

Gearhart FIRST SATURDAY ART WALK

May
2
2 to 5 p.m.

GEARHART — Here comes summer. The May art walk will present the first opportunity to see artists look into summer, Gearhart-tyle. Come by from 2 to 5 p.m. Saturday, May 2 and celebrate art walk merchants who provide all the fun imagination and talent that decorating for summer needs. Look for the “Welcome to the SHORE” flags indicating participating merchants.

A Great Gallery

576 Pacific Way

Come and celebrate the gallery's second anniversary. Time flies when you're having fun; it's hard to believe that A Great Gallery has

been a part of the Gearhart community for two years. As a thank you to all, gallery owner and artist Susan Thomas will offer discounts throughout the store and extra special treats, which, of course, include chocolate.

By The Way

564 Pacific Way

Coming up on its first anniversary, By The Way is proud to host exciting new designs by jewelry designer Cindy Bricca. See new items in the shop, including pillow and rugs for summer. Enjoy a glass of wine; the deck is open for summer.

Cougar Ridge Knife Company

3348 U.S. Highway 101 N.

Cougar Ridge is taking its wine offerings a new direction. The shop is going to focus

on vineyard-direct wines from smaller wineries in the Northwest. Visit to see the shop's exceptional knife selection as well.

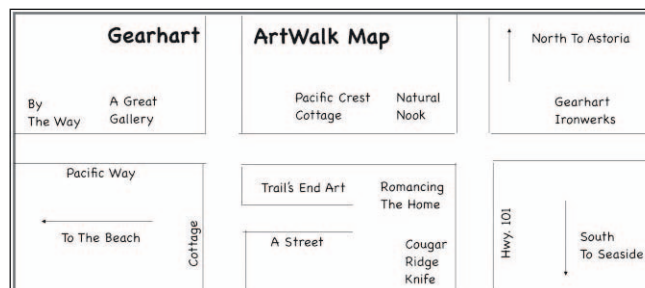
Gearhart Ironwerks

1368 Pacific Way

Natural Nook

738 Pacific Way

Native Oregonian, fine artist and Oregon coast surfer Kristine Gottsch will be the featured artist at The Natural Nook floral shop for May's art walk. Gottsch paints endless scenes of ocean waves, beach balls, boats and surfer girls. She refers herself as “local” after owning a home in Gearhart for many years and growing up with a family beach home in Nehalem. “I am honored to be a guest artist at The Natural Nook and to share my art at the very place



where my inspiration began,” she says.

Pacific Crest Cottage

726 Pacific Way

Pacific Crest Cottage will host local resident and jewelry designer Lisa Kerr. Using silver, copper and semi-precious stones such as peridot, carnelian and citrine, Kerr creates dazzling embellishments worthy of any mermaids on land or sea. Preview her creations at seafeverdesigns.com. Jewelry will be on display and available for purchase from 2 to 4 p.m. Artful celebrations will continue from 5 to 8 p.m. in the new addition of The Chalice Room, a textile accessory boutique within Pacific Crest Cottage. Customer appreciation discounts will apply throughout the entire shop, one evening only.

Romancing the Home

3350 U.S. Highway 101 N.

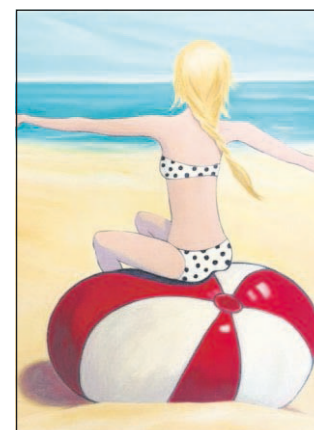
Popular local watercolor artist

Reba Owen will show her new collection “Spring Birds of Oregon” at Romancing the Home, where they will remain on display for the month of May. The proceeds from Owen's sales will be donated to the Wildlife Center of the North Coast.

Trail's End Art Association

656 A St.

Gheri Fours is the featured artist for May at Trail's End Art Gallery. The show, titled “Coastal Art for All Seasons” will include her works in watercolor, mixed-media, and collage. Along with other members' work, the show will be open through the month of May. The public is welcome to browse the gallery and gift shop featuring an all-new monthly exhibit of oil paintings, watercolors, acrylics, photography, collage, cards and gifts.



Submitted photo

Find paintings by Kristine Gottsch at The Natural Nook.



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A Great Gallery will celebrate its second anniversary during this month's art walk

Experience intimate jazz in the McTavish Room

Jazz impresario Ben Hunt brings singer Nancy King to Astoria on May 3

Story by STEVE FORRESTER

The acoustics of the McTavish Room are a well-kept secret. Designed as a second floor reception room for the Liberty Theater, the McTavish also has been a concert venue. During concerts by the Portland string quartet, Arnica, audiences found the room has a rich and resonant sound.

Now an Astoria jazz enthusiast is breaking ground by launching a series of jazz concerts in the McTavish. The first concert — at 2 p.m. Sunday, May 3 — spotlights Portland singer Nancy King, with Steve Christofferson on the piano.

Ben Hunt — the jazz impresario who is producing four concerts over 12 months — wants to bring performers whom he's seen in Portland and Seattle to the Astoria audience.

“I wanted it to be in a



Photo by Joshua Bessex

Ben Hunt during his jazz show at KMUN, which airs at 6 p.m. Thursdays.

smaller space so it could be a more intimate experience for the listeners,” said Hunt. “The McTavish Room has the appeal of being a fairly long narrow space with a natural sound well at one end so the sound can be heard quite well throughout the room. By limiting the seats to 100, it allows everyone to

be close enough to completely have the live experience of hearing and seeing the artists perform.”

Nancy King is one of Hunt's favorite singers. Willamette Week wrote that King is “Gifted with the emotional depth of Carmen McRae.”

Katie Malloch, host of Jazz

Beat said: “The first time I heard Nancy and Steve together, I felt as though electricity had gone through me. The interplay of Nancy's warm and knowing voice and Steve's perfectly placed chords is, to me, the epitome of that most intimate of jazz settings: the singer and the accompanist.”

Next up will be Hunt's summer concert — the Michelle Medler Quartet, on Saturday, Aug. 1, at 7 p.m.

The fall concert is Sunday, Nov. 1, at 2 p.m. with Michael Winkle with George Mitchell. The winter concert on Sunday Feb. 14 at 2 p.m. will feature the Gordon Lee Trio.

Ben Hunt's weekly jazz show on KMUN airs at 6 p.m. on Thursdays.

Tickets for the event (\$25 and \$20) are available at the Liberty Theater box office or through TicketsWest.

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