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The Arts Center of Corvallis (700 S.W. Madison Ave.) hosts an opening reception 5:30 to 7:30 pm Thursday, July 16, for a fantastic new exhibit, **Subtext: An Exploration of Language in the Visual Arts**. The show runs through Aug. 22 featuring three Oregon artists: painter, drawer and printmaker Pat Boas, whose work focuses on the act of reading; Portland sculptor Marie Sivak, whose dreamy, gauzy carved-stone pieces explore “the psychology of memory and the nature of human relationships”; and Robert Tomlinson who works in silver gelatin-based photographs and mixed-media drawings.

Wake up and wrap yourself in a patchwork quilt of Springfield murals from 10 am to noon Saturday, July 18, starting at Wynant’s Family Health Foods (722 S. A Street). Downtown Springfield especially has become a mecca for art *al fresco*, far surpassing downtown Eugene’s painted walls. Oregon Supported Living Program’s resident artist **Mija Marie Andrade** will lead the “**Springfield Mural Walking Tour**” of 20 murals, introducing several muralists along the way including Alison McNair, Shelley Albrich, Jim Evangelista, Bayne Gardner and many more.

If you haven’t had a chance to see one of Oregon’s best art exhibits of the year, *Rick Bartow: Things You Know But Can’t Explain*, then Saturday, July 18, at the Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art is the time. The JSMA hosts “**A Conversation with Rick Bartow and Barry Lopez**” at 2 pm. Barry Lopez, author of *Artic Dreams* and *Of Wolves and Men*, is a longtime friend and collaborator of Bartow; the two will discuss “their reflections on life, art, philosophy and the natural world.” Bartow is disarmingly candid and witty — seeing him speak live is a must for any art lover’s bucket list. The exhibit runs until Aug. 9 in the Barker Gallery.

The Eugene Symphony Guild hosts “**The First Hundred Years of Eugene Architecture**” from 6 to 8 pm Friday, July 24, at the Octagon Building, 92 E. Broadway; \$30. UO Associate Professor Emeritus of Architecture and preservation architect Don Peting will present a slideshow, and wine, cheese and hors d’oeuvres will be provided. Reservations required; call 541-344-1365.

The second annual **Springfield Art & Chalk Fest** is Aug. 15, and organizers are still looking for artists to enter, especially in the youth category. Applications are due by Aug. 1. For details, visit eugenespringfieldartproject.org. Cash prizes will be awarded in both the adult and youth categories, with first place receiving \$600 and \$300 respectively. The fest is also looking for plein air painters. Last year’s inaugural fest was a hit, with some temporary masterpieces such as Wanda Sigafus’ bee-and-flower tableau and Brent Burkett’s recreation of Johannes Vermeer’s “Girl with a Pearl Earring.”

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DOWN IN THE
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VALLEY

Black Forest hosts a free show 10 pm Thursday, July 16, featuring local singer-songwriter **Jake McNeillie**, who has a country-dusted baritone evocative of David Bowie, with his “dark roots” band. McNeillie and Company is joined by the folk blues of Utah “one-man band” **Tom Bennett** and Minnesota folk-rock musician **Kevin James Pertinen**.

You could say **Graham Nash** is rock royalty, literally. Beyond his induction into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame twice (in 1997 for Crosby, Stills and Nash and 2010 for The Hollies), Nash was anointed Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire in 2010. Catch the king performing “career-spanning hits” 8 pm Friday, July 17, at McDonald Theatre; \$46. All ages.

Westside: The **Westside Warehouse District** is hosting its second annual block party 2 to 8 pm Saturday, July 18, at the libations cluster in West Eugene (Viking Braggot Company, J. Scott Cellars, Claim 52 Brewing, Noble Estate Winery) with music by “heartfelt hipbilly” musicians **Craig Sorseth** and **Tom West** (4 to 6 pm), five-piece bluegrass band **Opal Creek** (7 to 10 pm) and **The Project** with members of **the Sugar Beets** (7 to 10 pm). This free 21-plus event will be held in the parking lot at 560 Commercial St.



Don’t miss: Dream pop trio **Spectacular** hits Cottage Grove for a free show 8:30 pm Monday, July 20, at Axe & Fiddle. Isley Reust fronts the Los Angeles band, which has already garnered comparisons to Garbage, Cat Power and the Yeah Yeah Yeahs. A transgender activist, Reust first gained a following by documenting her transition on YouTube followed by an appearance on *Glee*. Spectacular Spectacular released its debut album *Blur* June 30.

Rock icon **Joan Jett** comes to the Lane County Fair with her band the **Blackhearts** 8 pm Wednesday, July 22; tickets are free with fair admission. As Jett takes the stage, she’s also taking some heat: *The Huffington Post* published a damning exposé July 8 about The Runaways manager Kim Fowley and his sexual assault of original bassist Jackie Fox while band members and groupies looked on. Jett has refuted the claim.