

See garden art in Ocean Park

Bay Avenue Gallery displays new art

OCEAN PARK, Wash. — Bay Avenue Gallery will feature an exhibit of garden art from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, May 8 through May 23. Many Northwest artists create art for outside spaces. Bay Avenue regularly displays metal, glass and ceramic sculptures designed for outdoors. This exhibit goes further, as it includes artists who love to garden and have modified their artwork to enhance an outdoor space.

Artists are problem solvers, and this collection solves some of the typical garden problems of added color, planter size and deer deterrents. There will also be a special meet-the-artists day with demonstrations just in time for Mother's Day at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 9.

Fiber artist Lisa Maitfield created a "deer banner" that she placed in the space above the gate. It is a people-friendly ornament that, over the past three years, has stopped deer from entering her garden.

Glass artist Shelly Alexander has created glass flowers,

butterflies and birds that stay bright and colorful all through the cloudy winters. Clay artist Sue Raymond admits she is not a Northwest gardener but began creating clay flowers to fill her beds of weeds. The clay flowers have become popular for their glaze colors, organic shapes and the fact they are deer resistant.

Through its studio groups, the gallery exhibits clay flowers from six artists and offers regular flower classes.

Painter Carol Thompson and her husband, Ed, love to garden in containers. He makes concrete containers of all sizes. From bonsai to cactus, the Thompsons plant them all. His use of colored concrete allows him to sculpt containers into shapes that add a sophisticated point of interest.

Bay Avenue Gallery is located at 1406 Bay Ave. For more information about gallery events, call 360-665-5200, visit www.bayavenue-gallery.com or follow the gallery on Facebook.



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Clay flowers by Sue Raymond.

ASOC Teen Theatre presents 'The Sleeping Beauty'

ASTORIA — The Astor Street Opry Company Teen Theatre Troupe presents "The Sleeping Beauty," with book and lyrics by R. Eugene Jackson, music by Patsy Pollard and produced by special arrangement with Pioneer Drama Service, Inc. This fun show for the whole family will open Friday, May 8 and closes Sunday, May 17. Friday and Saturday performances start at 7 p.m., and Sunday matinees are at 2 p.m.

Sponsored by Columbia Memorial Hospital Pediatrics, TLC Home Furnishings and the ARC Arcade, this annual ASOC teen program is designed to build youth leadership skills through the learning and practice of the theater process with mentoring and guidance by well-seasoned theater artists, as the teens take on all aspects of mounting a live stage show.

Led by director and seasoned performer Bill Carr with music direction by Dena Tuveng and production management



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The ASOC Teen Theatre Troupe's "The Sleeping Beauty" opens May 8 and runs two weekends.

by Steven Nice, "The Sleeping Beauty" has zany songs and fun characters, including Chester the Jester, Topsy the Gypsy, the inept Royal Magician, the evil Thornberry who puts a curse on Princess Elaine and the brave Prince Dauntless who battles the fire breathing Dragon to break the spell.

Featured performers ranging from age 8 to 17 are: Karah Griffin, Jarod Griffin, Kendra Little, Jasmine Watson, Nicholas Reibold, Brodie Smithart, Riley Mitchell, Nicole Ramsdell, Gabriella Allen, Malachai Keefe and Josie Posey.

The ASOC Playhouse is located at 129 W. Bond St. Tick-

ets cost \$7 for kids, military and seniors and \$11 for adults. Call 503-325-6104 or visit www.astorstreetycompany.com to purchase tickets. For additional discounts and special pricing, call and ask for Judith who can provide more information about ASOC's "5-cents a pound" ticket program.

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