

WHAT'S happening



OK, Americanos, this year's **Cinco de Mayo** falls on a Saturday night, leaving you no choice but to celebrate/dance/party/drink your night away in honor of the Battle of Puebla, where headstrong Mexicans won a decisive victory over those imperialistic Frenchies. It's not even a federal holiday in Mexico, but the fifth of May is still honored in bars and nightclubs across America — usually with a fifth of tequila. Some of the year's best music shows go down on this festive night; here are a handful we recommend. **Los Mex Pistols del Norte** (pictured) bring a cachet of authenticity to the scene at John Henry's on a co-bill split with the **Hi Fi Ramblers**. Medford's earnest rockabilly scene is represented by **The Hollowbodies** show at the Wetlands, while Diablo's twists the genre in a no-shame "Cinco de Metal" event featuring **Northwest Royale**, **Javelina**, **Tall Boy Shotgun** and **Subject 2 Change**. We're still waiting for the folks at DDL to feature a "Cinco de Mullet" night ... it's *bound* to happen someday! See Saturday Calendar and Nightlife section for more ways to celebrate the fifth.



and flora mixed media works (pictured). Stop #2 is the six mini-galleries at DIVA, with the highlight being the "Autism Artism 2007" traveling art collection, consisting of art by people aged five to 65 with autism. Stop #3 features Richard Quigley's colorful and surreal paintings at the Fenario Gallery while stop #4 profiles Jane Aukshunas' pastel imagery at OpusSix. From there, it's three blocks north to the Fifth Street Public Market, where you can grab some espresso from Provisions and view the always-eye-grabbing Oregon Country Fair posters from the past 35 years. But don't just stick to the guided path: break out and catch new shows currently up at White Lotus Gallery, New Odyssey, Karin Clarke Gallery and Park St. Café. See Friday Calendar.

The Lane Arts Council's **First Friday ARTwalk** soldiers on with a tour that cuts across the heart of downtown Eugene. Meg Trendler, Visitor Services Manager at CVALCO and LAC board member, will lead this month's guided tour from West Broadway to the Fifth Street Public Market. Tour-goers will meet Trendler at the New Zone Gallery, where Marilyn Kent celebrates her 50th birthday with 50 works of art in a show entitled "Flight & Florals, Fifty & Fabulous," featuring her trademark bird

On the surface, roller derby appears simple: Two teams in helmets and kneepads circle an enclosed track on roller skates (the old fashioned quad-style) and generally push, jostle and jockey until 1) a team's jammer successfully makes it through the mob skating in the opposite direction, 2) athletes are knocked off their feet, or 3) both. But the rules aren't as simple, and a team can lose by not maintaining a strict, by-the-rules pack mentality. Roller derby has been around for more than 60 years (see picture at right for proof) and the sport is getting its 21st century nod of approval with the newly formed **Emerald City Roller Girls**. ECRG has been practicing in donated facilities and gearing up for the first round of competitions soon. But first they need to raise some funds. On Saturday, ECRG is holding a **huge yard sale** at 850 W. 25th Avenue where you can buy some cheap goods, eat fresh goodies and discuss game tactics with team members. (Who knows? Maybe you want to join?) If you're into tight pants and sexy music, check out next Wednesday's **benefit concert** for the Roller Girls at the Indigo District featuring **The Dead Americans**, **The Soothsayers** and **Ugly Litter**. See Saturday and Wednesday Calendars.

