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Crystal Apple noms due Oct. 9

Nominations are now open for the 2015 Crystal Apple Awards.

All community members, students and parents are welcome to nominate any full or part-time employee of Salem-Keizer Public Schools or Salem or Keizer private schools. Nominations are accepted for three categories: teacher, administrator and support staff. District nominees must have been employed by Salem-Keizer Public Schools for at least three years prior to the current school year. The Crystal Apple Business Partnership Award is given to an organization that has made a significant contribution to education in the Salem-Keizer School District.

Nomination forms can be found at any school in the district, or downloaded from the Salem-Keizer Education Foundation website: www.skeducationfoundation.org.

All nominations must be received by 5 p.m. on Oct. 9. The 19th annual event recognizing excellence in education is set for Nov. 5 at Salem's Historic Elsinore Theatre.

The 2015 Crystal Apple Awards are presented by the Salem-Keizer Education Foundation in cooperation with Salem-Keizer Public Schools, the Salem Area Chamber of Commerce and the Keizer Chamber of Commerce.

HS girls: register for ballet

Grande Jete ballet is hosting a one-day registration for upcoming fall classes at Keizer Grange Hall Tuesday, Sept. 22.

The registration, for classes that begin in October, will be held from 3 to 5 p.m.

The Keizer Grange Hall is located at 441 Chemawa Road N.

Grande Jete is a nonprofit organization created to give

low income junior and senior high school girls an opportunity to take ballet lessons.

Grande Jete is directed and founded by Diane Roberts, formerly of the Chicago Ballet Company and former director of the Daly City Civic Ballet Company and the Columbia Ballet Company.

Associate directors are Erin Ashley and Molly Maloney.

The teacher, the student

Lessons in art, life passed on to mentee

By CRAIG MURPHY
Of the Keizertimes

Winning with his pieces of art isn't too unusual for Roberto Oran.

After all Oran, a 2007 West Salem High School graduate currently attending Chemeketa Community College, started winning contests while still in high school.

The latest first place ribbon was for his pottery titled Quetzal Bird, a bird mainly found in south Mexico. The piece won at the "Water, Water Everywhere" show currently on display in the Keizer Art Association's Enid Joy Mount Gallery in the Keizer Heritage Center, located at 980 Chemawa Road NE. The show runs through Sept. 30.

Oran credits former WSHS art teacher Brenda Hauswirth, a Keizer resident who retired last year, for helping him develop both his ability and appreciation for art. The two have kept in touch over the years, especially since Hauswirth retired. The two met with the Keizertimes at the Enid Joy Mount Gallery on Tuesday.

"I had a poetry class with her," Oran said. "I had done some art before, but not much."

Hauswirth could tell right away this student was different than most.

"Roberto, you had some amazing skills," Hauswirth said. "There was much potential. The big thing was his sense of



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Roberto Oran (left) with retired art teacher and mentor Brenda Hauswirth at the Keizer Art Association's Enid Joy Mount Gallery with a sampling of some of Oran's recent work.

discipline. He was very serious about it from the first time I met him. I could tell he had a vision for what he wanted to do and where he wanted to go. He's doing it."

With encouragement from Hauswirth, Oran kept creating art and entering any art contest he heard about. He won a contest at Oregon State University and won a contest three times at Chemeketa, earning enough to pay for his schooling. Oran, 28, is currently in his last term. He remembers seeing a gallery show while in high school.

"That made me realize how important it was to show art," he said. "It made me realize I wanted to keep doing it."

At one of those early shows, Oran sold \$1,000 worth of art work. Since then, other clients have included Salem mayor Anna Peterson.

"I think that gave him a real jolt of confidence," Hauswirth said. "Roberto has always thought outside the box. That's

what I'm always encouraging students to do."

Oran started with pottery and has since branched out to paintings and murals. He hopes to help out with the mural scheduled to be done at Town & Country Lanes next year.

"I saw a guy doing murals and went to help him," Oran recalled. "I started learning the process of how to do big murals and doing entire buildings. It was self-taught. I was watching how he was doing it. I learned the process."

Oran learned about the need to study the moisture and texture of the painting surface, as well as prepping the surface and sealing it once finished to help the work last longer. Recently, Oran has been learning how to do black light murals.

"The black light shows all of the colors," he said. "It appears like magic. It's a hard process. You're just learning by yourself, always experimenting. I learned from people like Mrs.

Hauswirth. When I was in high school, she was making sure I was learning the basics. She taught me there's a lot of discipline in art. That helped me a lot."

Hauswirth said Oran picked it up quickly.

"Roberto definitely has a gift," she said. "He was very open to taking the time to learn the processes and to go through all the steps. A lot of kids want to take shortcuts, but the process is as important as the final art piece."

Oran has learned from several artists over the years and would like to pass along what he's learned to the next generation.

"Those things helped me figure out how I want to do it and to communicate with younger generations," he said. "Don't be selfish, but be sharing. I want to contribute and share."

Oran is hoping to attend Linfield College after finishing at CCC. In the meantime, he keeps in touch with his original mentor.

"I have stayed in touch with Mrs. Hauswirth since high school and try to contact her once a month," he said. "I ask her things like how to price the artwork. She's always been there, supporting me. I'm grateful I met her in high school. If I hadn't had that class, I wouldn't be able to be here. I like how she helped me and other students."

Pictures of old store mural sought

The Keizer Public Arts Commission is seeking information about a mural that was painted on Albertsons in the late 1980s or early 1990s. At that time Albertsons was located at River and Chemawa Roads.

The commission is seeking information and photos of the mural for historical and recreation purposes. If you have information about the mural e-mail publisher@keizertimes.com.



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