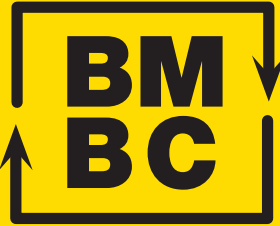


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Tyler Guptill, Hayden Wampler, Grant Schaffer and Liam Koenig along with other Boy Scouts from Troop 121 had already made a sizable haul a little more than an hour into their annual tree recycling drive.

Last chance to recycle your tree, support local scouts

Keizer Troop 121 is recycling Christmas trees as a fundraiser the first weekend January. Trees can be picked up or dropped off Jan. 4 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., On Jan 5 times are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. There is a suggested donation of \$10 for both pick-up and drop off service. A drop off location will be established at the Keizer branch of US Bank, 5110 River Road

N. For those unable to deliver their trees, Troop 121 will pick-up your Christmas tree. To arrange for the troop to pick up your Christmas tree call or text 503-877-4285. Requests can also be made online at keizertroop121.com. No flocked trees will be accepted.

Volunteer to advise city officials

The City of Keizer is soliciting applications for volunteers to be considered to serve on the following committees:
 Budget Committee - Responsibilities include assisting the city council in the examination and analyzing of proposed budgets for the City of Keizer. Volunteers serving on the committee must be a registered voter in Keizer. (One vacancy)
 Keizer Points of Interest Committee - Identify, authenticate and memorialize sites of interest located in the Keizer area. Sites to be identified may be of the historical, geographical, botanical, or unusual. (One vacancy)
 Traffic Safety/Bikeways Pedestrian Committee - Responsible for reviewing traffic (as well as pedestrian and cycling) safety issues in Keizer and making recommendations to the city council for improvements. (One vacancy)

Youth Committee Liaisons - Available to high school students for service on various city committees. Anyone interested in applying for a position can pick up an application at Keizer City Hall at 930 Chemawa Road N.E., download a copy

at www.keizer.org, or call/email Deputy City Recorder Debbie Lockhart at 503-856-3418 or lockhartd@keizer.org. Applications received by Wednesday, Jan. 9, will be considered at the Thursday, Jan. 16, volunteer coordinating committee meeting.

Exhibit reception and classes coming to Keizer Art Association

The Keizer Art Association presents this month's Enid Joy Mount Gallery Show *Fins, Feathers & Fur*. The reception will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 4 in the Keizer Cultural Center, 980 Chemawa Road N.E. Meet the judge, the artists and guests. Refreshments are served and the artists will be available to talk about their techniques.

Classes planned for January are:
 • Guest instructors for the Keizer Art Association's colored pencil class are Penny White and Don Griffith. Sign up for class at least one week ahead of time. Monday mornings 9 a.m.- 12 p.m. Jan. 6 to Feb. 24.

These classes teach color theory, layering, strokes, use of paper and tools, dry pencil, water color pencil and more. The classes show the student how much fun it is to learn new techniques and stretch their expertise. All levels of pencil pushers are welcome. Beginners will have fun and be successful. Bring colored pencils, erasers, usual supplies and favorite paper to the first class. \$70 for eight classes.

Penny White, will be held on Tuesday afternoons from 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. from Jan. 7 - Feb. 25.

This term will continue with layout and design, including alignment, hierarchy, contrast, repetition, proximity, balance, color and space.

These techniques will enhance writing and give students freedom to move away from only writing on straight lines and working only in black and white. \$60 for eight classes.
 • Variety in Watercolor taught by Steve Kleier, will be held on Wednesday mornings from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. from January 7 - 29.

This class will start with the classic techniques in watercolor, alla prima, dry brush, special effects and drawing.

Students will need to a drawing board and clips, portable sketch book, large newsprint pad (12x16" min), kneaded eraser, medium hardness charcoal, artist quality drawing pencils (6b), razor blade and sandpaper for sharpening, selection of good quality watercolor brushes, water container and spray bottle, sponge or dishcloth, photos for reference, cold press watercolor paper and

tissues. Students will also need water colors: burnt umber, cerulean blue hue, Prussian blue, raw sienna, cad yellow light, cad red light and alizarin crimson.

Cost is \$100 for four classes or \$30 drop-in fee per day.
 • Open studios on January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31. The "no host" studio is for artists of all mediums. Spend the afternoon in a brightly lit classroom with the benefit of good company and a pleasant place to work. Open 1 to 4 p.m. every Friday. Free to members. \$3/day or \$10/month for non-members. No registration required.

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