

Colored pencil works honored at KAA gallery, display ends May 3



PHOTOS Courtesy of John DeJarnatt
Above: First place winner *Mardi Dog* by Terri Neal. Right: Best of Show winner *Great Horned Owl* by Dana Ward.

The Keizer Art Association’s Enid Joy Mount Gallery is hosting a show of colored pencil art through May 3. An awards ceremony and artist reception was held on Saturday, April 1, at the gallery inside the Keizer Heritage Center.

The art is in the 26th annual exhibition presented by the Portland district chapter 201 of the Colored Pencil Society of America. Fifty works of art by 30 artists were submitted. Janet Parker, a former art director for national magazines, was the judge; she also presented the nine awards Saturday afternoon.

The best of show award was presented to *Great Horned Owl* by Dana Ward of Portland. The first place award was won by *Mardi Dog* by Terri Neal, also of Portland. *Dare Ya!*, a portrait of the artist’s fluffy cat by Pat Averill of Oregon City won second place.

Other award winners were: 3rd place: *Orenco Hydrangea* by Suzanne Jones, 4th place: *A Grandpa Moment* by CJ Worsen. Awards of merit were won by *Forever Yours* by Teresa Allen,



Positively Poinsettia by Carol Morrison, *Nola Attitude* by Nancy Rogge and *Salad* by Vicky Vickery.

The Enid Joy Mount Gallery will continue the exhibit through Wednesday, May 3. Gallery hours are 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturdays.

Police can now tow illegally parked cars

By ERIC A. HOWALD
Of the Keizertimes

The Keizer City Council approved a proposed amendment to a city ordinance governing parking and towing at its meeting Monday, April 4.

City staff, including City Attorney Shannon Johnson revisited the ordinance that covers parking in front of driveways and other towable offenses as a result of ongoing issues with overflow McNary High School traffic on Newberg Drive North.

Neighbors along Newberg, spearheaded by resident Charles Anderson, have repeatedly spoken to the city council about how increased traffic in the mornings and after school is impacting livability. Parking in front of private driveways during school hours and during big events like football games is also a sore point for some residents. It was also designed to clear up some ambiguity in state statutes.

The revision allows police to tow and impound vehicles parked illegally in the right of way, but a first pass at setting new minimum fines was pulled after a somewhat lengthy discussion.

“It’s useful for those rare occasions when someone blocks a private driveway,” said Chief John Teague, of the Keizer Police Department. “If a driveway

is sure-enough blocked, which happens sometimes during, for example, football games, the ordinance will now allow us to tow.”

Teague cautioned that it would not affect a car that is parked fully in a driveway. For police to have authority it must be in a right-of-way, but homeowners could have such a vehicle towed under state ordinance.

While the amendment puts another tool in the police toolbox, the issues of fines levied for violations became the focus of a broader conversation.

The minimum, presumptive and maximum fines — \$50, \$100 and \$500, respectively — suggested by Johnson could create new problems, Teague said during the meeting.

The presumptive fine of \$100, in particular, was a concern.

“I think \$100 presumptive is too much. If we are going to scratch \$100 tickets along Ridge Drive during Little League, there’s going to be pitchforks,” Teague said.

As the discussion unfurled, everything from effective punishment to recovering costs was laid on the table.

Mayor Cathy Clark hoped to at least recover the costs of the staff time and felt a \$50 minimum was too little. City Finance Director Tim Wood said it would probably be a stretch.

Councilor Amy Ryan thought a higher fine would be more appropriate.

“Make it a higher fee to make a statement and get the word out that we are going to do it,” Ryan said.

City Manager Chris Eppley said he understood the desire to “educate through a little bit of pain,” but added that when fines are set too high, the amount that gets sent to collections also increases.

“There’s a fine line between one that someone will pay and one they will try to skip out on,” Eppley said. “Maybe the goal shouldn’t be to recover the cost, it should be to correct the issue.”

Both Teague and Community Development Director Nate Brown, who spoke on behalf of Keizer’s code enforcement officer Ben Crosby, wanted more flexibility and suggested a \$20 minimum fine.

Johnson requested that the section of the amendment setting fines be deleted entirely with the intent to revisit the issue taking into consideration the issues brought up at the meeting.

“I was trying to fix that part of the ordinance too quickly, but we will bring it back with a look at the bigger picture and include all of the issues at once,” Johnson said.

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Keizer Police

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KHF scholarship deadline April 7

The deadline to submit applications for Keizer Heritage Center’s Pearl Langeland Memorial Scholarship is Friday, April 7.

The scholarship is awarded to a McNary High School graduating senior who has resided in Keizer for at least five years. Students must attend a four or two-year college or vocational school within one year of award selection. The selection is based on academic performance, school and community activities and monetary need.

The \$1,000 Pearl Langeland Memorial Scholarship is open to any graduating high school senior. More information, and scholarship applications, are available at www.keizerheritage.org.

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