town from their own imaginations. Throughout the summer, they gathered comics from visitors at the Cave Junction Farmers' Market. Using these as research, the group then participated in two expansive weekend

workshopping the comics, re-writing and editing. Finally, this work was crafted into an original script by RiverStars performers and teachers, influenced by their town, for the stage show of "SuperReal."

Music ...

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In addition, The Songbird Trio of Jeni Foster, founder, Alissa Barry, soprano and Campbell, alto, will perform an A Cappella jazz piece titled "Trickle Trickle" by Clarence Basset. They will be joined by tenor Steve Parker.

This trio recently formed to sing at retirement homes and memory care facilities around Grants Pass.

Campbell said, "In April, 3 Rivers Chorale is planning its Carnegie Hall debut with our favorite composer, Norwegian Ola Gjeilo, who is now a composer-in-residence in

New York City."

This December, we are tempting our spring concert audiences with a preview, presenting one of Ola's loveliest tunes, "Ubi Caritas", for choir and improvised piano. Our wonderful pianist, Heidi Shepard, makes the piano part memorably captivating."

Campbell added, "Please join us for making new musical memories of the Christmas season!"

Although both Cave Junction concerts are free of charge, audience members are welcomed to contribute toward helping pay venue expenses.

The 3 Rivers Chorale concert will also be performed 3 p.m. Dec. 10, at Bethany Presbyterian Church,

741 NW 4th Street, in Grants Pass.

Tickets for the Dec. 10 concert are available at Oregon Books, at the corner of 7th and "E" in Grants Pass. They may also be purchased from a choir member, or at the door.

3 Rivers Chorale is a non-profit, all volunteer choir supported by its members and board of directors, Illinois River Valley Arts Council, Josephine County Cultural Trust, local businesses and music lovers.

Immanuel United Methodist Church is located at 200 W. Watkins Street, near Shop Smart.

The RCC / I.V. Chorus is a class offered through the RCC Community Education Department. Rehearsals are

Tuesdays starting at 7 p.m. at the RCC / I.V. Learning Center at the Kerby Belt Building.

For more information, contact Campbell at 541-592-2981.

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